Table IV **BINARY MECHANISM OF TRIGRAMS AND HEXAGRAMS** Trigrams represent various "gradations" of yin and yang and Below Above Lesser are associated with the qualities or tendencies of natural Heaven Wind (wood) **Nourishment** phenomena. Hexagrams, composed of two trigrams, likewise represent gradations of yin and yang and are associated with certain qualities or tendencies (that is, the synthesis of their two constituent trigrams). As a line changes (which is a discrete, "binary" step), it produces a different hexagram, with different "yin-yang content" and hence a different quality or tendency. The pairing of the trigram for Heaven with the trigram for Wind (wood) produces the hexagram number 9, Lesser Nourishment (alternatively translated as "Little accumulation" or "Taming power of the small"). King Wen's judgment reads: "Little accumulation; Prosperous and smooth; Clouds condense, Yet no rain at my west side." Confucius's commentary on King Wen's judgment reads in part: "The little obtains the ruling

If we extract a moving line (a "variable") for the fifth line, it reverses from yang to yin, and produces the hexagram below:

position; those above and those below correspond to it." The Duke of Zhou's commentary on the first line reads in part: "Return to one's

Pairing of the trigrams for Heaven and Mountain produce hexagram 26, "Greater Nourishment" (alternatively translated as "The taming power" or "The greater nourisher"). King Wen's judgment reads: "Great accumulation; Favorable to be steadfast and upright; Eat not at home; Good fortune; Favorable to cross the great rivers [i.e. take a bold step]." Confucius's commentary on King Wen's Judgment reads in part: "Great Accumulation; Strong firmness; Substantial sincerity." The Duke of Zhou's commentary on the first line reads in part: "There is adversity, Favorable to stop advancing; One does not expose oneself to adversity."

proper way; How could that be faulty? Good fortune."



