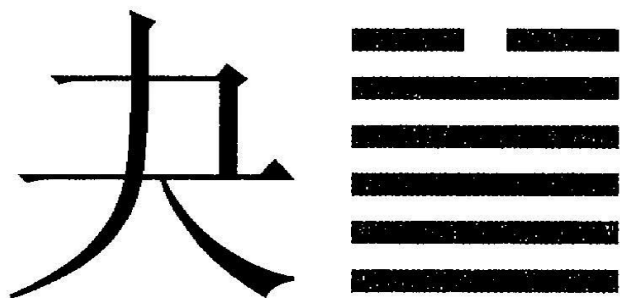


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(guài) Resolute

Break-through: Raised into the royal court. A sincere call of “danger!” announced from the city. This is not a time for military force. It is a time to move forward resolutely.

- Nine in the first place: Strength in your front toes. This action will not bring victory, only blame.
- Nine in the second place: Wary cries at dusk. There military action but no bloodshed.
- Nine in the third place: Strength in your cheekbones. Misfortune. Even the best person, going it alone, meets rain and pools of water. There is anger but not blame.
- Nine in the fourth place: Thighs without skin: their actions falter. If a ram leads, remorse disappears. Hearing words, but not believing.

- Nine in the fifth place: The weeds are broken. With resolution action, walking a middle way, no blame.
- Six at the top: Without a cry. In the end, misfortune.

Image

The waters rise up into the sky: the image of resolute action. You should give generously to those beneath you. If you dwell in moral strength, then you will know what to hate.

Water that rises up into the sky is in a position to benefit all beneath it, by giving fructifying rain. Similarly, a good person who has achieved a position of importance and acceptance akin to being a member of a royal court has responsibilities to those less fortunate.

This is a time when you may move ahead with your plans resolutely, so long as you avoid doing harm to others. However, even in good times, when well positioned for action, the *Changes* counsels caution, being receptive to warnings even from unlikely sources, and to the potential for danger. The higher we rise, the more vulnerable we become. Our actions and attitudes become more visible, more displayed and analyzed by others. It is easy to assume that others think our intentions good. In fact, people who feel beneath others often perceive slights and potential harm even when this is the farthest thing from the minds of those who are better off. We may not know of these negative perceptions until we lose our powers, and the vulnerable person turns against us, attacking in what they feel is righteous indignation. A time when resolute progress is possible is a time for greater caution, not less.

Shaughnessy, 120–121, 308.

Lynn, 404–410.

Wilhelm/Baynes, 166–170.