## Table V

## 6 INDIVIDUAL LINES OF THE HEXAGRAMS The six individual lines of hexagrams represent Exceeding (Decay) six steps or "phases" in a process. In the I Ching, the first hexagram is Qian (Heaven, the Creative Flying (Blossom) Principle, pure yang). The phases are presented as the activity of the Dragon. In the first phase, Leaping (Maturity) the Dragon is "hidden," like a sprouting seed about to emerge from the soil. In the last phase, Vigilant (Stability) the Dragon is "exceeding," that is to say, it is in its final, declining phase. The I Ching is based on Appearing (Growth) the idea events and circumstances in human life Hidden (Germination) are governed by similar phases.

