## ≣泰壯 26

泰壯利貞 初九壯于止正凶有復 九二貞吉 九三小人用壯君子用亡貞厲羝羊觸藩羸其角 九四貞吉悔亡藩块不羸壯于泰車之緮 六五亡羊于易无悔 尚六羝羊觸藩不能退不能遂无攸利根則吉

## ≣大壯 34

大壯利貞 初九壯于趾征凶有孚 九二貞吉 九三小人用壯君子用罔貞厲羝羊觸藩羸其角 九四貞吉悔亡藩決不羸壯于大輿之輹 六五喪羊于易无悔 上六羝羊觸藩不能退不能遂无攸利艱則吉

# 26. TAIZHUANG, "GREAT MATURITY"¹ ≣

Great Maturity: Beneficial to determine.

## Initial Nine:

Mature in the foot; to be upright<sup>2</sup> is inauspicious; there is a return.<sup>3</sup>

#### Nine in the Second:

Determination is auspicious.

#### Nine in the Third:

The little man uses maturity, the gentleman uses loss<sup>4</sup>; determination is dangerous. A ram butts a fence, and weakens its horns.

## Nine in the Fourth:

Determination is auspicious; regret is gone. The fence<sup>5</sup> block<sup>6</sup> is not weakened, but is matured by the great cart's<sup>7</sup> axle-strut.<sup>8</sup>

### Six in the Fifth:

Losing<sup>9</sup> sheep at Yi; there is no regret.

#### Elevated Six:

A ram butts a fence, is not able to retreat and is not able to follow; there is no place beneficial; difficult<sup>10</sup> but then auspicious.