



35 *Flourishing/ A Rising Sun* JIN



FLOURISHING

Emerge into the light; advance, be noticed; give and receive gifts; dawn of a new day.

MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

Charge to the Oracle: *You cannot simply invigorate things. A Rising Sun. Accept this and use the energy of prospering. This means advancing.*

'At the rising of the sun, everything on Earth is pushed into sprouting.' The root of Flourishing is the spirit that protects and animates the sun. Suns and kings or powerful figures are synonymous, so this is also a Rising Sun, the emergence of a powerful noble recognized at the centre of power, the Royal Court. Literally, it is Kang Hou, younger brother of King Wu, who was given lands and titles twice after the battle of Muye and the takeover of the Shang. He is the Powerful Prince, possibly a war leader who now turns to peace. Here he is emblem of the good feudal lord, and his flourishing signifies a return of peace and prosperity after the War of the Mandate. It also suggests the Sun Tree and the suns or *jun*-ravens who, bathed by their mother Xihe, fly each day to rest in the Moon Tree and return on the underworld river. These suns were seen as the Royal Ancestors who recognized and were received by their descendants through the *bin*-sacrifice or 'guesting'.

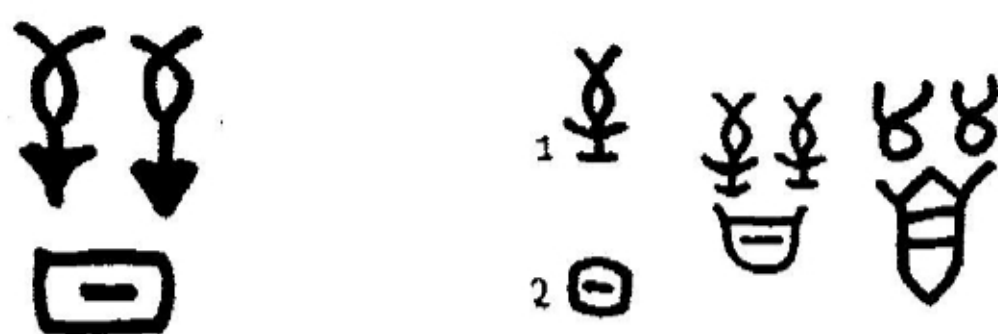
THE RESPONSE

Flourishing. A Rising Sun. Joy and delight to the Prince of Kang.

Gifts of horses that multiply in multitudes.

In one day you are received three times.

Flourish, JIN: Emerge into the light; advance and be recognized; receive gifts; spread prosperity, the dawn of a new day; increase, progress; grow and flourish, as young plants in the sun; go forward, rise, be promoted received in audience; permeate, impregnate; spirit that animates and protects the sun; a rising sun, a new king, royal ancestors. The old character shows the sun, the horizon and two plants flourishing.



JIN (1960/72) shows two arrows ZHI⁴ (1) being put into a container (2) which also represents the sun RI⁴, suggesting being brought forward, presented. It also represents Kang Hou mating his horses three times a day. In that case (1) becomes a phallus and (2) a vulva.

Flourishing describes your situation in terms of emerging slowly and surely into the full light of day. The way to deal with it is to give freely in order to help things emerge and flourish. Be calm in your strength and poise. Take delight in things. Give gifts of strength and spirit to enhance those connected with you. You will be received by the higher powers three times in a single day.

THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows light emerging from the covering Earth. Brightness issues forth above the Earth. The time has come to re-imagine the situation. Invigorating strength has carried you forward. This implies advancing, exerting yourself, furthering the development of things, stepping into the light. Use the source of this new light to brighten your own power to realise the Way. Prospering is a time to advance. Be yielding and join with others in order to brighten your own great idea. What is flexible and adaptable is advancing and will move you to the position above. Be calm in your strength and poise and give gifts of strength and spirit. You will be recognized by the higher powers.

THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

Brightness comes out of Earth. Flourishing.

This is a time when Noble One uses originating enlightenment to brighten his power and virtue.

Offered service at the Earth Altar, spirit reveals itself in the Bright Omens. Bright Omens arise from the Field. Fire above radiates light and warmth and people experience the Bright Presence of things, while Earth below yields and sustains. This is Fire over



Earth: brightness, warmth and awareness emerge from the field and are recognized. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by using the light that emanates from the source to enhance his power to actualize the Way. Make the sacrifice. A cycle is ending.

TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL SIX

Flourishing, advancing with brandished weapons. A Rising Sun.

Wise Words! Trial: the Way is open.

There is a net of relations that connect to the spirits.

You will be enriched. This is not a mistake.

Moving alone and correcting it, not a victim of fate. At the beginning of your rise, you feel held back. Don't worry. You are connected through a net of spiritual relations. Advance vigorously. This situation will enrich you. It is definitely not a mistake.

Direction: Bite through the obstacles. Re-imagine the situation. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

SIX AT SECOND

Flourishing, then apprehensive. A Rising Sun.

Wise Words! Trial: the Way is open.

Accept this fine armour and the blessing of the Queen Mother.

Using the centre and correcting. You set out, but feel anxious and sorrowful. Don't worry. The Way is open. Take on this difficult task and receive the Queen Mother's blessing.

Direction: Gather energy for a decisive new move.

SIX AT THIRD

Flourishing. The crowds are loyal and sincere. A Rising Sun.

The omen is fulfilled. The cause for sorrow disappears.

This is moving with the above. Everything is in order. People have confidence in you. Don't hold back. Give of yourself unstintingly. Let your sun shine on all. Your sorrows will vanish.

Direction: Begin your travels. Don't be afraid to act alone.

NINE AT FOURTH

Flourishing. Advancing like a bushy-tailed mouse.

Trial: adversity, hungry souls and angry ghosts.

Not an appropriate situation. Though you have the strength to advance, you are being timid, furtive and scattered. As you prosper, greedy people and bad memories attack you. Make a bold move. Don't give up what you know is right.

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

SIX AT FIFTH

Flourishing. A Rising Sun. The cause for sorrow disappears.

'Letting go or acquiring, have no cares.'

Wise Words! Go on, the Way is open,

There is nothing that is not advantageous. Harvesting.

Go on, there will be rewards. All your sorrows will vanish. Let your sun shine on all. Don't worry about anything; simply give yourself to the work. The Way is open and the time is right. Everything will benefit from this endeavour.

Direction: Do not be the victim and identify with the old. Proceed step by step. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

NINE ABOVE

Flourishing with lowered horns. A Rising Sun.

Adversity, hungry souls and angry ghosts.

Hold fast and attack the capital.

Wise Words! The Way is open.

Trial for distress: this is not a mistake.

The Way is not shining yet. You can control the situation through direct action. Hold fast and deal with your own troubles first. You have to confront the negative images you have of things, based on past experience. This is difficult, but it opens the Way. Though you may feel distressed, this is not a mistake. Attack and take the capital city.

Direction: Gather energy in order to respond when the call comes. Re-imagine the situation. Gather energy for a decisive new move.