

33 Retiring/Young **Pig DUN**



RETIRING

Withdraw, conceal yourself, pull back; retreat in order to advance later; the Mountain Shrine.

MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

Charge to the Oracle: *Beings cannot simply reside in their places. Accept this and use the energy of Retiring. This means withdrawing.*

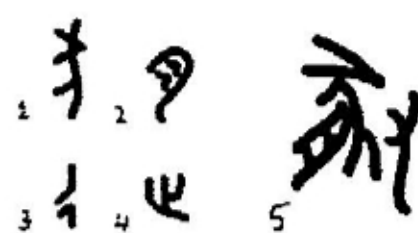
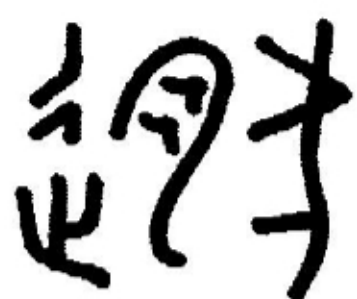
Retiring is a strategy and a sacrifice, the pig-sacrifice to the hidden powers. It suggests a tactical move, an army retiring or retreating using disguise, deception and guile, a retreat that allows you to conquer in the end. The retreat gathers and focuses positive qualities, connecting you to Heaven-energy, the Dragon Force. It leaves the Small People, those who simply adapt to circumstances, behind. It suggests a sojourn in the Mountain Shrine, talking to the Tiger Spirit, and the Mountain Men, the sages hidden in the mountains and beyond the borders, a retreat to a more primitive state, animal dances and transformation rituals. The pig involved is a sacrifice to the Ghost River and the hidden powers of Earth. It is both the animal used in this sacrifice and the *dun-ding* or pig-vessel. A herd of pigs was also a sign of the autumn rains and the coming retreat into winter, for they were released into the muddy stubble-filled fields to feed. Pig omens in general are sign of wealth and good fortune. Here the wealth comes through retiring.

THE RESPONSE

Retiring. Make an offering and you will succeed.

Advantageous Trial through the Small. Harvesting.

Retire, DUN: withdraw, conceal yourself, retreat; pull back in order to advance later; run away, flee, escape, hide; disappear, withdraw into obscurity; secluded, anti-social; fool or trick someone; the young pig, sacrifice to the Ghost River; the Mountain Shrine. The old character shows three footsteps and the sign for stop, and the signs for meat, a little pig and a hand making an offering. It suggests stopping in order to make the pig sacrifice to the underworld powers.



DUN⁴ (11806/162) shows a pig, SHI³ (1), and meat, ROU⁴. It includes CHOU⁴, going or road, and CHI⁴ which equals foot (3 and 4). Another version (5) shows a suckling pig taken by a hand – a pig offered in sacrifice.

Retiring describes your situation in terms of conflict and withdrawal. The way to deal with it is to pull back and seclude yourself in order to prepare for a better time. This is pleasing to the spirits. Through it they will give you success, power and the capacity to bring the situation to maturity. Putting your ideas to the trial brings profit and insight. Don't impose yourself on the world. Be small. Adapt to whatever crosses your path.

THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows an inner limit that connects with the spirit above. Below Heaven, the mountain. Retire and be coupled with Heaven. You can't stay where you are. Withdraw, pull back, decline involvement, and refuse connections. Keep people who busily seek their own advantage at a distance, not through hate but through a demanding severity that inspires fear and awe. Retiring is pleasing to the spirits. It is strong, appropriate and corresponds to the movement of the time. Be small, adaptable and flexible. Immerse yourself in the situation and endure. Knowing when to retire is a great and righteous thing!

THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

Mountain below Heaven. Retiring.

This is a time when Noble One distances Small People, not through hate but through awe.

Spirit's words bind us and establish fate while it awes and wars in Heaven. The Sacrificer is working with the Dragon. Heaven above struggles on, persistent and unwearied, while Mountain below limits and articulates what is complete to suggest what is beginning. This is Metal over Earth: an outer limit that works on the



inner field, drawing you nearer to Heaven's inspiring power. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by keeping the Small at a distance through his focus on real integrity. Make the sacrifice. A cycle is ending. Accumulate the spirit of the new.

TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL SIX

Retiring at the tail. Adversity, hungry souls and angry ghosts.

Make the pig sacrifice.

Do not act. Have a direction to go.

If you do not move, how could there be a disaster? Pulling back, you get caught in old plans and old promises. You can't cut through this yet. Be ready. Have a plan to use when you get a chance.

Direction: Find supportive friends. You are coupled with a creative force.

SIX AT SECOND

Retiring. Held in the yellow bull's skin.

Absolutely nothing can succeed in loosening this.

This means a firm purpose. You put on the shaman's mask. This is an inner retreat through which you see into things. Do not let go of what you have seen. It is your purpose and belongs with you. Work with these plans and these people.

Direction: You are coupled with a creative force.

NINE AT THIRD

Tied retiring. Pig bound for sacrifice.

There is affliction and adversity, hungry souls and angry ghosts.

Accumulate servants and concubines.

Wise Words! The Way opens.

Afflicting weariness does not allow Great affairs now. Attempting to retire, you become entangled in a web of difficulties, duties and connections, and you can't get out of this alone. Let others help you. Then you can begin to put it all at a distance.

Direction: Proceed step by step. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

NINE AT FOURTH

A fine pig.

Love and goodness through retiring for the Noble One. Follow the woman.

Wise Words! The Way opens.

Small People obstructed.

Small People can obstruct this. The sacrifice is accomplished. Goodness and love come through Retiring. Think about what you care for. It will open the Way. Keep greedy people who are eager to serve you at a distance now.

Direction: Proceed step by step. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

NINE AT FIFTH

Celebration pig! Excellence through Retiring.

Trial: Wise Words! The Way is open.

This is using the purpose correctly. The sacrifice is accomplished. Excellence comes through retiring. It will open the Way and give you a lot to do. Have no regrets. The Way is open.

Direction: Search on your own. Don't be afraid to stand alone. You are coupled to a creative force.

NINE ABOVE

Rich pig! Wealth and fertility through Retiring.

There is nothing that is not advantageous. Harvesting.

No place to doubt it! The sacrifice is accomplished. By retiring, you bring wealth and fertility to everything around you. You are doing exactly what is needed and will be very successful at it.

Direction: This is a significant influence. It will couple you with a creative force.