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(tóng rén) Friendship

Meeting with others in open fields. Success. It is effective to cross the great river. Persistence is effective for one worthy of power.

- Nine in the first place: Fellowship with others at the gate. No blame.
- Six in the second place: Fellowship with others in the clan. Difficulties.
- Nine in the third place: Encamp the army in the woods. They will climb the high hill. For three years, do not send them out [to fight].
- Nine in the fourth place: Occupy the city wall but do not conquer them. Good fortune.
- Nine in the fifth place: Fellowship with others: first sobbing, later laughter. The great multitude conquers because it works together.

- Nine at the top: Fellowship with others on the outskirts of town. No remorse.

Image

The sky blazes with fire: the image of fellowship with others. You should observe differences in all things, even in friendship.

Fire below the sky, the sun's spreading illumination, represents the kind of openness required of long-lasting friendships and alliances. This clarity also reveals differences that must be recognized, appreciated, and used appropriately. With such a balance, this can be a good time to make a major change.

Shaughnessy, 48–49, 290–291.

Lynn, 216–222.

Wilhelm/Baynes, 56–59.