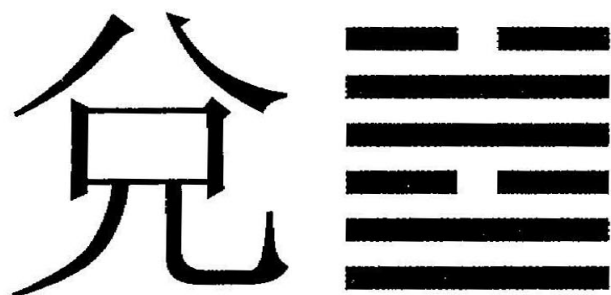


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(duì) Joy

Joy. Success. Moderate persistence is effective.

- Nine in the first place: Harmonious joy; good fortune.
- Nine in the second place: Sincere joy; good fortune. Regrets disappear.
- Six in the third place: If you seek joy, misfortune.
- Nine in the fourth place: Haggling over joy: not yet at peace. If you avoid illness, happiness.
- Nine in the fifth place: Sincerity. In peeling, danger.
- Six at the top: Led to joy.

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Linked lakes: joy. This is how you should treat friends: discussing and practicing.

Joy and friendships are like linked lakes: they replenish one another. Whether fed by springs within them or by rivers flowing into them, lakes store up life-giving water in beautiful pools reflecting the light and the environment around them. Lakes offer water to all who come to drink, bathe, water their crops, or simply to cavort and be cooled on hot days of leisure. True joy is like these linked lakes: it does not stand alone, but accepts the sources of life feeding it, stores them and offers them to those drawn to the lake, and sends the waters on to a linked lake and, ultimately, to a river leading to the sea.

The qualities which nourish friendship also nurture true joys: sincerity and receptivity. However, actively or directly seeking joy is misdirected energy that tends to result in misfortune. So is haggling over joy. It is not something that can survive such dispute, though being prudent enough to avoid illness does not diminish joy but increases it.

Instead, joy is like linked lakes: based on a natural balance between receptivity and sharing. Like water, joy cannot be grasped. If it is not released and shared, it either distorts the shape of the lake by flooding or grows fetid and repulsive.

Shaughnessy, 118–119, 307–308.

Lynn, 507–511.

Wilhelm/Baynes, 223–226.