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With Idealized Zhou-era Intent Restored

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1 乾 (Qián) - The Creative



乾

Qián

The Creative

Judgment

元亨利貞

yuán hēng lì zhēn

Primordial offering brings benefit to divination

1

潛龍勿用

qiǎn lóng wù yòng

The hidden dragon should not be employed.

2

見龍在田利見大人

Jiàn lóng zài tián, lì jiàn dà rén

When the dragon appears in the fields, it benefits one to meet great persons.

3

君子終日乾乾夕惕若厲无咎

jūn zǐ zhōng rì qián qián xī tì ruò lì wú jiǔ

The noble person, throughout the day, vigorously perseveres, and by evening remains alert as if facing danger, thus avoiding blame.

4

或躍在淵无咎

huò yuè zài yuān wú jiǔ

When one leaps into the deep waters, there is no blame.

5

飛龍在天利見大人

fēilóng zài tiān lì jiàn dà rén

Flying dragon in the sky: advantageous to see great persons.

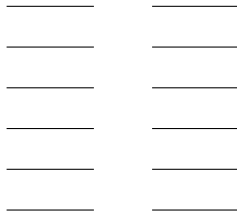
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亢龍有悔

kàng lóng yǒu huǐ

The high-necked dragon feels regret

2 坤 (Kūn) - The Receptive



坤

Kūn

The Receptive

Judgment

元亨利牝馬之貞君子有攸往先迷後得主利西南得朋東北喪朋安貞吉

yuán hēng lì pìn mǎ zhī zhēn jūn zǐ yǒu yǎng xiān mí hòu dé zhǔ lì xī nán dé péng dōng běi sāngē sāng
péng ān zhēn jí

Supreme progress comes in rightness like a mare. The noble one has somewhere to go. Leading astray at first, then gaining success. Benefit lies in the southwest where friends are found, but in the northeast friends are lost. Tranquil persistence brings good fortune.

1

履霜堅冰至

lǚ shuāng jiān bīng zhì

Treading on frost leads to solid ice.

2

直方大不習无不利

zhí fāng dà bù xí wú bù lì

Straightforward methods bring great benefit through continuous practice without exception.

3

含章可貞或從王事无成有終

hán zhāng kě zhēn huò cóng wáng shì wú chéng yǒu zhōng

Holding to principles maintains integrity. Following the king's affairs may lack success but will reach completion.

4

括囊无咎无譽

Kuò náng wú jiù wú yù

Draw everything together, neither fault nor praise.

5

黃裳元吉

Huáng Shāng Yuán Jí

The yellow garment brings fundamental good fortune.

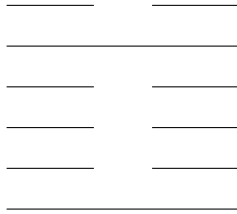
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龍戰於野其血玄黃

Lóng zhàn yú yě, qí xuè xuán huáng.

Dragons battle in the wilderness, their blood dark and yellow

3 屯 (Zhūn) - Difficulty at the Beginning



屯

Zhūn

Difficulty at the Beginning

Judgment

元亨利貞勿用有攸往利建侯

yuán hēng lì zhēn wù yòng yǒu yǒu wǎng lì jiàn hóu

Primordial success requires caution; do not proceed. It benefits to establish a position of waiting.

1

磐桓利居貞利建侯

pán huán lì jū zhēn lì jiàn hóu

Steadfast as bedrock brings benefit in remaining firm; advantageous for establishing leadership.

2

屯如遭如乘馬班如匪寇婚媾女子貞不字十年乃字

tún rú yíng rú chéng mǎ bān rú fěi kòu hūn gòu nǚ zǐ zhēn bù zì shí nián nǎi zì

Struggling like wandering, like riding a horse in formation. Not bandits seeking marriage—the maiden remains steadfast. She will not bear children for ten years, then she will bear children.

3

即鹿无虞惟入于林中君子幾不如舍往吝

jí lù wú yú wéi rù yú lín zhōng jūn zǐ jǐ bù rú shě wǎng lìn

When deer have no watchers, they retreat into the forest. A noble person should consider not pursuing them further, lest he regret his persistence.

4

乘馬班如求婚媾往吉无不利

Chéng mǎ bān rú qiú hūn gòu wǎng jí wú bù lì

Riding chariots in formation like those seeking marriage alliances - going forth brings good fortune with no disadvantage.

5

屯其膏小貞吉大貞凶

tún qí gāo xiǎo zhēn jí dà zhēn xiōng

When difficulties arise, preserving modest resources brings good fortune, while hoarding excessive wealth leads to misfortune.

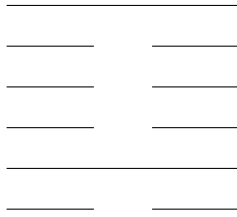
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乘馬班如泣血漣如

chéng mǎ bān rú qì xuè lián rú

Riding in the chariot formation, like weeping blood, rippling like waves

4 蒙 (Méng) - Youthful Folly



蒙

Méng

Youthful Folly

Judgment

亨匪我求童蒙童蒙求我初筮告再三瀆瀆則不告利貞

hēng fěi wǒ qiú tóng méng tóng méng qiú wǒ chū shì gào zài sān dù dù zé bù gào lì zhēn

Success comes not from my seeking, but from innocent beginnings. When the innocent seek my guidance, the first divination reveals. If asked repeatedly, such insistence becomes disrespectful - then I will not answer. Favorable if steadfast.

1

發蒙利用刑人用說桎梏以往吝

fā méng lì yòng xíng rén yòng shuō zhì gù yǐ wǎng lìn

Begin enlightening the ignorant by punishing wrongdoers; explain restraints based on past reluctance.

2

包蒙吉納婦吉子克家

Bāo Měng Jí Nà Fù Jí Zǐ Kè Jiā

Embracing innocence brings good fortune: when a woman is welcomed, her son will overcome household troubles.

3

勿用取女見金夫不有躬无攸利

wù yòng qǔ nǚ jiàn jīn fū bù yǒu gōng wú yǒu lì

Do not acquire a woman seen with gold; a man without a centered self gains no advantage.

4

困蒙吝

kùn méng lìn

Trapped in ignorance and reluctance

5

童蒙吉

tóng méng jí

The innocent's inexperience brings good fortune.

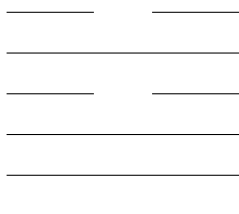
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擊蒙不利為寇利御寇

jī měng bù lì wéi kòu lì yù kòu

Striking the covered ones brings no benefit. Acting as raiders brings benefit in repelling raiders.

5 需 (Xū) - Waiting



需

Xū

Waiting

Judgment

有孚元亨貞吉利涉大川

yǒu fú yuán hēng zhēn jí lì shè dà chuān

With sincere trust, there is great success. It is favorable to cross the great river.

1

需于郊利用恆无咎

xū yú jiāo lì yòng héng wú jiù

When waiting at the city outskirts, it benefits to maintain consistency without fault.

2

需于沙小有言終吉

xū yú shā xiǎo yǒu yán zhōng jí

Waiting on the small sandbank, speaking little will ultimately bring good fortune.

3

需于泥致寇至

xū yú ní zhì kòu zhì

Waiting in the mud brings attackers near

4

需于血出自穴

xū yú xuè chū zì xué

Waiting in blood that emerges from the cave

5

需于酒食貞吉

xū yú jiǔ shí zhēn jí

Waiting with wine and food brings true good fortune.

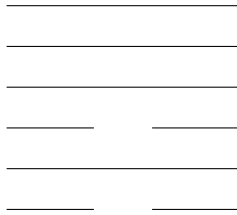
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入于穴有不速之客三人來敬之終吉

rù yú xué yǒu bù sù zhī kè sān rén lái jìng zhī zhōng jí

Enter the cave and find unexpected visitors - three people arrive with respect. In the end, this brings good fortune.

6 訟 (Sòng) - Contention



訟

Sòng

Contention

Judgment

有孚窒惕中吉終凶利見大人不利涉大川

yǒu fú zhì tì zhōng jí zhōng xiōng lì jiàn dà rén bù lì shè dà chuān

With trust comes caution and restraint. Good fortune in the middle, misfortune at the end. It is beneficial to see a great person, but not beneficial to cross the great river.

1

不永所事小有言終吉

bù yǒng suǒ shì xiǎo yǒu yán zhōng jí

Not persisting in minor affairs will ultimately lead to good fortune.

2

不克訟歸而逋其邑人三百戶无眚

bù kè sòng guī ér bū qí yì rén sān bǎi hù wú shēng

Failed in the lawsuit, he returns, but flees to another town where three hundred households harbor him without misfortune.

3

食舊德貞厲終吉或從王事无成

shí jiù dé zhēn lì zhōng jí huò cóng wáng shì wú chéng

Consuming old virtue brings steadfastness. Though severe at first, the end is fortunate. Following the king's affairs may lead to no completion.

4

不克訟復即命渝安貞吉

bù kè sòng fù jí mìng yú ān zhēn jí

When a dispute is not overcome, returning to one's fate brings unchanging peace and good fortune.

5

訟元吉

sòng yuán jí

Litigation finds its fundamental fortune.

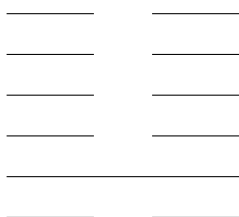
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或錫之鞶帶終朝三褫之

huò xí zhī pán dài zhōng cháo sān chǐ zhī

Someone may bestow a decorated belt, yet by noon it will be stripped away three times.

7 師 (Shī) - The Army



師

Shī

The Army

Judgment

貞丈人吉无咎

zhēn zhǎng rén jí wú jiù

Divination shows the measured man brings good fortune without blame.

1

師出以律否臧凶

shī chū yǐ lǜ fǒu zāng xiōng

When the army marches forth according to law, it is harmful to store away good things.

2

在師中吉无咎王三錫命

zài shī zhōng jí wú jiù wáng sān xī mìng

Favorable to be among the troops, no blame. The king thrice bestows a mandate.

3

師或輿屍凶

shī huò yú shī xiōng

The army carries the corpses—disaster.

4

師左次无咎

shī zuǒ cì wú jiù

The army moving leftward is without fault.

5

田有禽利執言无咎長子帥師弟子輿屍貞凶

Tián yǒu qín lì zhí yán wú jiù cháng zǐ shuài shī dì zǐ yú shī zhēn xiōng

In the field, catching game is advantageous. To take action with words brings no blame. The eldest son leads the army, but the younger brother bears the corpse. Perseverance brings misfortune.

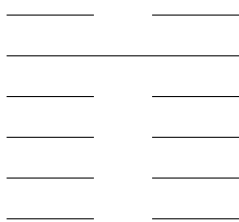
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大君有命開國承家小人勿用

Dà jūn yǒu mìng kāi guó chéng jiā xiǎo rén wù yòng

The great ruler has received a mandate to establish a nation and carry on the family line. Lesser people should not be employed.

8 比 (Bǐ) - Union



比

Bǐ

Union

Judgment

吉原筮元永貞无咎不寧方來後夫凶

jí yuán shì yuán yǒng zhēn wú jiù bù níng fāng lái hòu fū xiōng

Auspicious in origin. The divination foretells a lasting blessing. No misfortune. Though unrest comes later, calamity follows.

1

有孚比之无咎有孚盈缶終來有他吉

yǒu fú bǐ zhī wú jiù yǒu fú yíng fǒu zhōng lái yǒu tā jí

When there is sincere trust and close alignment, there will be no blame. With genuine trust that fills the vessel to completion, in the end comes additional good fortune.

2

比之自内貞吉

bǐ zhī zì nèi zhēn jí

Proximity comes from within, bringing true good fortune.

3

比之匪人

bǐ zhī fěi rén

Compare him to a false person

4

外比之貞吉

wài bǐ zhī zhēn jí

Divination with outside allies brings good fortune.

5

顯比王用三驅失前禽邑人不誠吉

xiǎn bǐ wáng yòng sān qū shī qián qín yì rén bù jiè jí

When the king's hunt is displayed, three drives are made. The prey that escapes earlier can return to the settlement. The people need no warning - this is fortunate.

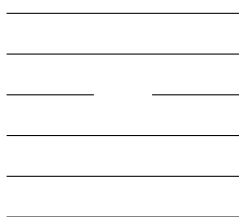
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比之无首凶

bǐ zhī wú shǒu xiōng

To align with those who have no leader is disastrous.

9 小畜 (Xiǎo Chù) - Small Taming



小畜

Xiǎo Chù

Small Taming

Judgment

亨密雲不雨自我西郊

hēng mì yún bù yǔ zì wǒ xī jiāo

Prosperous and dense clouds bring no rain from me to the western outskirts.

1

復自道何其咎吉

fù zì dào hé qí jiù jí

Returning to one's own path—what blame could there be? Good fortune.

2

牽復吉

qiān fù jí

Leading back brings good fortune

3

輿說輻夫妻反目

yú shuō fú fū qī fǎn mù

The carriage-rider and the wheel-spoke argue, causing husband and wife to turn against each other.

4

有孚血去惕出无咎

yǒu fú xuè qù tì chū wú jiù

When there is sincere trust, bloodshed departs, vigilance emerges, and no blame remains.

5

有孚攬如富以其鄰

yǒu fú luǎn rú fù yǐ qí lín

When trust binds together, there is wealth to share with neighbors

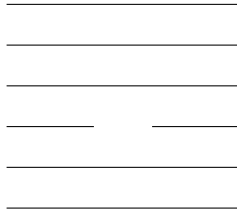
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既雨既處尚德載婦貞厲月幾望君子征凶

jì yǔ jì chǔ shàng dé zài fù zhēn lì yuè jǐ wàng jūn zǐ zhēng xiōng

After the rain has settled, still uphold virtue. The woman's steadfastness becomes severe. The moon approaches fullness, but the noble one's journey brings misfortune.

10 履 (Lǚ) - Treading



履

Lǚ

Treading

Judgment

履虎尾不咥人亨

lǚ hǔ wěi bù dié rén hēng

To tread on a tiger's tail without getting bitten brings success.

1

素履往无咎

sù lǚ wǎng wú jiù

Walking plainly forward incurs no blame.

2

履道坦坦幽人貞吉

lǚ dào tǎn tǎn yōu rén zhēn jí

Walking the path steadily, the secluded person finds fortune in staying true.

3

眇能視跛能履履虎尾咥人凶武人為于大君

miǎo néng shì bǒ néng lǚ lǚ hǔ wěi dié rén xiōng wǔ rén wèi yú dà jūn

The nearsighted can see, the lame can walk; stepping on a tiger's tail, it bites a person—dangerous. A warrior becomes a great lord.

4

履虎尾愬愬終吉

lǚ hǔ wěi sù sù zhōng jí

Treading on the tiger's tail causes complaints, but ultimately brings good fortune.

5

夬履貞厲

guà lǚ zhēn lì

Decisive action leads to a treacherous path

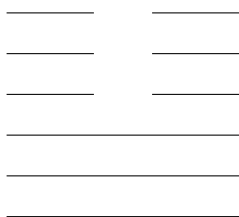
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視履考祥其旋元吉

shì lǚ kǎo xiáng qí xuán yuán jí

Look at your steps; examine the omens, and they will bring about fundamental good fortune.

11 泰 (Tài) - Peace



泰

Tài

Peace

Judgment

小往大來吉亨

xiǎo wǎng dà lái jí hēng

When the small departs and the great arrives, there is good fortune and success.

1

拔茅茹以其彙征吉

bá máo rú yǐ qí huì zhēng jí

Pulling out the thatch grass with its roots brings good fortune.

2

包荒用馮河不遐遺朋亡得尚于中行

bāo huāng yòng féng hé bù xiá yí péng wáng dé shàng yú zhōng xíng

Embrace the wilderness by crossing the river's flow; your companions will not be left far behind, despite losses along the middle path.

3

无平不陂无往不復艱貞无咎勿恤其孚于食有福

wú píng bù bēi wú wǎng bù fù jiān zhēn wú jiù wù xù qí fú yú shí yǒu fú

Without level ground there are no slopes; without going there is no return. Difficult persistence brings no blame. Do not worry about trust - in your nourishment there is good fortune.

4

翩翩不富以其鄰不戒以孚

piān piān bù fù yǐ qí lín bù jiè yǐ fú

Gracefully moving yet not prosperous, trusting one's neighbors without caution.

5

帝乙歸妹以祉元吉

dì yǐ guī mèi yǐ zhǐ yuán jí

The sovereign's second daughter returns home, bringing fundamental blessings and great fortune.

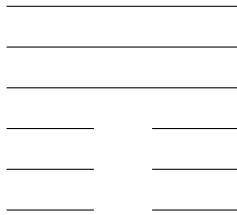
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城復于隍勿用師自邑告命貞吝

chéng fù yú huáng wù yòng shī zì yì gào mìng zhēn lìn

When the city returns to its moat, do not deploy troops. Send word of this command from your settlement. Divining this brings reluctance.

12 否 (Pǐ) - Obstruction



否

Pǐ

Obstruction

Judgment

否之匪人不利君子貞大往小來

pǐ zhī fěi rén bù lì jūn zǐ zhēn dà wǎng xiǎo lái

When faced with obstruction, those who are not righteous bring harm. The noble one holds firm as the great departs and the small arrives.

1

拔茅茹以其彙吉

bá máo rú yǐ qí huì jí

When uprooting reeds, pulling them out by their roots brings good fortune.

2

包承小人吉大人否亨

Bāo chéng xiǎo rén jí dà rén fǒu hēng

Embracing the common people brings good fortune, while the nobles face obstruction in their offerings.

3

包羞

bāo xiū

Contain one's shame

4

有命无咎畴離祉

yǒu mìng wú jiù chóu lí zhǐ

When there is a decree from heaven, no blame follows - those who depart receive blessings.

5

休否大人吉其亡其亡繫于苞桑

xiū fǒu dà rén jí qí wáng qí wáng jì yú bāo sāng

Rest brings no harm to the great one; auspicious. Though it seems lost, though it seems lost, it is tied to the mulberry buds.

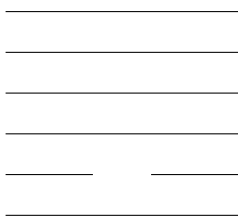
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傾否先否後喜

qīng fǒu xiān fǒu hòu xǐ

Lean toward rejection first, and joy will follow after.

13 同人 (Tóng Rén) - Fellowship



同人

Tóng Rén

Fellowship

Judgment

同人于野亨利涉大川利君子貞

tóng rén yú yě hēng lì shè dà chuān lì jūn zǐ zhēn

Those who unite in the open fields prosper. It is beneficial to cross the great river. Favorable for the noble one to remain steadfast.

1

同人于門无咎

tóng rén yú mén wú jiù

Joining with others at the gate brings no blame.

2

同人于宗吝

tóng rén yú zōng lìn

Together with others at the ancestral shrine, there is reluctance.

3

伏戎于莽升其高陵三歲不興

fú róng yú mǎng shēng qí gāo líng sān suì bù xīng

Conceal warriors in the wilderness; ascend the high burial mound; for three years, no rising up.

4

乘其墉弗克攻吉

chéng qí yōng fú kè gōng jí

Mounting the city wall without conquering is favorable.

5

同人先號咷而後笑大師克相遇

tóng rén xiān hào táo ér hòu xiào dà shī kè xiāng yù

Kindred people first wail loudly but later laugh; the great master prevails upon meeting them.

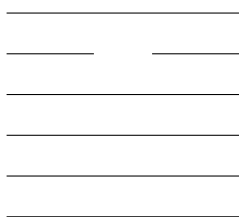
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同人于郊无悔

tóng rén yú jiāo wú huǐ

Joining with others in the outskirts brings no regret

14 大有 (Dà Yǒu) - Great Possession



大有

Dà Yǒu

Great Possession

Judgment

元亨

yuán hēng

Primordial offering

1

无交害匪咎艱則无咎

wú jiāo hài fěi jiū jiān zé wú jiū

Without interaction there is no blame, but difficulties will arise if there is wrongdoing.

2

大車以載有攸往无咎

dà chē yǐ zài yǒu yōu wǎng wú jiù

A great chariot carries one to their destination without fault.

3

公用亨于天子小人弗克

gōng yòng hēng yú tiān zǐ xiǎo rén fú kè

The Duke's offerings prosper with the heavenly lord, but the common people do not overcome.

4

匪其彭无咎

fěi qí péng wú jiù

Not his greatness, no blame.

5

厥孚交如威如吉

jué fú jiāo rú wēi rú jí

Their trust, when exchanged, becomes as powerful as it is auspicious.

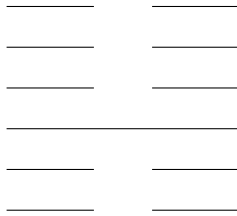
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自天祐之吉无不利

zì tiān yòu zhī jí wú bù lì

From Heaven comes blessing, bringing good fortune without disadvantage.

15 謙 (Qiān) - Humility



謙

Qiān

Humility

Judgment

亨君子有終

hēng jūnzǐ yǒu zhōng

The worthy leader achieves lasting completion.

1

謙謙君子用涉大川吉

qiānqiān jūnzǐ yòng shè dàchuān jí

The humble gentleman safely crosses great rivers.

2

鳴謙貞吉

míng qiān zhēn jí

To announce one's humility proves auspicious in divination.

3

勞謙君子有終吉

láo qiān jūnzǐ yǒu zhōng jí

The diligent and humble noble reaches a favorable conclusion.

4

无不利撝謙

wú bù lì yáo qiān

Nothing is more beneficial than pointing to humility

5

不富以其鄰利用侵伐无不利

bù fù yǐ qí lín lì yòng qīn fá wú bù lì

Do not gain wealth at your neighbor's expense. Attacking and invading yields no disadvantage.

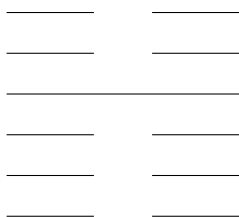
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鳴謙利用行師征邑國

Míng Qiān lìyòng xíng shī zhēng Yì Guó

The humble declaration brings advantage when deploying troops to attack cities and states.

16 豫 (Yù) - Enthusiasm



豫

Yù

Enthusiasm

Judgment

利建侯行師

lì jiàn hóu xíng shī

Favorable to establish noble leadership and mobilize the forces.

1

鳴豫凶

míng yù xiōng

The sounding of the elephant brings misfortune.

2

介于石不終日貞吉

jiè yú shí bù zhōng rì zhēn jí

Between stones, divination remains auspicious before day's end.

3

盱豫悔遲有悔

xū yù huǐ chí yǒu huǐ

Watching anxiously brings delayed regret; there is still remorse.

4

由豫大有得勿疑朋盍簪

yóu yù dà yǒu dé wù yí péng hé zān

From a state of calm readiness comes great gain. Do not doubt that companions share a common bond.

5

貞疾恆不死

zhēn jí héng bù sǐ

The divination reveals: an enduring affliction will not cause death

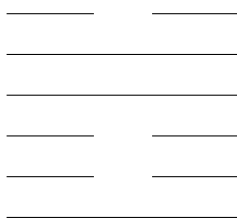
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冥豫成有渝无咎

míng yù chéng yǒu yú wú jiù

Deep preparation leads to success, and though changes occur, no blame will follow.

17 隨 (Suí) - Following



隨

Suí

Following

Judgment

元亨利貞无咎

yuán hēng lì zhēn wú jiǔ

Supreme success through righteous advancement brings no blame.

1

官有渝貞吉出門交有功

guān yǒu yú zhēn jí chū mén jiāo yǒu gōng

When officials maintain their integrity, good fortune emerges. Going beyond one's position brings achievement.

2

繫小子失丈夫

xì xiǎo zǐ shī zhàng fū

The young one is bound, the mature man is lost.

3

繫丈夫失小子隨有求得利居貞

xì zhàng fū shī xiǎo zǐ suí yǒu qiú dé lì jū zhēn

Bound to the man, having lost the child, following brings the sought advantage when maintaining integrity.

4

隨有獲貞凶有孚在道以明何咎

suí yǒu huò zhēn xiōng yǒu fú zài dào yǐ míng hé jiù

Following brings a calamitous capture; yet with sincerity on the path, what blame is there?

5

孚于嘉吉

fú yú jiā jí

Trust leads to excellent fortune

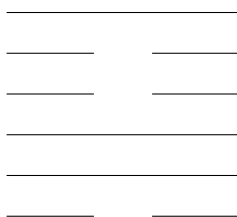
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拘繫之乃從維之王用亨于西山

jū xì zhī nǎi cóng wéi zhī wáng yòng hēng yú xī shān

When bound and restrained, then following brings kingship's success at the western mountains.

18 蠱 (gǔ) - Work on the Decayed (Decay)



蠱

gǔ

Work on the Decayed (Decay)

Judgment

蠱元亨利涉大川先甲三日後甲三日

gǔ yuán hēng lì shè dà chuān xiān jiǎ sān rì hòu jiǎ sān rì

Corruption originates prosperously. Advantageous to cross great rivers. Three days before the first day, three days after the first day.

1

干父之蠱有子考無咎厲終吉

gān fù zhī gǔ yǒu zǐ kǎo wú jiù lì zhōng jí

Taking action against the father's corruption brings about a successful examination for the son. There is no blame. Though it may be harsh at first, it ultimately brings good fortune.

2

干母之蠱不可貞

gān mǔ zhī gǔ bù kě zhēn

Meddling with the mother's corruption cannot be divined correctly.

3

干父之蠱小有悔無大咎

gān fù zhī gǔ xiǎo yǒu huǐ wú dà jiù

Interfering with the father's corruption brings small regrets but no great blame.

4

裕父之蠱往見吝

yù fù zhī gǔ wǎng jiàn lìn

Going to visit the abundant father reveals reluctance in the face of corruption.

5

干父之蠱用譽

gān fù zhī gǔ yòng yù

Shield the father from corruption through honorable service.

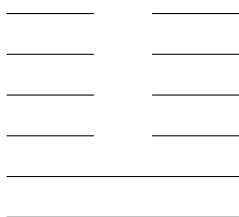
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不事王侯高尚其事

bù shì wáng hóu gāo shàng qí shì

Do not serve kings and lords; elevate your own affairs.

19 臨 (Lín) - Nearing



臨

Lín

Nearing

Judgment

元亨利貞至于八月有凶

yuán hēng lì zhēn zhì yú bā yuè yǒu xiōng

The initial good fortune and benefit, steadfast to the eighth month, brings misfortune.

1

咸臨貞吉

xián lín zhēn jí

Approaching with complete sincerity brings good fortune.

2

咸臨吉无不利

xián lín jí wú bù lì

When all approaches, good fortune emerges with nothing unfavorable.

3

甘臨无攸利既憂之无咎

Gān lín wú yǒu lì jì yōu zhī wú jiù

When sweetly approaching an uncertain situation, though at first worried about it, there will be no blame.

4

至臨无咎

zhì lín wú jiù

Arriving at the verge, there is no blame.

5

知臨大君之宜吉

zhī lín dà jūn zhī yí jí

Knowing how to approach a great lord appropriately brings good fortune.

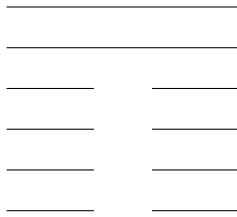
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敦臨吉无咎

Dūn lín jí wú jiù

Approaching earnestly brings good fortune without blame.

20 觀 (Guān) - Observation



觀

Guān

Observation

Judgment

盥而不薦有孚顒若利貞

guàn ér bù jiàn yǒu fú yóng ruò lì zhēn

Perform ritual washing but do not present offerings. There is sincerity and solemnity, like the benefit of steadfastness.

1

童觀小人无咎君子吝

tóng guān xiǎo rén wú jiù jūn zǐ lìn

A youth observing insignificant matters brings no blame, while a noble person remains cautious.

2

窺觀利女貞

kuī guān lì nǚ zhēn

Looking from a watchtower at the woman brings sharp advantage in divination.

3

觀我生進退

guān wǒ shēng jìn tuì

Observe how my life advances and retreats

4

觀國之光利用賓于王

guān guó zhī guāng lì yòng bīn yú wáng

See the nation's brilliance through hosting guests with the king

5

觀我生君子无咎

Guān wǒ shēng jūnzǐ wú jiù

Observing my life reveals a noble person without fault

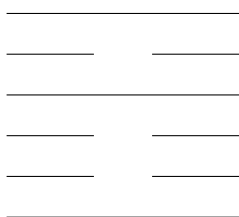
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觀其生君子无咎

guān qí shēng jūnzǐ wú jiù

Observing life's emergence, the noble one is without fault.

21 噬嗑 (Shì Kè) - Biting Through



噬嗑

Shì Kè

Biting Through

Judgment

亨利於用獄

hēng lì yú yòng yù

Offerings succeed when legal punishment is applied properly.

1

屨校滅趾无咎

jǔ xiào miè zhǐ wú jiù

When the sandal fits the foot, there is no blame.

2

噬膚滅鼻无咎

shì fū miè bí wú jiù

Biting the skin but not the nose brings no blame.

3

噬臘肉遇毒小吝无咎

shì là ròu yù dú xiǎo lìn wú jiù

When biting preserved meat and encountering poison, a little restraint brings no blame.

4

噬乾肺得金矢利艱貞吉

shì qián pín dé jīn shǐ lì jiān zhēn jí

When biting into dried meat, finding a metal arrowhead brings benefit despite hardship—a fortunate divination.

5

噬乾肉得黃金貞厲无咎

shì gān ròu dé huáng jīn zhēn lì wú jiù

Biting into dried meat, one obtains gold. Divination shows severity without blame.

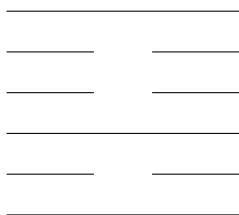
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何校滅耳凶

Hé xiào miè ěr xiōng

How can comparing destroy what is heard? That is inauspicious.

22 賁 (bì) - Grace



賁

bì

Grace

Judgment

賁亨小利有攸往

bì hēng xiǎo lì yǒu yǒu wǎng

Adornment brings success. Small benefits come from journeying ahead.

1

賁其趾舍車而徒

bēn qí zhǐ shě chē ér tú

Adorned feet abandon the chariot and proceed on foot.

2

賁其須

bēn qí xū

Adorn its whiskers

3

賁如濡如永貞吉

bēn rú rú rú yǒng zhēn jí

Adorned as if moistened, like an everlasting divination—auspicious.

4

賁如皤如白馬翰如匪寇婚媾

bēn rú pó rú bái mǎ hàn rú fěi kòu hūn gòu

Adorned like white frost, like a white horse with flowing mane, not rushing to seize a marriage union

5

賁于丘園束帛戔戔吝終吉

bēn yú qiū yuán shù bó jiǎn jiǎn lìn zhōng jí

Adorned at the hilltop garden, with meager bundles of silk; though initially reluctant, ultimately fortunate.

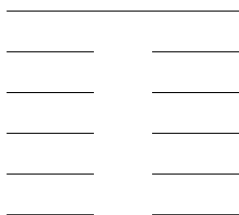
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白賁無咎

bái bēng wú jiù

Bright adornment brings no blame

23 剥 (bō) - Splitting Apart



剥

bō

Splitting Apart

Judgment

剥不利有攸往

Bō bù lì yǒu yōu wǎng

Stripping away brings no advantage in going forward

1

剥床以足蔑貞凶

bō chuáng yǐ zú miè zhēn xiōng

When the bed is stripped down to its legs, disregarding divination brings misfortune.

2

剥床以辨蔑貞凶

bō chuáng yǐ biàn miè zhēn xiōng

Stripping away the bed reveals the neglected truth: misfortune.

3

剥之無咎

bō zhī wú jiù

Stripping away brings no blame

4

剥床以膚凶

bō chuáng yǐ fū xiōng

When the bed is stripped to bare skin, misfortune follows.

5

貫魚以宮人寵無不利

guàn yú yǐ gōng rén chǒng wú bù lì

Threading fish through the palace brings favor without disadvantage

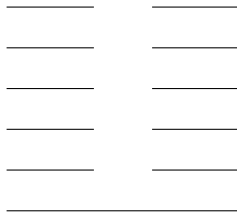
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碩果不食君子得輿小人剥廬

shuò guǒ bù shí jūn zǐ dé yú xiǎo rén bō lú

The ripe fruit remains uneaten; the noble person gains the carriage while the petty person loses his dwelling.

24 復 (fù) - Return (The Turning Point)



復

fù

Return (The Turning Point)

Judgment

復亨出入無疾朋來無咎反復其道七日來復利有攸往

Fù hēng chūrù wúji bēng lái wújiu fǎnfù qí dào qīrì lái fù lì yǒu yǎng

Returning brings success. Going out and coming in without haste, friends arrive without blame. Reversing and returning to the path. In seven days, return comes again. It is beneficial to go somewhere.

1

不遠復無祇悔元吉

bù yuǎn fù wú zhī huǐ yuán jí

When returning without hesitation from a distance, there is no regret, only primal good fortune.

2

休復吉

xiū fù jí

Resting and returning brings good fortune.

3

頻復厲無咎

pín fù lì wú jiù

Repeated returns bring sharpness without blame.

4

中行獨復

zhōng xíng dú fù

Walking alone in the middle path, one returns.

5

敦復無悔

Dūn Fù Wú Huǐ

Earnestly return and there will be no regret.

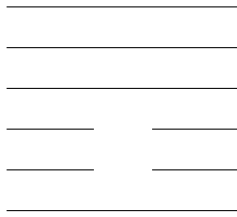
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迷復凶有災眚用行師終有大敗以其國君凶至于十年不克征

mí fù xiōng yǒu zāi shèng yòng xíng shī zhōng yǒu dà bài yǐ qí guó jūn xiōng zhì yú shí nián bù kè zhēng

When lost on a returning path, misfortune brings disaster. If armies march in this state, they will ultimately suffer great defeat. The nation's ruler faces calamity lasting ten years, unable to prevail in campaigns.

25 无妄 (Wú Wàng) - Innocence



无妄

Wú Wàng

Innocence

Judgment

元亨利貞其匪正有眚不利有攸往

yuán hēng lì zhēn qí fěi zhèng yǒu shěng bù lì yǒu yǒu wǎng

Beginning brings success and benefit through divination, but if not aligned correctly, there is misfortune. It is not favorable to have somewhere to go.

1

无妄往吉

wú wàng wǎng jí

Moving without deception brings good fortune.

2

不耕穫不菑畲則利有攸往

bù gēng huò bù zī yú zé lì yǒu yǒu wǎng

Without plowing for harvest, without clearing fields for cultivation, then it is advantageous to journey elsewhere.

3

无妄之災或繫之牛行人之得邑人之災

wú wàng zhī zāi huò xì zhī niú xíng rén zhī dé yì rén zhī zāi

Unfounded disaster may bind the ox, while a traveler gains the town, bringing disaster to its people.

4

可貞无咎

kě zhēn wú jiù

Divination is favorable without blame.

5

无妄之疾勿藥有喜

wú wàng zhī jí wù yào yǒu xǐ

For illness that comes without reason, take no medicine; there will be joy.

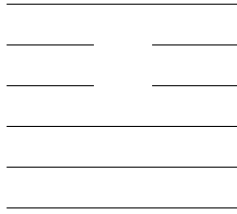
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无妄行有眚无攸利

wú wàng xíng yǒu shěng wú yǒu lì

Acting without caution brings misfortune; nothing will be advantageous.

26 大畜 (dà chù) - The Taming Power of the Great



大畜

dà chù

The Taming Power of the Great

Judgment

大畜利貞不家食吉利涉大川

Dà chù lì zhēn bù jiā shí jí lì shè dà chuān

Great accumulation brings beneficially steadfast results. Auspicious not to eat at home. Favorable to cross the great river.

1

有厲利已

yǒu lì lì yǐ

Danger turns to advantage once it has passed.

2

輿說輻

yú shuō fú

The carriage speaks through its spokes

3

良馬逐利艱貞

liáng mǎ zhú lì jiān zhēn

A good horse pursues gain with difficulty but remains steadfast.

4

童牛之牯元吉

Tóng niú zhī gū yuán jí

A young bull tethered at the beginning brings great fortune.

5

豮豕之牙吉

xī zhī yá jí

The tusks of the wild boar are auspicious.

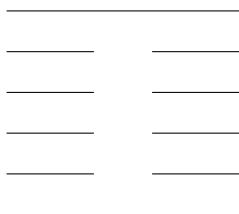
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何天之衢亨

Hé tiān zhī qú hēng

How the pathway of heaven prospers

27 頤 (yí) - The Corners of the Mouth (Providing Nourishment)



頤

yí

The Corners of the Mouth (Providing Nourishment)

Judgment

頤貞吉觀頤自求口實

yí zhēn jí guān yí zì qiú kǒu shí

Steadfast divination brings good fortune when you observe how nourishment comes from seeking your own sustenance.

1

舍爾靈龜觀我朵頤凶

shě ěr líng guī guān wǒ duǒ yí xiōng

Abandon your divine turtle - watching me brings misfortune to my nourishment.

2

顛頤拂經于丘頤征凶

diān yí fú jīng yú qiū yí zhēng xiōng

When the jaw is overturned and brushes against established patterns, the journey to the mound brings misfortune.

3

拂頤貞凶十年勿用無攸利

fú yí zhēn xiōng shí nián wù yòng wú yǒu lì

Brushing against the jaw brings misfortune. For ten years, do not act—there is no benefit in this.

4

顛頤吉虎視眈眈其欲逐逐無咎

diān yí jí hǔ shì dān dān qí yù zhú zhú wú jiù

When food is overturned there is good fortune. The tiger watches with intense desire, pursuing relentlessly without fault.

5

拂經吉

fú jīng jí

Brushing against the threads brings good fortune.

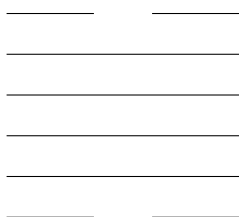
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由頤厲吉利涉大川

yóu yí lì jí lì shè dà chuān

From nourishment comes sharpness, bringing good fortune when crossing the great river.

28 大過 (Dà Guò) - Great Exceeding



大過

Dà Guò

Great Exceeding

Judgment

棟撓利有攸往亨

dòng rǎo lì yǒu yǒu wǎng hēng

When the main beam bends, it is beneficial to go somewhere.

1

藉用白茅无咎

jiè yòng bái máo wú jiù

Using white reeds brings no blame

2

枯楊生稊老夫得其女妻无不利

Kū yáng shēng tí lǎo fū dé qí nǚ qī wú bù lì

From a withered poplar sprouts a small grain; an old man gains a young woman as his wife - nothing but benefit.

3

棟橈凶

dòng ráo xiōng

When the main beam bends, misfortune follows.

4

棟隆吉有它吝

Dōng Lóng Jí yǒu tā lìn

The main beam rises tall, bringing good fortune, yet it holds some reluctance.

5

枯楊生華老婦得士夫无咎无譽

kū yáng shēng huá lǎo fù dé shì fū wú jiù wú yù

When a withered tree blooms, an elder woman gains a noble husband - no blame, no acclaim.

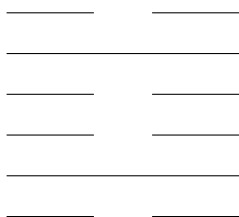
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過涉滅頂凶无咎

guò shè miè dǐng xiōng wú jiù

Crossing the deep water where one's head submerges is dangerous but brings no blame.

29 坎 (Kǎn) - The Abyss



坎

Kǎn

The Abyss

Judgment

習坎有孚維心亨行有尚

xí kǎn yǒu fú wéi xīn hēng xíng yǒu shàng

In navigating hardships with sincerity, maintain your heart's clarity, and your journey will be honored.

1

習坎入坎窞凶

xí kǎn rù kǎn dànɡ xiōnɡ

Practice navigating a pit, enter the pit's hollow: misfortune.

2

坎有險求小得

kǎn yǒu xiǎn qiú xiǎo dé

In the pit lies danger, seek little and you will gain

3

來之坎坎險且枕入于坎窞勿用

lái zhī kǎn kǎn xiǎn qiě zhěn rù yú kǎn dàn wù yòng

Approaching the pit's deep dangers, do not rest your head as you enter the hollow depression. Do not use this.

4

樽酒簋贰用缶納約自牖終无咎

zūn jiǔ guǐ èr yòng fǒu nà yuē zì yǒu zhōng wú jiù

When offering wine and food vessels, using simple pottery to fulfill agreements will ultimately bring no blame.

5

坎不盈祗既平无咎

kǎn bù yíng zhī jì píng wú jiù

When the pit is not overflowing, once leveled, there is no blame

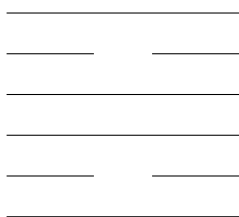
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繫用徽纆寘于叢棘三歲不得凶

xì yòng huī lǐn zhì yú cóng jí sān suì bù dé xiōng

When bound with cords and placed among thorny thickets for three years without release, misfortune results.

30 離 (lí) - The Clinging (Fire)



離

lí

The Clinging (Fire)

Judgment

離利貞亨畜牝牛吉

lí lì zhēn hēng chù pìn niú jí

Departing and gaining benefit is auspicious like raising a female ox - this brings good fortune.

1

履錯然敬之無咎

lǚ cuò rán jìng zhī wú jiù

Treading carefully with reverence prevents blame.

2

黃離元吉

Huáng Lí Yuán Jí

The golden departure brings primordial good fortune.

3

日昃之離不鼓缶而歌則大耋之嗟凶

rì zè zhī lí bù gǔ fǒu ér gē zé dà diē zhī jiē xiōng

When the setting sun departs, if one does not drum the clay vessel and sing, then the great elderly will sigh with misfortune.

4

突如其來如焚如死如棄如

tū rú qí lái rú fén rú sǐ rú qì rú

Abrupt as its coming, like fire, like death, like abandonment.

5

出涕沱若戚嗟若吉

chū tì tuó ruò qī jiē ruò jí

Tears flow abundantly like grief, yet sighs come forth like good fortune.

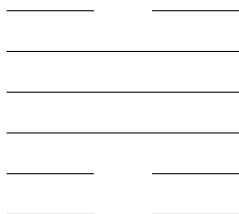
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王用出征有嘉折首獲匪其醜無咎

Wáng yòng chū zhēng yǒu jiā shé shǒu huò fěi qí chǒu wú jiù

The king's campaign brings honor through capturing enemy leaders, not just common criminals—no blame in this.

31 咸 (Xián) - All



咸

Xián

All

Judgment

咸亨利貞取女吉

xián hēng lì zhēn qǔ nǚ jí

All-encompassing success. Advantageous to divine about taking a woman—auspicious.

1

咸其拇

xián qí mǔ

All unite under the thumb

2

咸其腓凶居吉

xián qí fēi xiōng jū jí

Collectively wounded legs bring misfortune, yet staying brings good fortune.

3

咸其股執其隨往吝

xián qí gǔ zhí qí suí wǎng lìn

Altogether grasp the thigh while following behind with reluctance

4

貞吉悔亡憧憧往來朋從爾思

zhēn jí huǐ wáng chōng chōng wǎng lái péng cóng ěr sī

Divination shows good fortune, regrets vanish. In your restless comings and goings, companions follow your thoughts.

5

咸其脢无悔

xián qí méi wú huǐ

All will taste the meat without regret

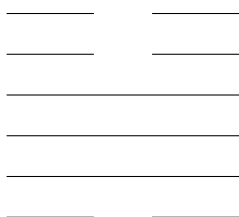
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咸其輔頰舌

xián qí fǔ jiá shé

All support the cheeks and tongue

32 恆 (héng) - Duration



恆

héng

Duration

Judgment

恆亨無咎利貞利有攸往

héng hēng wú jiù lì zhēn lì yǒu yǒu wǎng

Long-lasting success without blame. Beneficial for divination. Advantageous to have a destination.

1

浚恆貞凶無攸利

jùn héng zhēn xiōng wú yǒu lì

Deepening persists; divining shows misfortune with no beneficial direction.

2

悔亡

huǐ wáng

Regret vanishes

3

不恆其德或承之羞貞吝

bù héng qí dé huò chéng zhī xiū zhēn lìn

One who fails to maintain constant virtue may encounter the shame of divination showing stinginess.

4

田无禽

Tián wú qín

The field is without birds.

5

恆其德貞婦人吉夫子凶

héng qí dé zhēn fù rén jí fū zǐ xiōng

Constancy in virtue brings good fortune to a woman, but misfortune to a man.

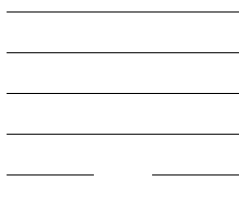
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振恆凶

Zhèn Héng xiōng

Constant agitation brings misfortune

33 遯 (Dùn) - Retreat



遯

Dùn

Retreat

Judgment

遯亨小利貞

dùn héng xiǎo lì zhēn

Withdrawal brings success. A small advantage comes from staying true.

1

遯尾厲勿用有攸往

dùn wěi lì wù yòng yǒu yǒu wǎng

When retreating, a severe tail is dangerous; do not use it when there is somewhere to go.

2

執之用黃牛之革莫之勝說

zhí zhī yòng huáng niú zhī gé mò zhī shèng shuō

When using the hide of a yellow ox, nothing surpasses this for persuasion.

3

係遯有疾厲畜臣妾吉

xì dùn yǒu jí lì chù chén qiè jí

Binding oneself to retreat when illness strikes brings sharp improvement. Servants and concubines find good fortune.

4

好遯君子吉小人否

hǎo dùn jūn zǐ jí xiǎo rén fǒu

Withdrawal brings good fortune to the noble person but misfortune to the petty one.

5

嘉遯貞吉

jiā dùn zhēn jí

Withdrawal conducted properly brings good fortune.

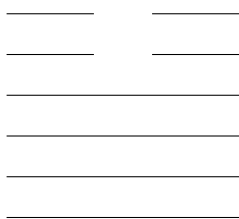
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肥遯无不利

féi dùn wú bù lì

Retreating when prosperous brings only advantage

34 大壯 (dà zhuàng) - The Power of the Great



大壯

dà zhuàng

The Power of the Great

Judgment

大壯利貞

dà zhuàng lì zhēn

Great strength brings favorable divination

1

壯于趾征凶有孚

zhuàng yú zhǐ zhēng xiōng yǒu fú

Strong at the toes brings misfortune, yet there is trust

2

貞吉

zhēn jí

Divination yields good fortune

3

小人用壯君子用罔貞厲羝羊觸藩羸其角

xiǎo rén yòng zhuàng, jūn zǐ yòng wǎng, zhēn lì, dí yáng chù fān, léi qí jiǎo

The small person uses strength; the noble person uses nets. Divination: Danger. A ram butts against a fence, weakening its horns.

4

貞吉悔亡藩決不羸壯于大輿之輹

zhēn jí huǐ wáng fān jué bù léi zhuàng yú dà yú zhī fù

Fortune is assured when regrets vanish. Like a protective barrier that decisively flows, strength does not weaken but grows robust within the great carriage's framework.

5

喪羊于易無悔

sāng yáng yú yì wú huǐ

Losing a sheep during the exchange brings no regret.

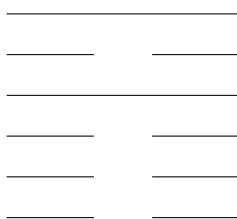
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羝羊觸藩不能退不能遂無攸利艱則吉

dí yáng chù fān bù néng tuì bù néng suì wú yǒu lì jiān zé jí

When the ram butts against the fence, it can neither retreat nor advance. No advantage comes from this situation, but difficulty brings good fortune.

35 晉 (Jìn) - Advancing



Jìn

Advancing

Judgment

康侯用錫馬蕃庶晝日三接

Kāng hóu yòng xī mǎ fán shù zhòu rì sān jiē

The healthy lord bestows horses and receives abundant tributes throughout the day, three times over.

1

晉如摧如貞吉罔孚裕无咎

Jìn rú cuī rú zhēn jí wǎng fú yù wú jiù

Advancing feels like being crushed, but persistence brings good fortune. Without sincere trust, there is still abundance and no blame.

2

晉如愁如貞吉受茲介福于其王母

jìn rú chóu rú zhēn jí shòu zī jiè fú yú qí wáng mǔ

Advancing with concern, divining for good fortune, receiving blessings from the queen mother at this intermediary point.

3

衆允悔亡

Zhòng yǔn huǐ wáng

When many consent, regret vanishes.

4

晉如鼫鼠貞厲

jìn rú shǐ shǔ zhēn lì

Advancing like a weasel—divination reveals sharpness.

5

悔亡失得勿恤往吉无不利

huǐ wáng shī dé wù xù wǎng jí wú bù lì

Regret vanishes; what was lost is gained. Do not worry—going forward brings good fortune with no disadvantage.

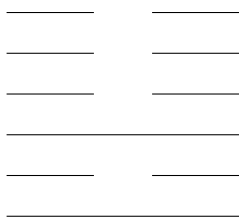
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晉其角維用伐邑厲吉无咎貞吝

jìn qí jiǎo wéi yòng fá yì lì jí wú jiù zhēn lìn

Advancing toward its corners, binding together to attack the city. Severe but auspicious. No blame. Divination reveals reluctance.

36 明夷 (míng yí) - Darkening of the Light



明夷

míng yí

Darkening of the Light

Judgment

明夷利苦貞

míng yí lì kǔ zhēn

When brightness is obscured, persistence through hardship brings advantage.

1

明夷于飛垂其翼君子于行三日不食有攸往主人有言

Míng yí yú fēi chuí qí yì jūn zǐ yú xíng sān rì bù shí yǒu yǒu wǎng zhǔ rén yǒu yán

Light diminishes in flight, wings descend. The noble travels for three days without eating. When moving forward, the host offers warnings.

2

明夷于左股用拯馬壯吉

míng yí yú zuǒ gǔ yòng zhěng mǎ zhuàng jí

Illumination strikes the left thigh, using it to rescue the horse brings vigorous good fortune.

3

明夷于南狩得其大首不可疾貞

míng yí yú nán shòu dé qí dà shǒu bù kě jí zhēn

The enlightened one is subdued in the southern hunt, capturing a great leader. Swift divination is not favorable.

4

入于左腹獲明夷之心于出自門庭

rù yú zuǒ fù huò míng yí zhī xīn yú chū zì mén tíng

Entering through the left side of the belly, one captures the heart of the barbarian's illumination upon exiting from one's own courtyard gate

5

箕子之明夷利貞

jī zǐ zhī míng yí lì zhēn

The clarity of Ji Zi brings benefit through divination

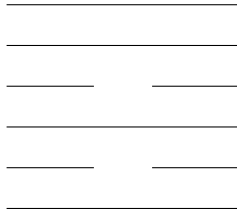
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不明晦初登于天後入于地

bù míng huì chū dēng yú tiān hòu rù yú dì

The unclear beginning ascends to heaven, then descends into earth

37 家人 (jiā rén) - The Family (The Clan)



家人

jiā rén

The Family (The Clan)

Judgment

家人利女貞

jiārén lì nǚ zhēn

The household benefits from a woman's steadfastness

1

閑有家悔亡

xián yǒu jiā huǐ wáng

When the home is secure, regret vanishes.

2

無攸遂在中饋貞吉

wú yǒu suì zài zhōng kuì zhēn jí

Without pursuing anything, to remain faithful in providing nourishment brings good fortune.

3

家人嗃嗃悔厲吉婦子嘻嘻終吝

jiā rén hē hē huǐ lì jí fù zǐ xī xī zhōng lìn

The household shouts harshly but regret brings good fortune. The wife and children laugh together, though stinginess remains in the end.

4

富家大吉

Fù jiā dà jí

Great fortune for the wealthy household

5

王假有家勿恤吉

Wáng jiǎ yǒu jiā wù xù jí

When the king returns to his household, there is no need for concern—a fortunate situation.

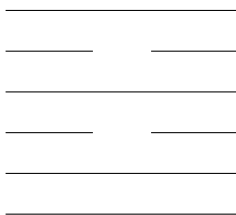
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有孚威如終吉

yǒu fú wēi rú zhōng jí

When trust is established, power becomes auspicious in the end

38 睽 (Kuí) - Estrangement



睽

Kuí

Estrangement

Judgment

睽小事吉

Kuí xiǎoshì jí

In divergence, small matters bring good fortune.

1

悔亡喪馬勿逐自復見惡人无咎

huǐ wáng sàng mǎ wù zhú zì fù jiàn è rén wú jiù

Regret vanishes. Though horses are lost, do not pursue them; they will return on their own. When encountering harmful people, there will be no blame.

2

遇主于巷无咎

yù zhǔ yú xiàng wú jiǔ

Meeting the master in the alley brings no blame.

3

見輿曳其牛掣其人天且劓无初有終

jiàn yú yè qí niú chè qí rén tiān qiě yì wú chū yǒu zhōng

See the carriage dragging its ox, restraining its driver; Heaven will cut off his nose - no beginning, but there will be an end.

4

睽孤遇元夫交孚厲无咎

kuí gū yù yuán fū jiāo fú lì wú jiù

When the divergent one encounters the primal man, trust forms and even intensity brings no blame.

5

悔亡厥宗噬膚往何咎

huǐ wáng jué zōng shì fū wǎng hé jiù

Regret vanishes. When one's ancestors bite into the skin, what blame remains in going forward?

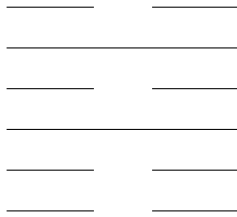
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睽孤見豕負塗載鬼一車先張之弧後說之弧匪寇婚媾往遇雨則吉

kuí gū jiàn shǐ fù tú zǎi guǐ yī chē xiān zhāng zhī hú hòu shuō zhī hú fěi kòu hūn gòu wǎng yù yǔ zé jí

Diverging alone, one sees a pig carrying mud. A cart bears a ghost. First draw the bow, then release the bow. Not a bandit, but a marriage union. Going forth, encountering rain, then good fortune.

39 蹇 (jiǎn) - Obstruction



蹇

jiǎn

Obstruction

Judgment

蹇利西南不利東北利見大人貞吉

jiǎn lì xīnán bù lì dōngběi lì jiàn dàrén zhēn jí

Difficulty brings advantage in the southwest but not in the northeast. Seeing the great person brings good fortune.

1

往蹇來譽

wǎng jiǎn lái yù

Going through difficulty brings praise.

2

王臣蹇蹇匪躬之故

Wáng Chén jiǎn jiǎn fěi gōng zhī gù

The king's ministers tread with difficulty, but not due to physical hindrance.

3

往蹇來反

wǎng jiǎn lái fǎn

Going becomes difficult, coming turns back.

4

往蹇來連

wǎng jiǎn lái lián

Going is difficult, but coming creates connection.

5

大蹇朋來

dà jiǎn péng lái

When great hardship comes, friends arrive.

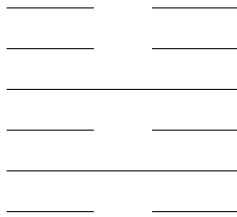
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往蹇來碩吉利見大人

wǎng jiǎn lái shuò jí lì jiàn dà rén

Going through difficulty brings great fortune. It is beneficial to see a person of importance.

40 解 (Xiè) - Release



解

Xiè

Release

Judgment

解利西南无所往其來復吉有攸往夙吉

jiě lì xīnán wúsuǒ wǎng qí lái fù jí yǒu yǒu wǎng sù jí

Gain advantage by moving southwest, though there is nowhere to go. Returning brings good fortune.
Setting out on a journey brings early good fortune.

1

无咎

wú jiù

Without blame

2

田獲三狐得黃矢貞吉

Tián huò sān hú dé huáng shǐ zhēn jí

Hunting in the field, catching three foxes, obtaining a yellow arrow - auspicious divination.

3

負且乘致寇至貞吝

fù qiě chéng zhì kòu zhì zhēn lìn

Bearing a burden while riding invites raiders to arrive, causing regret in divination.

4

解而拇朋至斯孚

jiě ér mǔ péng zhì sī fú

When released, friends gather where there is trust.

5

君子維有解吉有孚于小人

jūn zǐ wéi yǒu jiě jí yǒu fú yú xiǎo rén

The noble one maintains clarity and brings good fortune, inspiring trust among the common people.

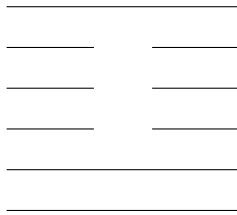
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公用射隼于高墉之上獲之无不利

gōng yòng shè sǔn yú gāo yōng zhī shàng huò zhī wú bù lì

When the duke hunts falcons from atop the high ramparts, he captures them with unfailing success.

41 損 (Sǔn) - Decrease



損

Sǔn

Decrease

Judgment

有孚元吉无咎可貞利有攸往曷之用二簋可用享

yǒu fú yuán jí wú jiù kě zhēn lì yǒu yǒu wǎng hé zhī yòng èr guǐ kě yòng xiǎng

With sincere trust, great fortune awaits. There is no blame. Divination shows it is beneficial to have a direction to go. Why use two ritual vessels? Both can be used for offerings.

1

已事遄往无咎酌損之

yǐ shì chuán wǎng wú jiù zhuó sǔn zhī

When a matter is finished, move swiftly onward without blame; consider carefully what to reduce.

2

利貞征凶弗損益之

lì zhēn zhēng xiōng fú sǔn yì zhī

To divine an advantage reveals ill fortune, neither decreasing nor increasing it.

3

三人行則損一人一人行則得其友

sān rén xíng zé sǔn yī rén yī rén xíng zé dé qí yǒu

When three people journey together, one person is diminished; when one travels alone, they gain a companion.

4

損其疾使遄有喜无咎

sǔn qí jí shǐ chuán yǒu xǐ wú jiù

Reduce its urgency, making swift progress brings joy without fault.

5

或益之十朋之龜弗克違元吉

huò yì zhī shí péng zhī guī fú kě wéi yuán jí

Perhaps adding a group of ten companions, the turtle cannot oppose the original auspiciousness.

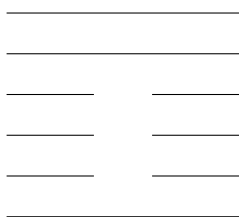
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弗損益之无咎貞吉利有攸往得臣无家

fú sǔn yì zhī wú jiù zhēn jí lì yǒu yōu wǎng dé chén wú jiā

Do not diminish what increases it. Without blame, divination proves favorable. Beneficial to go toward your goal. You gain a servant but lose no household.

42 益 (Yì) - Increase



益

Yì

Increase

Judgment

利有攸往利涉大川

lì yǒu yǒu wǎng lì shè dà chuān

It is beneficial to venture forth; advantageous to cross the great river.

1

利用為大作元吉无咎

lì yòng wéi dà zuò yuán jí wú jiù

Beneficial application creates great primordial fortune without fault.

2

或益之十朋之龜弗克違永貞吉王用享于帝吉

huò yì zhī shí péng zhī guī fú kě wéi yǒng zhēn jí wáng yòng xiǎng yú dì jí

If augmented with ten strings of cowrie shells, the divination turtle cannot turn away from its eternal truth.
Auspicious. The king makes offerings to the deity. Auspicious.

3

益之用凶事无咎有孚中行告公用圭

yì zhī yòng xiōng shì wú jiù yǒu fú zhōng xíng gào gōng yòng guī

Benefits gained by actions during adversity are blameless. With sincere trust, announce the public affairs
from a centered path, using the jade tablet.

4

中行告公從利用為依遷國

zhōng háng gào gōng cóng lì yòng wéi yī qiān guó

When one walks the middle path and speaks truthfully to the public, followers will benefit, utilizing this
approach as the foundation for moving the nation.

5

有孚惠心勿問元吉有孚惠我德

yǒu fú huì xīn wù wèn yuán jí yǒu fú huì wǒ dé

When there is sincere trust, favor the heart without questioning—fundamentally auspicious. Sincere trust
benefits my virtue.

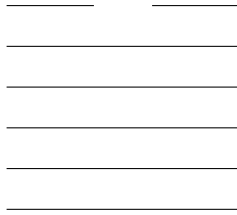
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莫益之或擊之立心勿恆凶

mò yì zhī huò jī zhī lì xīn wù héng xiōng

Do not increase it. Should you strike at it, even with resolve, a persistent heart brings misfortune.

43 夬 (Guài) - Breakthrough



夬

Guài

Breakthrough

Judgment

揚于王庭孚號有厲告自邑不利即戎利有攸往

Yáng yú wáng tíng fú hào yǒu lì gào zì yì bù lì jí róng lì yǒu yǒu wǎng

The proclamation spreads through the royal court. A trusted warning comes from the city itself. It is not advantageous to advance immediately into battle, but beneficial to have somewhere to go.

1

壯于前趾往不勝為咎

zhuàng yú qián zhǐ wǎng bù shèng wéi jiù

Strong in the forward step yet unable to advance becomes a fault.

2

惕號莫夜有戎无咎

tì hào mò yè yǒu róng wú jiǔ

Stay vigilant even at night; if prepared for conflict, there will be no blame.

3

壯于頄有凶君子夬夬獨行遇雨若濡有愠无咎

zhuàng yú jiá yǒu xiōng jūn zǐ guài guài dú xíng yù yǔ ruó rú yǒu yùn wú jiǔ

Strength in the cheeks brings misfortune. The noble one makes decisive progress alone. Meeting rain, getting wet brings frustration but no blame.

4

臀无膚其行次且牽羊悔亡聞言不信

tún wú fū qí xíng cì qiě qiān yáng huǐ wáng wén yán bù xìn

Without flesh on the buttocks, they proceed haltingly, yet lead sheep forward. Regret vanishes when words are heard but not believed.

5

覓陸夬夬中行无咎

xiàn lù guài guài zhōng xíng wú jiǔ

Advancing firmly on land brings no blame at the center of the journey

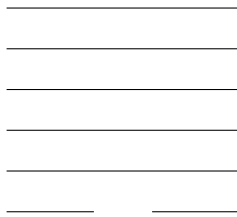
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无號終有凶

wú hào zhōng yǒu xiōng

When nameless things finally gain form, misfortune follows

44 姤 (Gòu) - Encounter



姤

Gòu

Encounter

Judgment

女壯勿用取女

nǚ zhuàng wù yòng qǔ nǚ

When a woman is strong, do not take another woman.

1

繫于金柅貞吉有攸往見凶羸豕孚蹢躅

xì yú jīn pì zhēn jí yǒu yǒu wǎng jiàn xiōng léi shǐ fú zhí zhú

Bound to the metal peg brings good fortune. When traveling, one sees an ill omen: a weak pig approaches, its footsteps faltering.

2

庖有魚无咎不利賓

páo yǒu yú wú jiù bù lì bīn

The kitchen has fish; there is no blame when not serving it to guests.

3

臀无膚其行次且厲无大咎

tún wú fū qí xíng cì qiě lì wú dà jiù

Though the buttocks have no skin left, moving forward is perilous yet brings no great misfortune.

4

庖无魚起凶

páo wú yú qǐ xiōng

When the kitchen lacks fish, misfortune arises.

5

以杞包瓜含章有隕自天

yǐ qǐ bāo guā hán zhāng yǒu yǔn zì tiān

Using the Qi vine to wrap the melon contains a pattern that falls from heaven itself

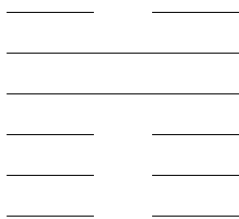
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姤其角吝无咎

gòu qí jiǎo lìn wú jiù

When encountering resistance, hesitation brings no blame.

45 萃 (cuì) - Gathering Together (Massing)



萃

cuì

Gathering Together (Massing)

Judgment

萃亨王假有廟利見大人亨利貞用大牲吉利有攸往

Cuì héng wáng jiǎ yǒu miào lì jiàn dà rén héng lì zhēn yòng dà shēng jí lì yǒu yǒu wǎng

Gathering prospers. The king approaches the temple with offerings. It benefits to meet the great one. Success brings advantage. It is favorable to divine with large sacrificial animals. There is benefit in journeying.

1

有孚不終乃亂乃萃若號一握為笑勿恤往無咎

yǒu fú bù zhōng nǎi luàn nǎi cuì ruò háo yī wò wéi xiào wù xù wǎng wú jiù

Trust that begins but does not complete brings chaos and gathering. Like a cry, a single grasp becomes laughter. Do not worry - proceeding brings no blame.

2

引吉無咎孚乃利用禴

yǐn jí wú jiù fú nǎi lì yòng yuè

Attract good fortune without blame; trust will then bring benefits through ritual offerings.

3

萃如嗟如無攸利往無咎小吝

cùi rú jiē rú wú yǒu lì wǎng wú jiǒ xiǎo lìn

Gathering together like sighing, like having nowhere advantageous to go - advancing brings no blame, only slight reluctance.

4

大吉無咎

dà jí wú jiù

Great fortune without blame

5

萃有位無咎匪孚元永貞悔亡

cùi yǒu wèi wú jiù fěi fú yuán yǒng zhēn huǐ wáng

Though gathered in position, there is no blame. Without sincerity at the beginning, lasting truth will cause regret to vanish.

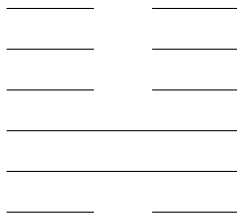
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齎咨涕洟無咎

jī zī tì tì wú jiù

Bring forth your concerns and tears without blame

46 升 (shēng) - Pushing Upward



升

shēng

Pushing Upward

Judgment

升元亨用見大人勿惡南征吉

shēng yuán hēng yòng jiàn dà rén wù wù nán zhēng jí

Rising to the origin brings success. It is favorable to encounter a great person. Do not fear the southern expedition - it will be auspicious.

1

衡升大吉

Héng shēng dà jí

The balance rises with great fortune.

2

孚乃利用禴無咎

fú nǎi lì yòng yuè wú jiù

Trust brings advantage when conducting rituals without fault.

3

升虛邑

shēng xū yì

Rising to the empty city

4

王用亨于岐山吉無咎

Wáng yòng héng yú Qí Shān, jí wú jiù

The king makes offerings at Mount Qi - auspicious, without fault.

5

貞吉升階

zhēn jí shēng jiē

Divination shows fortunate advancement to higher levels

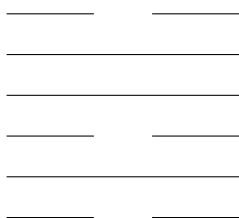
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冥升利于不息之貞

Míng shēng lì yú bù xī zhī zhēn

Rising in darkness brings benefit through persistent divination.

47 困 (Kùn) - Confinement



Kùn

Confinement

Judgment

困亨貞大人吉无咎有言不信

kùn hēng zhēn dà rén jí wú jiù yǒu yán bù xìn

When trapped, there is success. For the great person who remains steadfast, fortune comes without blame.
Words spoken may not be believed.

1

臀困于株木入于幽谷三歲不覿

tún kùn yú zhū mù rù yú yōu gǔ sān suì bù dǐ

Buttocks trapped by a tree stump, entering a secluded valley. For three years, not seen.

2

困于酒食朱紱方來利用享祀征凶无咎

kùn yú jiǔ shí zhū fū fāng lái lì yòng xiǎng sì zhēng xiōng wú jiù

Though trapped in wine, food, vermillion ribbons, help arrives. Beneficial to use offerings for the journey.
Misfortune vanishes, no blame remains.

3

困于石據于蒺藜入于其宮不見其妻凶

kùn yú shí jù yú jí lí rù yú qí gōng bù jiàn qí qī xiōng

Trapped among rocks, pinned down by thorny caltrops, entering his chamber yet not seeing his wife -
misfortune.

4

來徐徐困于金車吝有終

lái xú xú kùn yú jīn chē lìn yǒu zhōng

Approaching gradually, trapped in a metal chariot, reluctant yet will reach completion

5

劓刖困于赤紱乃徐有說利用祭祀

yì yuè kùn yú chì fú nǎi xū yǒu shuō lì yòng jì sì

Though mutilated and confined by the red ceremonial sash, yet gradually there comes understanding. It is
advantageous to use sacrificial offerings.

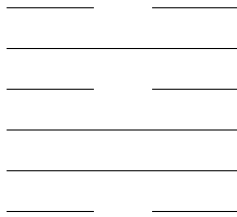
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困于葛藟于臲臲曰動悔有悔征吉

kùn yú gě lěi yú niè niè jí yuē dòng huǐ yǒu huǐ zhēng jí

Entangled in vines, on unsteady ground, moving brings regret, but pressing forward is fortunate.

48 井 (jǐng) - The Well



井

jǐng

The Well

Judgment

井改邑不改井無喪無得往來井井汔至亦未繙井羸其瓶凶

jǐng gǎi yì bù gǎi jǐng wú sàng wú dé wǎng lái jǐng jǐng qì zhì yì wèi yún jǐng léi qí píng xiōng

When a town changes, the well does not. At the well, nothing is lost, nothing is gained. People come and go at the well, orderly and constant. Nearly reaching it, yet not drawing water, the vessel weakens. Misfortune.

1

井泥不食舊井無禽

jǐng ní bù shí jiù jǐng wú qín

When a well is muddy, do not drink from it; an abandoned well attracts no birds.

2

井谷射鮒瓮敝漏

jǐng gǔ shè fù wèng bì lòu

Shooting carp in a well valley, the jar is worn and leaking.

3

井渫不食為我心惻可用汲王明並受其福

Jǐng xiè bù shí wèi wǒ xīn cè kě yòng jí wáng míng bìng shòu qí fú

When the well is drained but not eaten from, my heart feels compassion - it can be drawn upon to illuminate the ruler and bring forth blessings.

4

井甃無咎

jǐng zhòu wú jiù

The well is lined with bricks, without fault.

5

井冽寒泉食

Jǐng liè hán quán shí

The well's bitter cold spring water becomes nourishment.

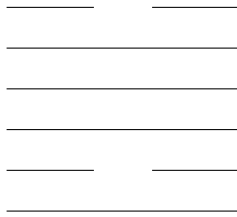
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井收勿幕有孚元吉

jǐng shōu wù mù yǒu fú yuán jí

Drawing from the well, gather without concealment; there is trust, bringing fundamental good fortune.

49 革 (gé) - Revolution (Molting)



革

gé

Revolution (Molting)

Judgment

革己日乃孚元亨利貞悔亡

gé jǐ rì nǎi fú yuán hēng lì zhēn huǐ wáng

When one transforms oneself daily, then trust becomes fundamental. Success and benefit come from steadfastness, and regret vanishes.

1

鞶用黃牛之革

gǒng yòng huáng niú zhī gé

Strengthen with the hide of a yellow ox

2

己日乃革之征吉無咎

yǐ rì nǎi gé zhī zhēng jí wú jiù

Once the day arrives, the transformation proceeds favorably without blame.

3

征凶貞厲革言三就有孚

zhēng xiōng zhēn lì gé yán sān yǒu yǒu fú

The expedition is ominous. Divination reveals sharp danger. Change your words; after three attempts, trust will emerge.

4

悔亡有孚改命吉

huǐ wáng yǒu fú gǎi mìng jí

When regret vanishes and trust prevails, changing one's destiny brings good fortune.

5

大人虎變未占有孚

dà rén hǔ biàn wèi zhān yǒu fú

The great one transforms like a tiger, yet has not seized trust

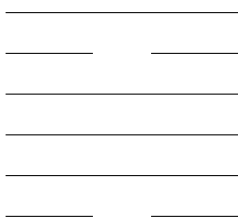
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君子豹變小人革面征凶居貞吉

jūn zǐ bào biàn xiǎo rén gé miàn zhēng xiōng jū zhēn jí

The noble person transforms like a leopard, while the small person changes only their surface appearance. To persist in rightness brings good fortune while defeating misfortune.

50 鼎 (dǐng) - The Cauldron



鼎

dǐng

The Cauldron

Judgment

鼎元吉亨

dǐng yuán jí hēng

The cauldron brings fundamental good fortune and successful offerings.

1

鼎顛趾利出否得妾以其子無咎

dǐng diān zhǐ lì chū fǒu dé qiè yǐ qí zǐ wú jiù

When the cauldron overturns, its feet bring advantage. What comes out may secure a concubine, but her child will be blameless.

2

鼎有實我仇有疾不我能即吉

Dǐng yǒu shí wǒ chóu yǒu jí bù wǒ néng jí jí

When the cauldron is filled with substance, my enemies fall ill; they cannot approach me, and good fortune results.

3

鼎耳革其行塞雉膏不食方雨虧悔終吉

dǐng ěr gé qí xíng sè zhì gāo bù shí fāng yǔ kuī huǐ zhōng jí

When the cauldron's handles wear away, movement becomes restricted; like a pheasant whose rich fat goes uneaten. Only when rain falls properly will the deficiency be regretted. The outcome is ultimately favorable.

4

鼎折足覆公餗其形渥凶

dǐng shé zú fù gōng suì qí xíng wò xiōng

When the ritual vessel breaks its leg and overturns, the duke's feast is ruined - a grave misfortune.

5

鼎黃耳金鉉利貞

dǐng huáng ěr jīn xuán lì zhēn

The cauldron with yellow handles and metal pivot rings brings good fortune when divined.

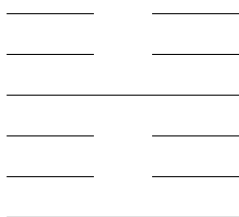
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鼎玉鉉大吉無不利

dǐng yù xuán dà jí wú bù lì

The cauldron with jade handles brings great fortune with nothing unfavorable

51 震 (zhèn) - The Arousing (Shock, Thunder)



震

zhèn

The Arousing (Shock, Thunder)

Judgment

震亨震來虩虩笑言啞啞震驚百里不喪匕鬯

zhèn héng zhèn lái xì xì xiào yán è è zhèn jīng bǎi lǐ bù sāng bǐ chāng

When thunder flourishes, thunder arrives - fierce and terrifying. Laughing words turn silent. Thunder startles across a hundred villages, yet the ritual wine remains unharmed.

1

震來虩虩後笑言啞啞吉

zhèn lái xì xì hòu xiào yán è è jí

Thunder approaches fiercely, yet afterward comes laughter though speech falters - this brings good fortune.

2

震來厲億喪貝躋於九陵勿逐七日得

zhèn lái lì yì sàng bèi jī yú jiǔ líng wù zhú qī rì dé

Thunder approaches with fierce intensity. Countless treasures are lost. Ascending to the nine mounds, do not pursue for seven days, then you will succeed.

3

震蘇蘇震行無眚

zhèn sū sū zhèn xíng wú shēng

Thunder revives, revives thunder, proceed without calamity.

4

震遂泥

zhèn suì ní

The thunder moves through the mud.

5

震往來厲億無喪有事

zhèn wǎng lái lì yì wú sàng yǒu shì

Thunder comes and goes with intensity; countless matters arise without loss.

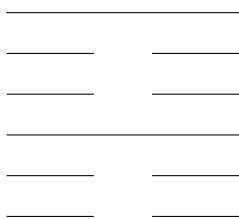
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震索索視矍矍征凶震不于其躬于其鄰無咎婚媾有言

zhèn suǒ suǒ shì jù jù zhēng xiōng zhèn bù yú qí gōng yú qí lín wú jiù hūn gòu yǒu yán

Thunder brings trembling and alert watchfulness. Advancing brings misfortune. Thunder does not affect one's body but rather one's neighbors. No blame. Marriage negotiations proceed with discussion.

52 艮 (gèn) - Keeping Still, Mountain



艮

gèn

Keeping Still, Mountain

Judgment

艮艮其背不獲其身行其庭不見其人無咎

gèn gèn qí bèi bù huò qí shēn xíng qí tíng bù jiàn qí rén wú jiù

When one firmly stops and turns back, not pursuing one's personal desires but managing one's household, others are not seen. There is no blame.

1

艮其趾無咎利永貞

gèn qí zhǐ wú jiù lì yǒng zhēn

Staying rooted in place brings no fault and yields lasting benefit.

2

艮其腓不救其隨其心不快

gèn qí fēi bù jiù qí suí qí xīn bù kuài

Stop the advance at your calf, not its pursuit, and your heart will lack ease.

3

艮其限列其夤厲薰心

gèn qí xiàn liè qí yín lì xūn xīn

Restraint at the boundary, intense yearning scorches the heart.

4

艮其身無咎

gèn qí shēn wú jiù

Halt your body and there will be no blame.

5

艮其輔言有序悔亡

gèn qí fǔ yán yǒu xù huǐ wáng

When speech is properly structured and supported, regret vanishes.

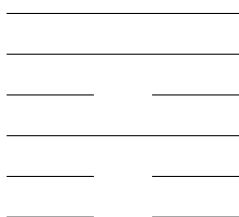
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敦艮吉

Dūn Gèn Jí

Sincere stillness brings good fortune.

53 漸 (Jiàn) - Gradual Advance



漸

Jiàn

Gradual Advance

Judgment

漸女歸吉利貞

jiān nǚ guī jí lì zhēn

The gradual return of the woman brings good fortune. It is beneficial to persevere.

1

鴻漸于干小子厲有言无咎

hóng jiàn yú gān xiǎo zǐ lì yǒu yán wú jiù

The great bird gradually approaches the raised platform. The young one speaks firmly, without fault.

2

鴻漸于磐飲食衎衎吉

Hóng jiàn yú pán yǐn shí yàn yàn jí

The great bird approaches the rock to drink and eat with joy - an auspicious sign.

3

鴻漸于陸夫征不復婦孕不育凶利禦寇

Hóng jiàn yú lù fū zhēng bù fù fù yùn bù yù xiōng lì yù kòu

When the great bird gradually moves onto land, the man goes on expedition but does not return. The woman's pregnancy will not lead to birth. Danger. Beneficial to defend against invaders.

4

鴻漸于木或得其桷无咎

Hóng jiàn yú mù huò dé qí jué wú jiù

The great bird gradually approaches the tree and may find its rafter without fault.

5

鴻漸于陵婦三歲不孕終莫之勝吉

hóng jiàn yú líng fù sān suì bù yùn zhōng mò zhī shèng jí

The great bird gradually approaches the mound. A woman for three years cannot conceive. In the end, nothing overcomes this. Auspicious.

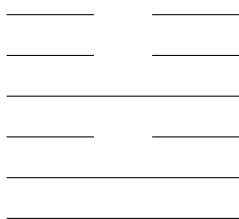
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鴻漸于陸羽可用為儀吉

hóng jiàn yú lù yǔ kě yòng wéi yí jí

The wild goose gradually advances onto land. Its feathers can serve as a model. Auspicious.

54 歸妹 (Guī Mèi) - Returning Maiden



歸妹

Guī Mèi

Returning Maiden

Judgment

歸妹征凶无攸利

guī mèi zhēng xiōng wú yǒu lì

The returning maiden's advance brings misfortune, with no benefit to be found.

1

歸妹以娣跛能履征吉

guī mèi yǐ dì bǒ néng lǚ zhēng jí

A returning maiden, as a younger sister with a limp, can still walk the path with good fortune.

2

眇能視利幽人之貞

miǎo néng shì lì yōu rén zhī zhēn

The small-sighted one who can perceive what benefits the secluded person's divination.

3

歸妹以須反歸以娣

guī mèi yǐ xū fǎn guī yǐ dì

The returning maiden must wait before returning as a younger sister.

4

歸妹愆期遲歸有時

guī mèi qiān qī chí guī yǒu shí

The returning maiden delays her appointed time, yet her return has its moment.

5

帝乙歸妹其君之袂不如其娣之袂良月幾望吉

dì yǐ guī mèi qí jūn zhī mèi bù rú qí dì zhī mèi liáng yuè jǐ wàng jí

King Yi gives his sister in marriage, but the sleeve of her lord cannot compare to the sleeve of her younger sister. The good moon, almost full, brings good fortune.

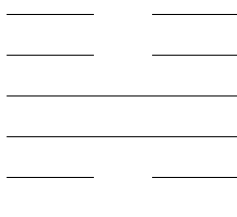
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女承筐无實士刲羊无血无攸利

nǚ chéng kuāng wú shí shì guī yáng wú xuè wú yǒu lì

The woman receives a basket without contents; the officer slaughters a sheep without blood—there is no benefit in this.

55 豐 (fēng) - Abundance (Fullness)



fēng

Abundance (Fullness)

Judgment

豐亨王假之勿憂宜日中

fēng hēng wáng jiǎ zhī wù yōu yí rì zhōng

When abundance prospers, the king may take rest without worry, fitting the sun at midday.

1

遇其配主雖旬無咎往有尚

yù qí pèi zhǔ suī xún wú jiù wǎng yǒu shàng

When encountering your proper match, even over ten days there is no blame; moving forward holds value.

2

豐其蔀日中見斗遇其夷主吉

fēng qí bù rì zhōng jiàn dòu yù qí yí zhǔ jí

When abundance obscures the sun, at midday one sees fighting. Meeting with outsiders brings good fortune to the leader.

3

豐其沛日中見沫折其右肱無咎

fēng qí pèi rì zhōng jiàn mò zhé qí yòu gōng wú jiù

Abundance flows generously. At midday a ripple is seen. Breaking one's right arm brings no blame.

4

豐其蔀日中見斗遇其夷主吉

Fēng qí bù rì zhōng jiàn dòu yù qí yí zhǔ jí

When abundance obscures the sun, at midday one sees fighting. Meeting with outsiders brings good fortune to the leader.

5

豐其蔀日中見斗遇其夷主吉

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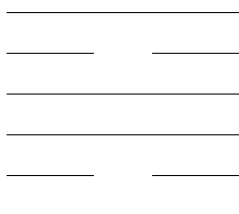
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豐其屋蔀其家窺其戶闐其無人三歲不覿凶

fēng qí wū bù qí jiā kuī qí hù qiǎn qí wú rén sān suì bù dǐ xiōng

When a home overflows with screens and a house is filled with barriers, peeping through the doorway reveals only stillness and emptiness. Seeing no one for three years is ominous.

56 旅 (lǚ) - The Wanderer



旅

lǚ

The Wanderer

Judgment

旅小亨旅貞吉

lǚ xiǎo hēng lǚ zhēn jí

A journey though small brings success; divination shows a favorable journey.

1

旅瑣瑣斯其所取災

lǚ suǒ suǒ sī qí suǒ qǔ zāi

The traveler's trivial actions bring disaster to what they take.

2

旅即次懷其資得童僕諸

lǚ jí cì huái qí zī dé tóng pú zhū

When traveling, one immediately accommodates, cherishing the resources that gain a child-like servant's services.

3

旅焚其次喪其童僕貞厲

lǚ fén qí cì sàng qí tóng pú zhēn lì

Travelers burn one place after another, losing their young servants. Divination shows danger.

4

旅于處得其資斧我心不快

lǚ yú chǔ dé qí zī fǔ wǒ xīn bù kuài

When traveling away from home, gaining resources and tools brings me no joy.

5

射雉一矢亡終以譽命

shè zhì yī shǐ wáng zhōng yǐ yù mìng

Shooting a pheasant with a single arrow may fail, but ultimately brings honor to one's life.

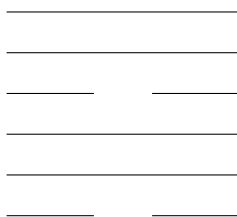
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鳥焚其巢旅人先笑後號咷喪牛於易凶

niǎo fén qí cháo lǚ rén xiān xiào hòu háo tāo sàng niú yú yì xiōng

When the bird's nest burns, traveling strangers laugh at first, then wail in grief as they lose their ox during the change—a bad omen.

57 巽 (Xùn) - Penetrating Wind



巽

Xùn

Penetrating Wind

Judgment

巽小亨利有攸往利見大人

xùn xiǎo hēng lì yǒu yǒu wǎng lì jiàn dà rén

Gentle and modest brings success. It benefits one to journey forward. It is advantageous to see an important person.

1

進退利武人之貞

jìn tuì lì wǔ rén zhī zhēn

Advancing and retreating benefit the warrior's divination.

2

巽在床下用史巫紛若吉无咎

Xùn zài chuáng xià yòng Shǐ Wū fēn ruò jí wú jiù

Wind beneath the bed brings the shaman's scattered spells; auspicious and without blame.

3

頻巽吝

pín xùn lìn

Frequent yielding brings reluctance

4

悔亡田獲三品

huǐ wáng tián huò sān pǐn

Regret vanishes; the field yields a threefold harvest.

5

貞吉悔亡无不利无初有終先庚三日後庚三日吉

zhēn jí huǐ wáng wú bù lì wú chū yǒu zhōng xiān gēng sān rì hòu gēng sān rì jí

The divination is auspicious; regret vanishes. Nothing is without advantage. Without a beginning, there is an ending. First, on the seventh day, then after three days, again on the seventh day, after three days, it becomes favorable.

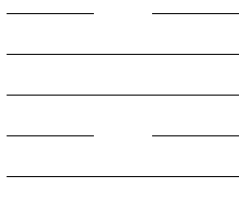
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巽在床下喪其資斧貞凶

xùn zài chuáng xià sàng qí zī fǔ zhēn xiōng

Wind beneath the bed brings loss of resources and tools - divination reveals misfortune.

58 兑 (duì) - The Joyous (Lake)



兑

duì

The Joyous (Lake)

Judgment

兑亨利贞

duì hēng lì zhēn

Joy brings success and benefit when divination is sought.

1

和兑吉

hé duì jí

Harmony brings forth auspicious expression.

2

孚兑吉悔亡

fú duì jí huǐ wáng

When trust is exchanged openly, good fortune emerges and regrets vanish.

3

來兑凶

lái duì xiōng

Approaching exchange brings misfortune.

4

商兑未寧介疾有喜

shāng duì wèi níng jiè jí yǒu xǐ

The negotiation is not yet settled, but this difficult situation will bring joy.

5

孚于剝有厲

fú yú bō yǒu lì

Trust emerges when stripping away reveals severity.

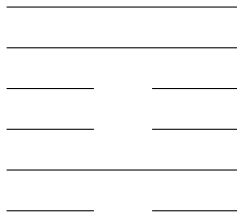
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引兑

yǐn duì

Draw forth joy

59 渙 (Huàn) - Dispersion



渙

Huàn

Dispersion

Judgment

亨王假有廟利涉大川利貞

hēng wáng jiǎ yǒu miào lì shè dà chuān lì zhēn

The king prospers when making offerings at the temple, bringing benefit when crossing the great river,
and advantage in divination.

1

用拯馬壯吉

yòng zhèng mǎ zhuàng jí

Auspicious to use assistance to strengthen horses.

2

渙奔其機悔亡

huàn bēn qí jī huǐ wáng

When scattered, rush to seize the opportunity and regret will vanish.

3

渙其躬无悔

huàn qí gōng wú huǐ

Dispersing one's body brings no regret

4

渙其群元吉渙有丘匪夷所思

Huàn qí qún yuán jí huàn yǒu qiū fěi yí suǒ sī

The dispersal of the group is fundamentally auspicious. When scattered, there is a mound that confounds all thought.

5

渙汗其大號渙王居无咎

huàn hàn qí dà hào huàn wáng jū wú jiǔ

Dispersed like sweat is that great pronouncement; when the king's residence dissolves, there is no blame.

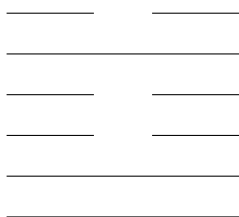
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渙其血去逖出无咎

huàn qí xuè qù tì chū wú jiǔ

Disperse the blood and depart far away—emerging without fault.

60 節 (jié) - Limitation



節

jié

Limitation

Judgment

節亨苦節不可貞

jié héng kǔ jié bù kě zhēn

Restraint brings success, but excessive restraint cannot be sustained.

1

不出戶庭無咎

bù chū hù tíng wú jiù

Remaining within the household courtyard avoids blame.

2

不出門庭凶

bù chū mén tíng xiōng

Not emerging from the courtyard gate brings misfortune.

3

不節若則嗟若無咎

bù jié ruò zé jiē ruò wú jiǔ

Without restraint there is blame; with restraint, there is no fault.

4

安節亨

ān jié hēng

When restraint is maintained, offerings flow smoothly.

5

甘節吉往有尚

Gān Jié Jí wǎng yǒu shàng

Sweetly restraining oneself brings good fortune in one's journey and inspires esteem.

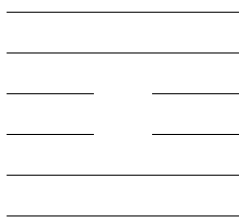
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苦節貞凶悔亡

kǔ jié zhēn xiōng huǐ wáng

Harsh restraint brings misfortune, but with steadfastness, regret vanishes.

61 中孚 (Zhōng Fú) - Inner Truth



中孚

Zhōng Fú

Inner Truth

Judgment

豚魚吉利涉大川利貞

tún yú jí lì shè dà chuān lì zhēn

The pig and fish bring good fortune. Crossing the great river benefits steadfastness.

1

虞吉有他勿用

Yú Jí yǒu tā wù yòng

Anticipate good fortune but do not use others.

2

鳴鶴在陰其子和之我有好爵吾與爾靡之

míng hè zài yīn qí zǐ hé zhī wǒ yǒu hǎo jiǎo wú yǔ ěr mí zhī

The crying crane is in the shadows with its young in harmony. I have a fine noble rank, and I will share it with you completely.

3

得敵或鼓或罷或泣或歌

dě dí huò gǔ huò bà huò qì huò gē

Upon facing an opponent, one might beat the drum, might stop, might weep, or might sing.

4

月幾望馬匹亡无咎

yuè jǐ wàng mǎ pǐ wáng wú jiù

As the moon nears fullness, the horses that flee bring no blame.

5

有孚攣如无咎

yǒu fú luǎn rú wú jiù

When there is sincere trust, even in binding situations, there will be no blame.

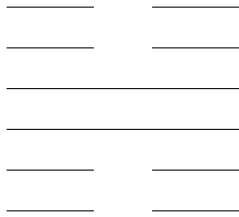
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翰音登于天貞凶

Hàn yīn dēng yú tiān zhēn xiōng

When writing reaches the heavens for divination, misfortune follows

62 小過 (Xiǎo Guò) - Small Excess



小過

Xiǎo Guò

Small Excess

Judgment

亨利貞可小事不可大事業小過有飛行利順不利逆

hēng lì zhēn kě xiǎo shì bù kě dà shì yè xiǎo guò yǒu fēi xíng lì shùn bù lì nì

Favorable and beneficial. Righteous in small matters but not in great undertakings. A minor misstep leads to swift progress. Beneficial to follow, not to oppose.

1

飛鳥以凶

fēi niǎo yǐ xiōng

Flying birds bring misfortune

2

過其祖遇其妣不及其君遇其臣无咎

guò qí zǔ yù qí bǐ bù jí qí jūn yù qí chén wú jiǔ

Crossing beyond one's ancestors, encountering one's deceased mother, not reaching one's lord but meeting one's officials—there is no blame.

3

弗過防之從或戕之凶

Fú guò fáng zhī cóng huò qiāng zhī xiōng

Do not surpass the defense. Following uncertainty brings harm—misfortune.

4

无咎弗過遇之往厲必戒勿用永貞

wú jiù fú guò yù zhī wǎng lì bì jiè wù yòng yǒng zhēn

No blame if you do not exceed. When encountering this, proceed with caution. You must be vigilant—never use it for permanent divination.

5

密雲不雨自我西郊公弋取彼在穴

mì yún bù yǔ zì wǒ xī jiāo gōng yì qǔ bǐ zài xué

Dense clouds bring no rain from me to the western outskirts; the elder hunts and captures them in their cave.

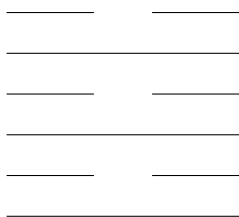
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弗遇過之飛鳥離之凶是謂災眚

Fú yù guò zhī fēi niǎo lí zhī xiōng shì wèi zāi shěng

If one fails to encounter the passing bird in flight, it departs - misfortune. This is called calamitous affliction.

63 既濟 (Jì Jì) - After Completion



既濟

Jì Jì

After Completion

Judgment

亨小利貞初吉終亂

hēng xiǎo lì zhēn chū jí zhōng luàn

Prosperous at first with small advantage in divination, auspicious at the beginning but ending in chaos.

1

曳其輪濡其尾无咎

yì qí lún rú qí wěi wú jiù

Dragging its wheels through water while wetting its tail brings no blame.

2

婦喪其葦勿逐七日得

fù sàng qí fēi wù zhú qī rì dé

When a woman loses her overgrown weeds, do not pursue. Within seven days, it will be obtained.

3

高宗伐鬼方三年克之小人勿用

Gāo zōng fá guǐ fāng sān nián kè zhī xiǎo rén wù yòng

King Gaozong attacked the Ghost Country for three years and conquered it. The common people should not be employed.

4

縹有衣袽終日戒

lǐ yǒu yī yī zhōng rì jiè

Elaborate garments are worn, yet vigilance continues throughout the day.

5

東鄰殺牛不如西鄰之禴祭實受其福

Dōng lín shā niú bù rú xī lín zhī yuè jì shí shòu qí fú

The eastern neighbor's ox slaughter does not compare to the western neighbor's autumn sacrifice, which truly receives its blessing.

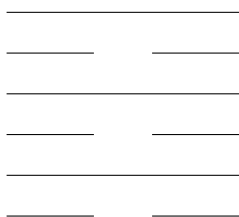
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濡其首厲

rú qí shǒu lì

Drenched head brings severity

64 未濟 (Wèi Jì) - Not Yet Crossed



未濟

Wèi Jì

Not Yet Crossed

Judgment

未濟亨小狐汔濟濡其尾无攸利

wèi jì héng xiǎo hú qì jì rú qí wěi wú yǒu lì

Not yet crossed. Auspicious. A small fox nearly fords the stream, its tail gets wet. Nothing here is favorable.

1

濡其尾吝

rú qí wěi lìn

Soaking its tail brings reluctance

2

曳其輪貞吉

yè qí lún zhēn jí

Pulling one's wheel brings true good fortune.

3

未濟征凶利涉大川

wèi jì zhēng xiōng lì shè dà chuān

Uncompleted crossing is a dangerous journey, yet advantageous to wade the great river

4

貞吉悔亡震用伐鬼方三年有賞于大國

zhēn jí huǐ wáng zhèn yòng fá guǐ fāng sān nián yǒu shǎng yú dà guó

Divination foretells good fortune with no regrets. When thunder strikes, use it to attack the spirit-lands.
After three years, receive rewards from the great nation.

5

貞吉无悔君子之光有孚吉

zhēn jí wú huǐ jūn zǐ zhī guāng yǒu fú jí

The divination is auspicious without regret. The noble one's radiance has trustworthiness—favorable.

6

有孚于飲酒无咎濡其首有孚失是

yǒu fú yú yǐn jiǔ wú jiù rú qí shǒu yǒu fú shī shì

When there is trust in drinking wine, there is no blame. Moisten the head with wine when there is trust,
but to lose that trust would be wrong.