



27 Jaws/The Tiger's Mouth Yi



JAWS/TIGER'S MOUTH

Nourishing and being nourished; take things in; the mouth, daily bread; speaking, words; major site of initiation and creative transformation; a seed figure.

MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

Charge to the Oracle: *Accumulating the beings means you can nourish the spirit. Clear the channels. Accept this and use the energy of Jaws. This means truly nourishing it.*

Jaws refers to the ritual meal and sacrifice offered on all important occasions through which we nourish and are nourished by the spirits, the world of the invisible. To nourish the people, it was of first importance to see and seek the invisible presence that supports us and 'fills our mouths'. The essence of the beings offered in sacrifice fed and nourished the ancestor and ennobled his descendants. The word refers literally to the jaws and lower part of the head that allow us to eat and speak, that support or brace the activities that nourish us literally and spiritually. It means to take in and understand what is past in order to nourish the future, 'eating ancient virtue'. It points at the great value of the words of the oracles, the spirit words that nourish us and connect us with Heaven.

THE RESPONSE

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

View the Jaws. Seek the origin of what fills our mouths.

Jaws, Yi: Jaws, mouth, what we use to eat and speak; source of nourishment; take in, swallow, digest; eat; feed, sustain, nourish, support, bring up; what goes in and out of the mouth; nourished by the spirit, nourishing the spirits. The old character shows the tiger's open mouth and a person whose head is filled with spirit.



Yí (5478/181) is composed of a jaw or chin 𪛗² (1) and 'HEAD' 𪛗⁴ (2), a person with a big head, filled with spirit, an influx that illuminates. Pronounced as SHEN³ (9677) it means to raise the eyes to look at something and is cognate with *shen* or Bright Spirit.

Jaws/Nourishing describes your situation in terms of what goes in and out of an open mouth. The way to deal with it is to take things in to provide for yourself and others. Take in what has been said and done and let it nourish the new. Provide what is necessary to feed yourself and those connected with you. Putting your ideas to the trial generates meaning and good fortune by releasing transformative energy. Contemplate what nourishes people and what you are nourishing. Think about what you give and what you ask for. Seek out the source of what goes in and out of your mouth and the mouths of others. The answer to your question lies there.

THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows previous accomplishments being swallowed to nourish new growth. Within the mountain, there is thunder. Provide what is needed. After beings are brought together, they must be nourished. Correct the way things are nourished and nourish the ability to correct things. Consider your words carefully when you speak with others. Articulate how you eat, drink and take things in. Putting your ideas to the trial generates meaning and good fortune by releasing transformative energy if you use them to correct how things are nourished. Contemplate the open mouth. Look at where and how things are nourished. Look at the source of your own nourishment.

THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

Below the Mountain, Thunder. Jaws.

This is a time when Noble One considers his words and articulates the time of the sacred meal that unites us with the spirit.



Spirit words bind us and accomplish fate, manifesting in quake and thunder. This is the Rouser and the Sacrificer. Mountain above limits and articulates what is complete to suggest what is beginning, while Thunder below rouses and germinates new potential, sprouting energies that thrust up from beneath. This is Earth over Wood: previous accomplishments that are sacrificed to nourish rousing new growth. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by considering and articulating the nourishing power of words and the sacred quality of the meal shared with spirits and friends, carried by the Bright Omens.

TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

INITIAL NINE

Jaws. Nourishing. Take it in!

Abandoned by the Numinous Turtle, you say:

'View our Jaws hanging down.' Trap! The Way closes.

This is truly not a stance to value. When you confront the problems involved in this matter, you simply give up and fall into self pity. You put your source of nourishment from the magical world and your imagination aside. So, of course, the Way closes. This sort of attitude has no value at all. The Turtle Oracle that reveals the Mandate of Heaven simply abandons you. Through not providing nourishment you will lose the connection. These are the last Shang rulers who displayed their wealth even though the spirit had left them.

Direction: Strip away your old ideas. Be open and provide what is needed.

SIX AT SECOND

Jaws. Nourishing. Take it in!

Shaking the Jaws, clearing the channels, rejecting the rules.

Move to the hilltop shrine and make an offering.

Chastising closes the Way. Trap!

Moving and letting go of your own kind. The source of nourishment is disturbed. This shakes things up and clears the channels through which spirit and energy flow. Don't follow the rules now. Move to the place where you feel secure and make offering to your ideals.

Even though this is a difficult time, don't try to punish people or set out on expeditions. That would only close the Way.

Direction: Diminish passions and involvement. Make the sacrifice. Something important returns. Be open and provide what is needed.

SIX AT THIRD

Rejecting the Jaws. Trial: Trap! The Way closes.

You won't be able to act for ten years. Take it in!

No advantageous direction.

Rebelling against the Great Way. You reject the source of nourishment. The Way is definitely closed. If you go on like this, you will be paralyzed for an entire cycle of time. There is nothing that you can do here. Your idea goes against the Way.

Direction: Beautify things. Release bound energy. Deliver yourself. The situation is already changing.

SIX AT FOURTH

Jaws. Nourishing. Take it in!

Shaking the Jaws. Wise Words! The Way is open.

A tiger observes, glaring, glaring.

Pursuing, pursuing his desires.

This is not a mistake.

This means spreading out and shining above. The source of nourishment is disturbed. This action will shake things up and free you. Search out the new with the ferocity and passion of a tiger. Be full of force and concentration. This energy is not a mistake. It brings light and clarity to the situation.

Direction: Bite through the obstacles. Re-imagine the situation. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

SIX AT FIFTH

Jaws. Nourishing. Take it in!

Clearing the channels. Rejecting the rules.

Trial: Wise Words! Staying in your residence opens the Way.

This does not let you step into the Great Stream.



Yield and adhere to the above. Nourishment is disturbed. This clears the channels through which spirit and energy flow. You are rejecting the rules most people live by. The Way is open if you stay where you are and don't start any big projects for now. What you feel in doing this is entirely correct. It will connect you with a higher ideal.

Direction: A fertile new time is coming. Strip away old ideas. Be open and provide what is needed.

NINE ABOVE

Jaws. Nourished at the source. Take it in!

Adversity, hungry souls and angry ghosts.

Wise Words! The Way is open.

Advantageous to step into the Great Stream. Harvesting.

There is a great reward. You are nourished by what came before you, a legacy of ancient virtue. Go back to the source and correct things. Have no fear, the Way is open. The best way to deal with doubts is launch a brand new enterprise. Your ideas will be rewarded if you do.
Direction: Something significant is returning. Be open and provide what is needed.