

## 58 Open/Expression

DUI



Communication, self-expression; opportunity; pleasure, joy, excitement; persuade, exchange; the marketplace; calling the spirits; a seed figure.

### MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

**Charge to the Oracle:** *It enters then it stimulates you. Accept this and use the energy of the Open. This means stimulating.*

Open is the Joyous Dancer, the *wu* or spirit-medium who calls down, mates with and speaks for the *shen* or spirits. She is instrumental in opening the fields in spring, going up to the Mountain Shrine to meet the Tiger Spirit and bringing back the fates of beings who are rejoining the human community. She is the Young Ancestress who conceives by stepping in a footprint of Di, the High Lord, or becomes pregnant after swallowing the egg of the Dark Bird. In all things, she is the mediator, the one whose inspiring words bring joy. We see her in the luminous vapours rising from open waters, fertile marshes and sunlit lakes and in the words from people's mouths that connect and inspire us. Her character is also read as joy, delight and pleasure (*yue*). She is words that connect people, and she presides over the marketplace where people come together and news passes from mouth to mouth. She inspires sexuality and satisfaction, expressed as the moment when the harvest is home and the winter secure. She is the stimulating and loosening one, persuasive speech, delight and freedom from constraint, the Joyous Dancer whose words make the spirit present here among us.

As a spirit guide Open leads through joy and cheering words, magic and pleasure. She dances with the *shen* and feels the spirit in her body and gives it words. She is rising mists and open water. She gladdens all things that welcome her. She is a dancing goat and a sheep. In the body, Open acts through the lungs, skin and nervous system, regulating the rhythm of life, making energy descend and disperse. It connects the surface with the central nervous system, and is involved in sexual stimulation and the power of inner images.

Open. Express it. Make an offering and you will succeed.

Advantageous Trial. Harvesting.

Open/Expression, *DUI*: interact, interpenetrate, an open surface, open a passage or way; opportunity; express yourself, persuade, cheer, urge on; delight, pleasure, joy, excitement; responsive, free; gather, exchange, barter, trade; speech and words; the mists that rise from water. The old character shows a person, an open mouth, and the joyous words that emerge. It is the root of the word 'to speak' and suggests the old spirit-mediums.



*DUI* (11757/10) shows a person (3) with an upturned face and opened mouth (1) and the words of the spirit (2) that rise from it. 4 and 5 are variants.

Open/Expression describes your situation in terms of opening communication, pleasure and exchange. The way to deal with it is express yourself openly and interact with others. Cheer people up and urge them on. Talk, bargain, barter, exchange information. Enjoy yourself and free others from constraint. This is pleasing to the spirits. Through it they will give you success, effective power and the capacity to bring the situation to maturity.

### THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows expression and interaction between people. The mists come together. Find a supportive group. Stay inside it. When you penetrate something, you must rouse it to action. Open means stimulating things through expression. It means being visible and visiting people. Join with friends to discuss and practise things. What is strong and solid is in the centre. What is supple and adaptable is outside. Put your ideas to the trial through expressing them and urging people on. That way you both yield and serve Heaven and connect with others for mutual benefit. If you explain things to people before they set to work, they will



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forget how hard the labour is. If you explain why something is difficult and oppressive, they will even face death willingly. By explaining the central idea, you encourage people at their tasks.

## THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

**Mists coming together. Open.**

**This is a time when Noble One talks with partners and friends, explaining through repeating.**

*Spirit speaks and spreads joy through the Intermediaries. This is the Joyous Dancer. Rising Mists stimulate and fertilize, joyous words cheer and inspire. It is the Metal Moment: Joyous Dancer calls the spirits, inspires and reveals innate form. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by repeatedly engaging in spreading the words and the works of the spirit. Work through subtle penetration. This involves fate.*

## TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL NINE

**Harmonious Opening. Express it.**

**Wise Words! The Way is open.**

*Do not doubt this movement. Open yourself to this influence. Expect real harmony to develop. The Way is open. Don't hold back.*

*Direction: Look within to find the way out. Find supportive friends. Gather energy for a decisive new move.*

NINE AT SECOND

**Opening. A connection to the spirit will carry you through. Express it.**

**Wise Words! The Way is open.**

**The cause for sorrow disappears.**

*This is a trustworthy purpose. Open yourself to this influence. It will open a whole new world. Reach out. The Way is open. Old sorrows and frustrations will simply vanish.*

*Direction: Follow the stream of events. Proceed step by step. Gather energy for a decisive new move.*



## SIX AT THIRD

**Coming Opening. Trap! The Way closes.**

*This is not an appropriate situation.* This may look like an interesting opportunity, but there is nothing in it. Do not open yourself to this. Turn away or be trapped. The Way is closing.

*Direction:* Be resolute. You are connected to a creative force.

## NINE AT FOURTH

**Opening, bargaining words. No peace yet. Express it.**

**Enclose the contention and there will be rejoicing.**

*There will be a reward.* You are discussing this opportunity and everyone's temperature is rising. Put a clear limit on negative emotions. If you actively seek harmony, the situation will soon be filled with joy.

*Direction:* Articulate your ideas. Take things in. Be open and provide what is needed.

## NINE AT FIFTH

**Opening. A connection to the spirits will carry you through.**

**Strip away the outmoded! Express it.**

**There will be adversity, hungry souls and angry ghosts.**

*Correcting this situation is appropriate.* This opening is an opportunity for connection, dangerous and exciting. It is filled with spirit, but you will be forced to confront past memories and negative experiences. Strip away your old ideas and face up to the challenge. It is time to put the situation straight.

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

## SIX ABOVE

**Prolonging the Opening. Draw out the words.**

**Express it. Extend the joy and pleasure.**

*This is not shining yet.* Extend the opening and possibility for connection. Don't let go of this opportunity. Draw it out as far as possible. Express yourself. Keep the possibilities open. You will be very sorry if you simply let go. This could be a lasting source of joy and pleasure.

*Direction:* Find supportive friends. Gather energy for an important new move.

