

42 *Augmenting/The Blessing* Yi



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AUGMENTING

Increase, expand, develop, pour in more; fertile and expansive;
ancestors send their blessings, rain spirits;
site of creative transformation.

MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

Charge to the Oracle: *Diminishing without end will necessarily augment things and bring blessing. Accept this and use the energy of Augmenting.*

Diminishing and Augmenting offer a paradigm of sacrifice and its results. Augmenting is the blessing: 'What is above gives to what is below.' The root is a recipient for food, the meats eaten at the feast, a vessel overflowing with blessing, the sun that appears through the grace of the ancestor after a dark time, gladdening and enriching everything. This is the feast in which all partake and the blessings (*fu*) showered on us through the ancestors after they have received and accepted the sacrifice and presented our needs to the High Lord. It is a synonym of *yi*, change, as gift or blessing, a transformation affected by a crossing. Like a transforming line in the Change, it is a connection of Heaven and Earth brought about by ritual, sacrifice and inner work. Philosophically, it is what enriches power and virtue, rising and opening from the seeds. It is the waxing moon, the celebrant, the new King, the blessing.

THE RESPONSE

Augmenting. The Blessing. Advantageous to have a direction to go.

Advantageous to step into the Great Stream. Harvesting.

Augment, Yi: increase, advance, expand, add to; benefit, strengthen, support; pour in more, overflowing, super abundant; restorative, fertile; useful, profitable, advantageous; grant or blessing. The old character shows a container and the sign for river or water, a stream of blessings.



Yì (5381/108) shows a vase MIN³ overflowing with water SHUI³. 1–3 show early versions of the character meaning effectuate the sacrifice – YI (1); to give, grant (2); measure for metal and grain, precious commodities (3).

Augmenting describes your situation in terms of increase, advance and development. The way to deal with it is to increase your involvement and pour in more energy. This is a time of gain, profit and expansion. Have a place to go. Impose a direction on things. Enter the stream of life with a purpose or embark on a significant enterprise. These things bring profit and insight.

THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows arousing new energy penetrating the outer world. Wind and thunder augmenting. Strip away your old ideas. By continually diminishing things, you have created augmenting, for increase and decrease are each other's beginning. Through augmenting you enrich your power to realise the Way. Augmenting continually enriches things without setting up structures. It uses flourishing and harvesting. When you can imagine improvement, shift the way you do things. When there is excess or error, correct it. Diminish what is above and augment what is below. Stimulate people at their work without limiting them. The Source above has descended, and its Way is shining greatly. Let it stimulate you. Having a place to go or imposing a direction on things brings profit and insight. Make correcting one-sidedness and error the centre of your concerns. It will bring rewards. Step into the Stream of Life. Secure your vehicle, the boat to carry you, then make your move. Augmenting stirs things up and grounds them. Like the sun rising, it has no limits. When Heaven spreads out, Earth gives birth. Together they increase and augment things on all sides. Augment everything. This connects you with the time, so you can accompany it as it moves.

Wind and Thunder. Augmenting.

This is a time when Noble One visualizes improvement and consequently shift his position. If there is excess, he alters it.

Spirit manifests in quake and thunder, speaking and spreading joy through the Intermediaries. These are the Operators, those who work with the spirit. Wind and Wood above enter subtly, penetrating, pervading and coupling, while Thunder below rouses and germinates new potential, sprouting energies that thrust up from beneath. This is the Woody Moment: rousing energy within that expands into outer penetration, coupling and augmenting all things. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by perceiving how things can be improved and shifting his stance accordingly. Work through rousing and inspiring. A cycle is beginning. Fix the omen.



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TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL NINE

Augmenting. The Blessing.

Advantageous to arouse and activate the Great. Harvesting.

Wise Words! The Way to the Source is open.

This is not a mistake.

The below is not a question of riches. You need a purpose, a great idea around which you can organize yourself and your passion. Build the city, cast the vessel. The Way is fundamentally open. It is the right time to act. Go forward. This is definitely not a mistake.

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

SIX AT SECOND

Augmenting. The Blessing.

'Someone' augments him.

Ten pairs of tortoise divinations cannot control or contradict this!

Wise Words! Trial: an ever-flowing Way.

The King makes presentations to the Supreme Power.

The Way is open.

Originating outside, this is coming. A blessing, a Mandate from Heaven. Anything you wish to do will prosper. The Way is open to your ideas, not just now, but in the future. Enjoy it! But remember the spirit in your happiness. Then the Way will truly be open.
Direction: Bring your inner and outer life into accord. Take things in. Be open and provide what is needed.

SIX AT THIRD

Augmenting. The Blessing

Augmented through service when the Way is closed.

This is not a mistake.

There is a connection to the spirits that will carry you through.

The centre is moving.

Inform the prince. Use the jade baton.

This is possessing it firmly. What seems like an unfortunate happening will turn out to your benefit. Act on your ideas. This is not a mistake. The capital city is about to be moved and you are part of it. Tell your prince and your people what is happening. Insist on your right to speak. You are connected to the spirits and they will carry you through.

Direction: Find supportive friends. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

SIX AT FOURTH

Augmenting. The Blessing. Moving the centre.

Inform the prince and he will follow.

Advantageous to participate in shifting the capital city.

Harvesting.

This means augmenting the purpose. This is a great change in the centre of power. The centre of life is shifting. Stay loyal to your friends. Act on your ideas. Depend on the fact that everything is changing and you are an important part of it.

Direction: Stay out of quarrels and wrangles. Proceed step by step. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

Augmenting. The Blessing.

You have a connection to the spirits and a benevolent heart.

No question, the Way to the Source is open.

A connection to the spirits will carry you through.

Wise Words! 'A benevolent heart is my power and virtue.'

Do not question it. This is acquiring a Great purpose. Act through your virtue and kindness. You have a kind, generous heart and a noble spirit. Don't question this. Use it. The Way is fundamentally open. Your kindness and compassion are the way to create something that endures.

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

NINE ABOVE

No blessing. This absolutely does not augment you.

'Someone' will smite you.

Tries to order his heart without fixing the omens.

Trap! The Way closes.

One-sided evidence. This means disaster comes from outside. You are refusing the blessing, being fickle, wayward and deceitful. Nothing good can come of this. Don't play with people. The Way will close and you will be left open to danger. This is a warning you can heed if you will. Fix and steady your emotions.

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



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