

22 *Adorning/Bringing Home the Bride* BI



Beautify, embellish; display courage and beauty; elegance;
make appearance reflect inner worth; wedding procession,
bring home the bride; site of creative transformation.

MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

Charge to the Oracle: Beings cannot come together without a new way to unite. Bring the bride home. Accept this and use the energy of Adorning. This means beautifying things.

Adorning, which means to decorate, beautify, ornament in magnificent, resplendent, many-coloured beauty, primarily refers to a marriage procession, when the groom and his horsemen go to fetch the bride and escort her back to the ancestral home. It is a festive procession that crosses the river to the paradise time, surrounded by the Bright Presence. It represents vigorous measures to establish the harmony of above and below, a display of brilliance and courage that reflects inner worth. Medically, this process clears away stagnation of yin energy and opens the yin channels. The root is cowries, shells used as money and presented as ritual offerings, that suggest the vulva. It connects the signs for heart, bamboo strips for writing and the act of revealing and making the omens manifest. The procession itself would have been striking, the horsemen plumed and decked out, the sleek horses plunging through the river, bamboo screens and red leather harness tossing many tassels, all surrounding the beautifully adorned bride. 'You came for me with horses to take me and my dowry away,' she says. 'The River Wen is swollen, the escort a great band. Treading this road is easy: the bride goes to pleasure.'

THE RESPONSE

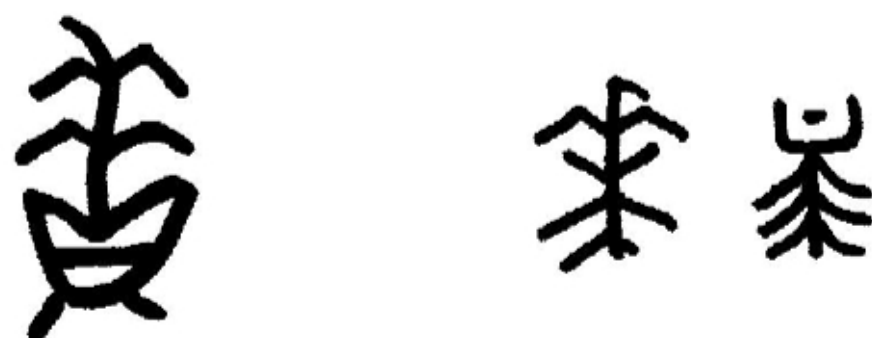
Adorning. Wedding Procession. Make an offering and you will succeed.

Work through the Small.

Advantageous to have a place to go. Harvesting.



Adorn, *Bi*: embellish, ornament, beautify; grace and elegance; cosmetics, make-up; inner worth that shines in appearance; energetic, brave, eager, passionate; display of courage. The old character shows a flowering plant growing from a cowry shell, sign of worth and symbol of the female.



*Bi*⁴ (8841/154) represents a flowering plant, which means brilliant, luminous, ornate, bright, decoration, to honour. This may be *Artemisia Stelleriana*, important in pharmacology as a restorer of energy.

Adorning describes your situation in terms of its outward appearance. You can deal with it by decorating, beautifying and embellishing the way things are presented. This builds up intrinsic value. Be elegant. Be brilliant. Display your valour. Think of this as a festive marriage procession. Let the way you present yourself signal the changes in your life. This is pleasing to the spirits. Through it they will give you success, effective power and the capacity to bring the situation to maturity. Be flexible and adapt to what presents itself to be done. Have a place to go. Impose a direction on things. That brings profit and insight.

THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows an outer limit that produces a radiant display. Beneath the mountain there is fire. Release tensions and display energy. People can't come together carelessly. They must be embellished to be seen. At present you lack a face, a means of expression. Brighten and clarify all the different parts of how you present yourself. Don't cut off social and legal processes that are already underway. Adorning things is pleasing to the spirits. Through it they will give you success, effective power and the capacity to bring the situation to maturity. Be adaptable. This reveals the strength of the underlying design and its source. Having a direction now will help reveal Heaven's design. Brightening and clarifying the pattern, and stopping there, reveals it to the people

involved. Contemplate the overall pattern. Look at the transformation the seasons can bring. Contemplate the pattern of the people involved. Use gradual, continuous change to accomplish things in the human world.

THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

Fire below the Mountain. Adorning. A wedding procession.

This is a time when Noble One brightens the multitude's standards without daring to be severe.

Spirit words bind us and accomplish fate, revealing its presence in the Bright Omens. The Sacrificer is working with the Bright Omens. Mountain above limits and articulates what is complete to suggest what is beginning, while Fire below radiates light and warmth and people experience the Bright Presence of things. This is Earth over Fire: an outer limit that articulates inner beauty. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by brightening the goals of the myriad people. Understanding without judging or attempting to control them, he is carried by the Bright Omens. Set out on your journey.

TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL NINE

Adorning his feet.

He leaves the chariot and goes on foot.

The riders set out for the bride.

Righteous to ride on nothing. Adorn yourself with courage and independence. Make your own way. Start out alone. Don't take the easy way out.

Direction: Stabilize your desires. Things are already changing.

SIX AT SECOND

Adorning his growing hair and beard.

The horses are sleek. Have patience.

This is associating with the above and rising. Be brave and patient. Display yourself and your virtues. It will take time, but a new connection to a really superior person is already there. If you adorn



yourself with elegance and patience, it will lift you into a better sphere. This is a boy letting his hair grow in preparation for the ceremony in which he puts on the cap of manhood, becomes a warrior and acquires a ritual presence.

Direction: Collect your forces. Prepare for an active time. If you let yourself be led, you can realise hidden potential. The situation is already changing.

NINE AT THIRD

Adorned and sleek, impregnated with this.

Trial: Wise Words! This is an ever-flowing Way.

The result is a great grave mound. Let the coming connection impregnate you. This is the one. Don't try to bring it to an end. This can open the Way for you and all your descendants.

Direction: Take things in. Be open and provide what is needed.

SIX AT FOURTH

Adorned and venerable, they ride the soaring white horse.

Those you encounter are not at all outlaws. Seek the marriage alliance.

A proper place to doubt. Complete this without being excessive. Attribute great wisdom and worth to this connection. It can carry you like the sacred flying horse. These people are not trying to steal anything from you. This is the time for a marriage, not distrust. This can be an ever-flowing source of inspiration and pleasure.

Direction: Spread light, warmth and clarity. Don't be afraid to act alone. You are connected with a creative force.

SIX AT FIFTH

Adorning in the hilltop garden. The marriage gifts.

The roll of undyed silk is little, little.

Distress. Wise Words! Completing this opens the Way.

There will be rejoicing. You are now asked to become a formal member of this group and present a sacrifice at the ancestral graves. You must offer something at the shrine, the marriage gifts, but you have very little to give. Go through with this, even if you are

embarrassed, for it will open the Way. Soon you will have great cause to rejoice.

Direction: Find supportive friends. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

NINE ABOVE

Adorned in white. The riders arrive with the bride.

This is not a mistake.

This means acquiring a purpose in the above. The culmination of the procession. White is the colour of death and thus what is plain, clear, pure and releases the spirit. Don't hide things. Bring out the essentials. Adorn yourself with real virtue. It is necessary to know the truth here, no matter what it costs. This is not a mistake.

Direction: Accept the difficult task. It releases bound energy and delivers from sorrow. The situation is already changing.