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RADIANCE/BRIGHT OMENS

Light, warmth, awareness; join with, adhere to; articulate and spread the light, see clearly; the Bright Presence of the spirit in the omens; an axis of change, prima materia.

MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

Charge to the Oracle: *Make the sacrifice at the Earth Altar and you will have a place where people congregate. The bright omens. A spirit helper. Accept this and you can use the energy of Radiance. This means congregating.*

Radiance is the Bright Presence of things, a numen that surges from the depths, turning them into omens that reveal the spirits. She is the yellow *lia*-bird whose song makes the silkworms appear and who sponsors lovers. She is associated with birds, nets and victims taken for sacrifice, the rituals of the Bird Dancers who call the spirits down and the openings on the oracle bones through which they can talk. She is the dance of the pheasant drumming the Earth to call to her mate, a dance that awakens the thunder in spring. Radiance makes people go in pairs. She is stringed instruments, a bride's veil and a woman's decorated girdle. She brings extraordinary happenings and separates people from the conventional. She is associated with brightness, fire and the light of the heavenly bodies, midday sun, summer, the south and the beauty and splendour of things.

Li/Radiance or Bright Omens is part of the Axis of Change, the burning water or prima materia. She is the bright presence of things. She leads through warm clear light, through beauty and elegance and the radiance of living beings holding together. She is the bird dancer with brilliant plumes and brings strange encounters and lucky meetings. She is a bright pheasant, a bird of omen. In the body, Radiance operates through the heart, master of the organs and home of the spirits that brings inspiration and joy. It commands the pathways and the blood, brings the spark of life and offers a quiet centre in which the spirits find a voice.

THE RESPONSE

Radiance. The Bright Presence.

Advantageous Trial. Harvesting.

Make an offering and you will succeed. Accumulate the cattle.

Wise Words! The Way is open.

Radiance/Bright Presence, *Li*: Spreading light; illuminate, discriminate, articulate, arrange and order; shine, brilliance, fire, warmth; consciousness, awareness; Mandate, omen or sign from heaven; distinguish yourself, distinguished person; leave, separate yourself from, step outside the norms, abandon; two together, encounter by chance, meet with, partners; belong to, adhere to, depend on; fall into, fastened, attached; a bright bird, the oriole, and a bird-net, sign for the holes in the oracle bones. The old character shows a sign for the bright bird and a net through which one reflects and captures this brightness, a pattern of words and symbols.



Lí: (6939/172) shows a bird (2) or (3) being caught in a net (1).

Radiance describes your situation in terms of awareness and coherence. The way to deal with it is to articulate and spread light and warmth. Illuminate, articulate, discriminate, make things conscious. Bring together what belongs together. This is a time of intelligent effort and accumulating awareness. It includes unexpected and meaningful encounters, separations from the old and experiences outside the ordinary. Put your ideas to the trial. That brings profit and insight. It is pleasing to the spirits. Through it they will give you effective power, enjoyment and the capacity to bring things to maturity. Nurturing the receptive strength that can carry burdens generates meaning and good fortune by releasing transformative energy.

THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows awareness enduring and spreading. Brightness doubled arouses Radiance. Concentrate your energy.



You have fallen and found bottom. Now the time calls for bringing things together. Radiance shines above you. Connect your idea with this brightness and use it again and again to spread clarity and care to the Four Corners of the world. Radiance means connecting and illuminating. The sun and moon connect with and illuminate Heaven. The many grains, grasses and trees connect with and illuminate the Earth. Brightening things again and again reinforces correcting. This is how change occurs in the world. Being flexible and adaptable connects you with what is central and correct. It is the source of growth and is pleasing to the spirits. That is why nurturing receptive strength is so important.

THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

Brightness doubled arouses Radiance.

This is a time when the Great Person uses consecutive brightening to illuminate the Four Hidden Lands.

Spirit reveals itself in the Bright Presence. These are the Bright Omens. Fire radiates light and warmth, while people experience the Bright Presence of things. It is the Fire Moment: brightness and warmth spread beauty and changing awareness. The ideal Realising Person acts through the great in himself, allowing this spirit to illuminate all around him. Hold the heart fast and take the risk.

TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL NINE

Radiance. The Bright Presence. Treading crosswise.

Honour the omen! This is not a mistake.

This uses casting out faults! These are good omens, a Bright Presence at the beginning. Be very careful with the first steps. Polish and clarify your motives and feelings. Treat this beginning with real respect. You won't be making a mistake.

Direction: A transition. Be small and careful. Search outside the norms. Don't be afraid to act alone. This connects you with a creative force.

SIX AT SECOND

Yellow Radiance. The Bright Presence.

Wise Words! The Way to the Source is open.

You acquire the Way and the centre. The Yellow Lord and the underworld waters. The bright omen bird rises. You have found the connection here. Light and power surge up from below. The Way is fundamentally open.

Direction: A creative, blossoming time is approaching. Be resolute. You are connected with a creative force.

NINE AT THIRD

Setting sun's Radiance.

If you don't beat the clay drum and sing

You will lament like a great old person. Alas!

Trap! The Way closes.

Why let this last? Instead of spreading the light and warmth of the Bright Presence, you see everything in the light of the setting sun. You don't beat your drum and sing your songs. Instead, you lament all the terrible things that have happened in your life. Why go on like this? This could prove dangerous if someone wants you out of the way. It refers to an archaic practice of killing those too old to care for themselves.

Direction: Bite through the obstacles! Proceed step by step. Gather your energy for a decisive new move.

NINE AT FOURTH

Radiance. The Bright Presence. It comes suddenly,

Like burning, dying, abandoning.

This has no place in your life. This is an omen of what must be cast out. Leave it behind. It has no place in your life.

Direction: Beautify things. Re-imagine the situation. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

Radiance. The Bright Presence. Tears flowing like rivers.

This is lamenting like mourners at a funeral.

Wise Words! The Way is open.

The King and the minister are brightened and shine. It feels as if you have lost a connection with someone important to you. Let your sadness be seen, like mourners at a funeral rite who earth the ghost and release the spirit. This will open the Way.

Direction: Find supportive friends. You are coupled with a creative force.



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NINE ABOVE

Radiance. The Bright Presence. The King sets out on campaign.

There will be excellent results.

Sever the heads, offer the rebel chiefs in sacrifice.

Put them to the question.

This is not a mistake.

Use this to correct the balance of power. The King reflects the Bright Presence. The omens cheer him on. This is a time to take aggressive measures. Something harmful has occurred and you must deal with it. Be determined and aggressive. You will have excellent results. Get rid of the leaders. Seize what is truly important. Offer the old in sacrifice. This is not a mistake. Opposition will fall apart.

Direction: A time of abundance is coming. Don't be afraid to act alone. You are coupled with a creative force.