

# **59 Dispersing/ Gushing HUAN**



DISPERSING

Dissolve, clear up, scatter; dispel illusions, break up obstacles,  
eliminate resistance; melt the rigid; blood of sacrifice;  
dispersing the self, end of normal life;  
site of creative transformation.

## MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

**Charge to the Oracle:** *Stimulate it then scatter it abroad. The blood of sacrifice. Accept this and use the energy of Dispersing. This means radiance and the bright omens.*

Dispersing means to radiate and disperse energy, to distribute, expand, spread and scatter. It is something brilliant or striking that dissolves, cleanses and frees. As an oracular response it indicates: 'The omen is good. Sacrifice is accepted. A time to act. Disperse the obstacles.' In its oldest meanings it is a symbolic death, the blood of sacrifice gushing or spurting from the victim and the celebrant who lays out the offerings at the Earth Altar. As this blood flows over things, both literal and metaphorical, it clears away obstacles and activates spirit in accord with Heaven. Like the tributaries that flow into a great river, its transformative quality opens the way to blessing.

## THE RESPONSE

**Dispersing.** Blood flows from the sacrifice.

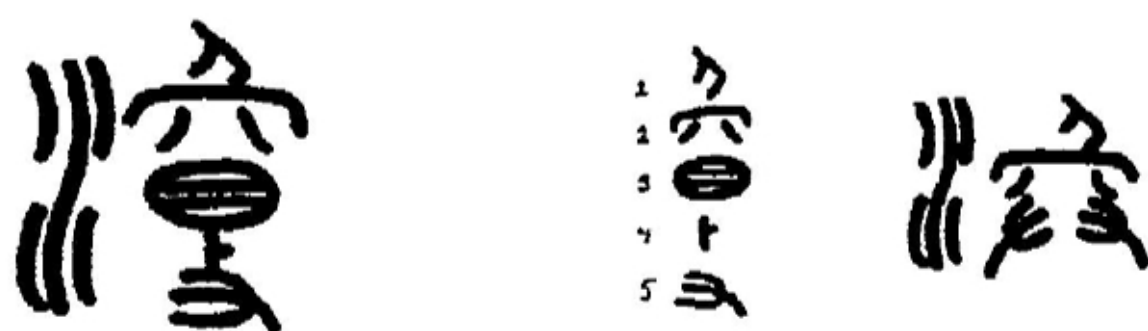
**Make an offering and you will succeed.**

**The King approaches the Ancestral Temple to receive blessings for all.**

**Advantageous to step into the Great Stream.**

**Advantageous Trial. Harvesting.**

**Disperse, HUAN:** scatter clouds, clear away obstacles, dispel illusions, fear and suspicion; clear things up, dissolve resistance; untie, separate, change; mobilize the rigid, melt ice; fog lifting, mists clearing; blood gushing from a sacrifice, ample flow; *also:* long, deep, far away; fix one's gaze on; high antiquity. The old character shows the Ghost River and a man at the entrance to a cave with a knife in his hands.



HUÀN (4962/85) shows water or river, SHUI<sup>3</sup> and XIONG<sup>4</sup>, made up of a person (1) at the entrance of a cave or abyss (2-3), looking all around with a knife or stick (4) in his hand (5). The later character shown on the right suggests looking at something beautiful while passing it from hand to hand.

Dispersing describes your situation in terms of the possibility of eliminating misunderstandings, illusions and obstacles. The way to deal with it is to clear away what is blocking clarity and understanding. Make an offering and you will succeed. Scatter the clouds, melt the ice, dispel fear and illusions, clear up misunderstandings, and eliminate suspicions. Let the fog lift and the sun shine through. 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 like the King who imagines a temple full of images that unite people and connect them with greater forces. This is the right time to embark on a significant enterprise or to enter the Stream of Life with a purpose. Put your ideas to the trial. That brings profit and insight.

### THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows fluid movement gently penetrating the world. The wind moves above the stream. Take things in and provide what is needed. When something is expressed it scatters and spreads clarity. This is Dispersing. Dispersing means that the light shines through. The early Kings used this time to make offerings to the highest powers and establish temples. Dispersing pleases the spirits; through it they will give you success, effective power and the capacity to bring the situation to maturity. What is solid and strong keeps coming without being exhausted. What is supple and flexible acquires the outer situation and connects with the strong above. Be like the King who imagines a temple full of images that connect with greater forces. Step into the Stream of Life. Make ready your vehicle, the boat that will carry you, and go on to achieve something solid.

**Wind moves above Stream. Dispersing.**

**This is a time when Early Kings made sacrifice to the High Lord and established the altars.**



DISPERSING

*Spirit rewards those toiling in the Pit, working through those who lay out the offerings. The Lady of Fates is working with the Ghost River. Wind and Wood above enter subtly, penetrating, pervading and coupling, while Rushing Water below dissolves direction and shape, flowing on through toil and danger. This is Wood over Water: an inner stream that permeates the outer world, dissolving and dispersing obstacles. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by emulating the ancient rulers who established the connection with the High Lord by creating symbols through which we can share their blessing. Work through subtle penetration. This involves fate. Find the common source.*

#### TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL SIX

**Dispersing. The blood of sacrifice.**

**Use the strength of a horse to rescue this.**

**Wise Words! Invigorating strength opens the Way.**

*This means yielding to the impulse. This affair is in trouble, and you must come to the rescue. Be willing to make a sacrifice. If you really rouse yourself, you can open the Way for the spirit to flow. Direction: A deep and sincere connection. Take things in. Be open and provide what is needed.*

NINE AT SECOND

**Dispersing the obstacles. Blood flows over the altar table.**

**Fleeing your support.**

**The cause for sorrow disappears.**

*You acquire what you desire. Let go of what you habitually depend on and activate your creative spirit. Open yourself to the new. This will bring clarity and disperse the obstacles you are confronting. Your frustration will disappear and you will obtain what you desire.*



*Direction:* Let everything come into view. Strip away old ideas. Be open and provide what is needed.

SIX AT THIRD

**Dispersing the obstacles. Blood flows over his body.**

**The cause for sorrow disappears.**

*Locate your purpose outside.* Disperse the obstacles to the spirit. Don't identify with your need to express yourself or your craving for personal power. Focus entirely on the needs of the work. That way there will be no cause for sorrow and the blessing can flow.

*Direction:* If you let yourself be led, you can realise hidden potential. The situation is already changing.

SIX AT FOURTH

**Dispersing the obstacles. Blood flows over the flock.**

**Wise Words! The Way to the Source is open.**

**Disperse them and go to the hilltop shrine.**

**You are not in hiding, this is a place to ponder.**

**'It is not what one would ordinarily think.'**

*This is the Great Shining.* Disperse the obstacles to the spirit. Let go of the flock of thoughts that usually surround you. You have a great opportunity now and you need to see it clearly. Go where you can talk to the spirits. This is not simply going into hiding. You need a place to ponder things deeply. The moment you do this, the new will come shining through.

*Direction:* Stay out of quarrels and wrangles. Find supportive friends. Gather energy for an important new move.

NINE AT FIFTH

Dispersing sweat, a King's command.

Blood flows over the King's residence.

This is not a mistake.

*This is correcting the situation.* You are involved in a great project. Work hard to disperse the obstacles to achievement. Don't think about anything else now. This is not a mistake. In the end this will correct your entire situation. The centre is changing. Be part of it. *Direction:* There is something immature in the situation that needs to be nourished. Take things in. Be open and provide what is needed.

NINE ABOVE

Disperse the bad blood.

Leave it, send it away, then come forth.

This is not a mistake.

*This is putting harm at a distance.* Disperse the obstacles to connection. Remove the cause for conflict. Exorcize it. Send it far away. Then you can emerge into the light and have the place you deserve. You make no mistake in doing this.

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

