

## HEXAGRAM 58

## TUI JOY



*Component trigrams:*

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**TEXT** Joy—success! Persistence in a righteous course brings reward.

**COMMENTARY ON THE TEXT** This hexagram signifies gladness. (In each trigram), the firm is central, the yielding are to either side of it. (To seek) gladness through righteous persistence is the way to accord with heaven and to respond to men. When joyously led, the people forget their burdens; in wrestling joyously with difficulties, they even forget that they must die. Joy's greatest quality is the encouragement it affords the people.

**SYMBOL** This hexagram symbolizes two bodies of water conjoined.<sup>1</sup> The Superior Man joins his friends in discussions and in practising (the various arts and virtues).

### *The Lines*

**9 FOR THE BOTTOM PLACE** Harmonious joy—good fortune!  
**COMMENTARY** This indicates our being able to act without being troubled by doubts.

**9 FOR THE SECOND PLACE** Confident joy—good fortune and absence of regret!  
**COMMENTARY** This implies exerting our will with complete confidence.

**6 FOR THE THIRD PLACE** Coming joy—misfortune!<sup>2</sup>  
**COMMENTARY** Misfortune is indicated by the unsuitable position of this line.

**9 FOR THE FOURTH PLACE** Calculating (future) joys, he is restless and suffers from various small ills, yet he is happy. **COMMENTARY** There will be happiness (in spite of all this foolish anxiety) because blessings<sup>3</sup> will be received.

**9 FOR THE FIFTH PLACE** Faith in what is disintegrating leads to trouble.<sup>4</sup> **COMMENTARY** However, this line is suited to its position (hence the trouble will hardly amount to much).

**6 FOR THE TOP PLACE** Joy in the form of allurements.<sup>5</sup> **COMMENTARY** This sort of joy is experienced by the unenlightened.

**NOTES** (1) A reference to the component trigrams. (2) The relation between the misfortune indicated by this line and coming joy is not very clear. Interpreting it rather loosely, the passage can be taken to mean that we shall suffer misfortune at a time when we are expecting something which would afford us happiness; in other words, the expected joy may not materialize. (3) Unexpected or seemingly unmerited happiness. (4) Presumably, we put our trust in the continuance of something which, perhaps unknown to us, is already beginning to crumble away. (5) This suggests the superficial joy offered by attractions that would make no appeal to the Superior Man.