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(dà yǒu) Great Possession

Great possession. Supreme success.

- Nine in the first place: No encounters with harm. No blame. There may be difficulties, but no blame.
- Nine in the second place: Great wagons, used to transport goods. You have a destination. No blame.
- Nine in the third place: A duke pays tribute to the ruler. Lesser people cannot do this.
- Nine in the fourth place: If you reject boastfulness, no blame.
- Six in the fifth place: Sincere mutual respect. Dangerous, fortunate.
- Nine at the top: From the sky above, a blessing on you. Good fortune. Nothing will be ineffectual.

### Image

Fire above the sky: the image of great possessions. You should retard evil and promote goodness, following Nature's essential will.

When fire is above the sky, it is visible near and far, illuminating all below it. This is a time of brilliance, but not necessarily a time for relaxation or overconfidence. With great possessions come great responsibilities to one's neighbors, and to the highest powers. Remember that this too shall pass, and act in a way that you will not regret when people below you now may be above you later. If you avoid boasting and share, you will minimize the envy your good fortune will arouse.

You may want to read hexagrams 28 and 55, which also describe times of abundance, the following hexagram 15 on modesty, and remember the top line of hexagram 1: even someone as great as a dragon will have reasons for regret if he is arrogant. A time of abundance is also a good time to limit your consumption, and save generously for leaner times, which will inevitably come, since no triumph lasts forever.

Shaughnessy, 136–137, 313.

Lynn, 223–229.

Wilhelm/Baynes, 59–63.