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DÀ YǒU

GREAT WEALTH

Great wealth.

Great wealth is supremely blessed.

Great wealth makes possible great achievement.

Lines

first line/9 — By doing no injury,
he averts harm.
A period of adversity
ends without harm.

Rather than striking out against the powerful ruler who causes him adversity, the wealthy subject remains his friend.

line two/9 — Riding a great carriage,
He advances unharmed.

His wealth and/or his association with a strong ruler allow him to go forward safely. Line two is the place of the subject or subordinate.

line three/9 — A duke feasts the Son of Heaven.
A little man cannot.

Although the wealthy subject may be rich enough to provide a feast for the king, he does not have the high rank required by protocol and would be struck down if he dared to try. Line three, since it is at the top of the lower trigram, often shows someone in a low position overreaching himself.

line four/9 ——— By avoiding ostentation,
He averts harm.

Line four is the place of the officer, who must be careful not to outshine his ruler.

line five/6 — — Awed into allegiance.
Good fortune.

The wealthy subject remains faithful to his overwhelmingly powerful ruler. Line five is the place of the ruler. The passive line (— —) indicates the subject's passive acceptance of his ruler's authority.

top line/9 ——— Aided by Heaven.
Auspicious.
Favorable to anything.

With Heaven's help, it is even possible to attack one's ruler and succeed, as the Zhou discovered (see next hexagram QIÀN [15] MODESTY, note 1). The top line of a hexagram is often associated with conflict between ruler and subject. Being closest to Heaven, it refers to Heaven more frequently than any other line.

STRUCTURE ䷗ 離 Luó Shining light (shining, shone upon)

䷀ 乾 Qián Strong Action (active, strong)

Someone strong advances from a low position (lower trigram ䷁) either to shine or to be shone upon by someone in a high position (upper trigram ䷂).

SEQUENCE This and the previous hexagram, its inverse TÓNG RÉN (13) WITH OTHERS, describe ways of dealing with the blockage set up in Pǐ (12) BLOCKED. The blockage was the result of a ruler's refusal or inability to help his subject get ahead. The subject can overcome the blockage either by acting together WITH OTHERS in his ruler's service or by being wealthy enough to advance alone, beneath the ruler.