

## 40 Loosening/ Deliverance JIE



Solve problems, untie knots, release blocked energy;  
liberation, freed from suffering; a seed figure.

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

**Charge to the Oracle:** *Difficulties must come to an end. Accept this and use the energy of Loosening. This means relaxation.*

Deliverance shows the Arouser who frees us from difficulties, the emergent dragon, released from the river of ghosts. It is a critical moment, an opening in time that combines release and good augury or blessings. The root of the term is horn: the horns of a sacrificial victim, a horned instrument to undo knots, the rhinoceros-horn wine cup used at the River-Mountain festivals, the one-horned beast who attacks evil-doers, the cornucopia. It represents a juncture, a point of insertion or critical point when the sacrifice is accepted and the blessings flow, as well as the shared feast and celebration after the solemn ritual. It is escape, release, the loosening of the trap, released from the knot or noose of a hostile fate. It means dissipating melancholy, an exorcism of the city walls, awakening from illusion, fever breaking, satisfying natural needs, opening communication and sexual climax, when inhibited forces are set free. It was used to describe release from the body, liberation through spiritual practices and becoming an immortal, a sage who perceives through the Bright Spirits and is thus released from compulsion and fear.

### THE RESPONSE

Loosening and Deliverance.

Southwest advantageous. Northeast not advantageous.

Harvesting.

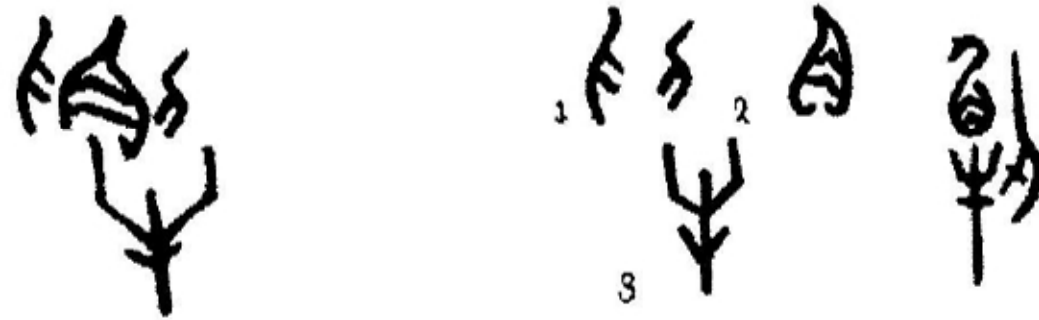
If you have no direction to go, the return is coming.

If you have a direction to go, begin at daybreak.

Wise Words! The Way opens.



**Loosen, JIE:** Solve problems, untie knots, release blocked energy; Place of insertion, joint or articulation; liberation, deliverance, free from suffering and constraint, dispel sorrow, solve problems, eliminate bad effects, release blocked energy; divide, detach, untie, scatter, dissolve, dispel; liberate, set free; analyze, explain, understand; sexual climax, discharge water, fever breaking, defecation. The old character shows two hands removing the horn from an ox, so that it can be used to aid people.



*JIE*<sup>3</sup> (1474/148) shows two hands *JOU*<sup>2</sup> (1) removing the horn *JIAO*<sup>3</sup> (2) of a cow *NIU*<sup>2</sup> (3).

Loosening/Deliverance describes your situation in terms of a release from tension and the new energy that it makes available. The way to deal with it is to untie knots, dispel sorrows, solve problems and understand motivations. Forgive and forget, wipe the slate clean. Join with others to realise plans for future gain. That brings profit and insight. Do not struggle on alone, carrying the burden of the past. If you have no unfinished business to attend to, simply wait for the energy to return. It will generate meaning and good fortune. If you do have directions to impose or places to go, the first light of dawn generates meaning and good fortune by releasing transformative energy. Be up and doing and greet the new day.

### THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows the fertile shock of a stirring new time. Thunder and rain arousing. The situation is already changing. The time can't always be heavy and arduous. Deliverance implies relaxing and letting things go. Forgive excesses, pardon violations and faults. Act to stir things up. Loosening means arousing things and avoiding danger. Join with others to realise plans for future gain. That brings profit and insight. By going on you will acquire the crowds. The returning energy that is coming towards you will generate meaning and good fortune. Use it to stay in the centre. If you must do

something, start at the break of dawn. Proceeding in this way brings achievement. Heaven and Earth loosen and free things through the arousing power of thunder and rain. Thunder and rain arouse the seeds of all the fruits, grasses and trees to burst forth. The time of Loosening and Deliverance is a great time indeed.

### THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

**Thunder and Rain arousing. Loosening and Deliverance.**

**This is a time when Noble One forgives excesses and pardons offences.**

*Spirit rewards those suffering in the Pit, manifesting in quake and thunder. The Rouser is working with the Ghost River. Thunder above rouses and germinates new potential, while Rushing Water below dissolves direction and shape, flowing on through toil and danger. This is Wood over Water: a new time begins outside while the old dissolves within, releasing blocked energy. The ideal Realising Person reflects this through a great upwelling of compassion, washing away old knots of pain and sorrow, carried by the Bright Omens. The new time is being born.*

### TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL NINE

**Loosening and Deliverance. This is not a mistake.**

*This is the border of the strong and the supple. Righteous and without fault. You will be delivered by acting on your plans. Be vigorous. You are in exactly the right position. This is not a mistake.*

*Direction: Let yourself be led. You can realise hidden potential. The situation is already changing.*

NINE AT SECOND

**Loosening and Deliverance.**

**You catch three foxes in the fields and acquire a yellow arrow.**

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

*This is acquiring the centre and the Way. The royal hunt after a victory. Deliverance comes through vigorously pursuing your objectives. There are forces that seem to be threatening you, but*





you catch them in the act and acquire their power. You have the ability to realise your desires, which are in harmony with the Way. *Direction:* Gather energy in order to respond when the call comes. Re-imagine the situation. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

#### SIX AT THIRD

**Deliver yourself through Loosening.**

**'He bears a burden yet rides in a carriage.'**

**This attracts outlaws in the end.**

**Trial: distress.**

*Truly shameful. Whose fault is this?* You are tied in a false position, acting above or beneath yourself and either way it invites disaster. Who are you trying to impress? Is it really worth it? If you go on like this, you will be covered in shame. Deliver yourself from the situation.

*Direction:* Endure in what is right. Be resolute. You are connected to a creative force.

#### NINE AT FOURTH

**Deliverance. Loosen your thumbs.**

**Partners will come in the end.**

**Splitting apart brings a connection to the spirits that will carry you through.**

*This not an appropriate situation yet.* Deliver yourself from your current relationships. They are doing you no good. New friends will come after a time of loneliness. The act of splitting away from what you now think necessary will draw the spirits to you. Have no doubt about it. Act now.

*Direction:* Organize your forces. Something significant is returning. Be open and provide what is needed.

#### SIX AT FIFTH

**Deliverance. Noble One's tether is Loosened.**

**Wise Words! The Way opens.**

**There is a connection to the spirits that reaches the Small People.**

*Small people are withdrawing him.* If you are truly committed to what you are doing, you will be delivered and loosed from the constriction you feel. Hold fast to what you believe. It opens the Way and connects you to the spirits. Talented people without a leader will feel this and come to your aid.

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

#### SIX ABOVE

**Loosening and Deliverance.**

**The prince used this to shoot a hawk on a high rampart above.**

**He catches it.**

**There is nothing that is not advantageous.**

*This delivers him from the perverse.* You capture the force opposing your plans and desires. Don't worry. Be brave. Attack now and you will most certainly win. This will begin a new cycle of time, released from the old. Everything will benefit.

*Direction:* Gather energy for a decisive new move.