

2 Field/Yielding

KUN



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FIELD

Earth Altar; nourish, provide for; gentle, receptive, welcoming; give all things form; the Dark Animal Goddess and her divinatory tradition; the 'flow', the female sexual organ; Gate of Change and a primal seed.

MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

Charge to the Oracle: *Heaven and Earth exist without beginning or end. This is the primal power of realization. Use it as a spirit helper.*

Field is part of a pair that forms two of the 'gates' of Change. Field/Yielding supplies security and brings things to a good end through the Mare. She is autumn, harvest, the River-Mountain marriage ceremonies, military expeditions and sacrifices at the Earth Altar, home of the spirit that protects, assures fertility and harvest and wards off disaster. From this centre, sacrifice is offered to River and the underworld waters and to Mountain, who connects with Heaven and the Four Directions, the 'four sides' or Hidden Lands of the square field of Earth. An age-old tradition underlies this, the tradition of the Dark Animal Goddess or Valley Spirit that goes back into the Neolithic, often symbolized as jade and jade objects. It suggests *Nu Gua*, the one who made our bodies and the Two, the Couple who protect us. The Way-Power Classic says:

The Valley Spirit never dies. It is named Dark Animal Goddess. The door of the Dark Animal Goddess is called the Root of Heaven and Earth. Like an endless thread she endures. You can call upon her easily. He who has found this mother understands he is a child. When he understands he is her child and clings to her. He will be without danger when the body dies.

This Goddess carries an ancient heritage of symbols. The Mother of the World (*Tianxia Mu*), so quiet and so empty, acts through these images and seeds to give security and refuge to all creatures. She is the divine, clairvoyant something of the Woman's Way.

Kun/Field opens, yields and enfolds all things. She is the flow, the provider, welcome everywhere, the opening that receives the seed of Force. Her hands give blessings. She receives the dead. She is the Mare roaming the earth tirelessly. In the body, Field acts through the spleen and stomach, stabilizing and transforming nourishment. She rots and ripens, governs the free flow of ideas, controls and protects central energy.

THE RESPONSE

Field. Source of Success: Advantageous Trial through the Mare.

Make an offering and you will succeed.

Noble One has a direction to go.

'First you lose the Way, then you acquire it.'

Advantageous to find a Lord. Harvesting.

'Acquire partners in Southwest, lose partners in Northeast.'

Trial: You are safe and secure. Wise Words! The Way is open.

Field/Yielding, KUN: the earth, the world, space, concrete existence, the power to give things form and existence; moon, mother, wife, belly, servants, ministers; supple, adaptable, receptive, yielding; welcome, consent, respond to, agree, follow; give birth to, bear fruit; nourish, provide for, serve, work. The old character shows the tree at the Earth Altar and two hands making sacrifice to the Ghost River. In its oldest version it is a double spiral, symbol of the primordial waters and rhythm of birth and death.



KUN¹ (6477/32) is composed of **TU³**, earth, an earth altar (1) and **SHEN¹**, spirit, ghost, power of expression (2).

Field describes your situation in terms of the primal power to nourish and give things form. Its symbols are the Earth, the moon, the mother, the devoted servant, and the Mare. You are confronted with many conflicting forces. The way to deal with them is to



yield to each thing, nourishing it and providing what it needs to exist. You are in contact with the fundamental power to give things form. This will yield results. It will open up a whole new cycle of time. At first you will be confused by the profusion of things. Keep your sense of purpose. Do whatever presents itself to be done without judging it. This brings profit and insight. You can acquire what you desire and achieve mastery. Join with others in concrete projects, and look to the future, the southwest. Let go of the past, the northeast, but don't shirk your own responsibility in the moment of lonely trial. Put your ideas to the trial. Remain calm and assured. Don't take the lead. This generates meaning and good fortune by releasing transformative energy.

THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows an enduring power to yield and serve. The potency of Earth. Let your power to realise things be so generous that it carries everything that approaches you. Field gives birth. It yields and receives. Its power to accept and give things form is unlimited. Reflect this through your generosity. Cherish each thing so its essential quality shines through. Accept it and help it grow. Identify yourself with the Earth. Be fertile and tireless. Move without drawing boundaries. Use the oracle to stay in touch with the Way. At first you will be confused and let go of the Way. Don't be worried by your confusion. Through yielding sincerely to each thing, you will acquire a new set of rules. Joining with people on concrete projects can help you. Letting go of the past as you bring things to completion will bring rewards. Put your ideas to the trial. Remain calm and quiet. Accept hidden processes and energies. Don't define things by setting up boundaries.

THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

The potency of Earth. Field.

A time when Noble One uses munificent power to carry all the beings.

Offer service at the Earth Altar. The broad Field of Earth yields and brings forth what sustains us, the spark of yin born at the centre of the yang. This is the Earth Moment, common labour that produces

concrete results through service. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by yielding to its power and extending its benefits to all.

TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL SIX

Field. Treading the frost culminates in hardening ice.

The marriage time.

Yin begins to stabilize. Yield and follow its Way. The marriage time and the River-Mountain festival. Things solidify and take form out of the watery mass of feelings. Act slowly, carefully and persistently to build a base.

Direction: Something important is returning. Provide what is needed.

SIX AT SECOND

Field. Straight, to the Four Sides and Great. The Ancestor's Eyes.

No need to repeat or rehearse.

Nothing not advantageous.

Straightening the four sides, the Way of Earth is shining. Sacrifice at the Earth Altar. The time is ripe for military expeditions and harvests. Everything is correct and the ancestors are with you. Commit yourself fully. Go right to the point. You don't have to plan or rehearse anything. Everything is there. This connection will benefit everything in your life.

Direction: Organize your forces. This is the return of something great. Provide what is needed.

SIX AT THIRD

Field. Trial: a jade talisman, held in the spirit's mouth.

A containing beauty that empowers.

If someone follows the King's service,

The time of no accomplishment comes to an end.

Use this season to shoot forth. You will know the Great shining. Act through a design that contains and conceals. This is the place of hidden excellence. The spirits hold you. If you don't succumb to



the need to accomplish something immediately, you can bring all your plans to a beautiful completion. Think of what is distant. This is a far-reaching time with far-reaching effects.

Direction: Keep your words clear and close to the facts. Release bound energy. The situation is already changing.

SIX AT FOURTH

Field. Bundled in the bag. The fertile chaos.

Without fault, without praise.

Careful consideration won't harm you. Grain in bags, hidden potentials, and Old Mr Hundun, the originating chaos. The situation is pregnant with possibilities. There is nothing to blame or praise, for what you want is already there.

Direction: Build reserves of strength for future joy. Re-imagine the situation. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

SIX AT FIFTH

Field. Yellow lower garments.

Wise Words: The Way to the Source is open.

This is the central pattern. Rites at the Hidden Temple in the presence of the First Ancestor and Great Intermediary. There are processes at work that open the way to enduring connections. Accept them, even though things may look confusing. Have patience and trust. What is happening now will affect you deeply and positively. This will be the source of great good fortune and meaningful events.

Direction: Change your group. Strip away your old ideas. Be open and provide what is needed.

SIX ABOVE

Field. Dragons grapple in the countryside.

Their blood flows down, indigo and yellow.

The old way is exhausted. The dragons struggle and mate at the border of sky and the Earth, and the rains flow down. The new time is coming. Yield, give way, restore the peace. Do not try to dominate the situation.

Direction: Strip away your old ideas. Be open and provide what is needed.