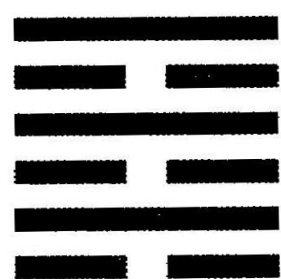


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(wèi jì) Not Yet Across

Not yet across. Success. The young fox, nearly having completed his fording of the river, gets its tail wet. No destination works out.

- Six in the first place: Getting its tail wet. Distress.
- Nine in the second place: Dragging its sash. Persistence brings good fortune.
- Six in the third place: Not yet across the ford. To campaign brings misfortune. It is beneficial to ford the great river.
- Nine in the fourth place: Persistence brings good fortune. Remorse disappears. Thundering, using arms against the “demon-land.” After three years, there will be the reward of a great nation.
- Six in the fifth place: Persistence brings good fortune, without regrets. The radiance of the best kind of person: having sincerity. Good fortune.

- Nine at the top: Having sincerity with drinking of wine, without troubles. Dipping its head, there is sincerity.

Image

Fire above the water: the image of not completing the ford of the stream. You should make distinctions carefully, and place others appropriately.

Flames above water represent a transition halted before it is complete. The hexagram describes a fox kit scampering across a frozen river. But just before he reaches safety on the other side, he lets his tail droop. If it freezes to the ice, it traps the fox in an extremely dangerous position in the open, vulnerable to predators.

This image reminds us of the dangers which may arise when success seems within our grasp. Our final steps to safety need to be taken with as much caution as the first.

Shaughnessy, 144–145, 316.

Lynn, 545–551.

Wilhelm/Baynes, 248–252.