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INTRODUCTION

Better known in his own times than later, Huan T'an was a scholar-official, independent in his thought and unafraid to criticize orthodox currents of his time. He and his more famous contemporaries Liu Hsin, Yang Hsiung, and Wang Ch'ung were scholars of the Old Text exegesis of the Classics.

Huan T'an (ca. 43 B.C.-28 A.D.) lived in the disturbed period around the time of the Han interregnum and witnessed political crises, uprisings, and civil war. He observed the reigns of the Emperors Yüan (48-33 B.C.), Ch'eng (33-7 B.C.), Ai (7-1 B.C.), and P'ing (1 B.C.-6 A.D.). He was close to Wang Mang during his quest for power and the establishment of his Hsin dynasty. Even at the court of the victorious Kuang-wu (25-56 A.D.), the first emperor of the restored Han dynasty, Huan T'an remained an honorary official and a well-known scholar. But he never belonged to the small group of decision-makers or highest advisors and this may account for his ability to retain a position in the court throughout these political changes.

Much of the information we have on Huan T'an comes from Fan Yeh, the author of the $\underline{\text{Hou}}$ $\underline{\text{Han shu}}$. In addition, many important facts about $\underline{\text{Huan}}$ $\underline{\text{T'an}}$ and his times are found in the fragments $\underline{\text{I}}$ of his principal work, $\underline{\text{Hsin-lun}}$.

The <u>Hsin-lun</u> differs from other books on political criticism in that it does not deal primarily with history but takes many examples from contemporary social and political life. Unfortunately, since the greater part of his writings is lost, a full evaluation of his ideas is rather difficult.

While belonging to the Old Text group of court officials and scholars, Huan T'an differed radically from them in his stress on direct knowledge, in his range of practical experience, and in his outspoken criticism of popular opinions. He was not a systematic philosopher, but his ideas were influential in the return to a more worldly conception of Confucianism.

^{*}The author feels that his original considerably longer introduction provides a more adequate setting as well as additional helpful information. He will be glad to supply copies of this longer version on request, and may be addressed Care of Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan.

His Life

Huan T'an probably came from Anhwei province. His father was a Prefect of Imperial Musicians, and like him, Huan T'an spent many years as an official of music. But his unorthodox concept of music and his musical talents on the ch'in (zither) often involved him in conflicts with the emperor under whom he was serving. As a result, his career was frequently interrupted. It may have been Huan T'an's unsuccessful career that motivated his interest in the rise of Wang Mang. However, even if a modest new opportunity did open up for him around the time of Wang Mang's accession, he did not achieve any important post and certainly had no direct influence on Wang Mang.

By the end of Wang Mang's reign Huan T'an was sixty-five years old. He remained at the court but soon became embroiled in a conflict with the Emperor Kuang-wu. An experienced and courageous scholar-official, Huan T'an continued his criticism under the new Emperor. He finished his Hsin-lun and sent it to the Emperor, as it was written as a handbook on political science for a new ruler. From extant memorials and their replies we know that Kuang-wu found Huan T'an's political views incompatible with his own. In particular, Emperor Kuang-wu was infuriated over Huan T'an's criticism of the prognostication texts because the Emperor believed that it was by virtue of the guidance of these texts that he had ascended the throne. While Huan T'an "said again with insistence that the prognostications were contradictory to the canonical books, "2 Emperor Kuang-wu claimed that their "reliability" was based on the Classics and on Confucius himself. Huan T'an was condemned to be beheaded immediately, but was pardoned later after lengthy kowtowing. He did not, however, go unpunished. He was exiled to Liu-an in Anhwei where he was to be an Assistant Administrator. The aged scholar was unable to endure the long trip and died on the way.

The case of Huan T'an established a precedent. For the first time the Emperor was directly informed that deceitful people may falsely praise the prognostication texts in order to mislead the ruler. Secondly, the furious reaction of the Emperor who had declared the prognostications authentic served as a warning to other scholars to be more cautious in their utterings on the subject. Some influential Old Texters did not

heed these admonitions and later succeeded in imposing their ideas on the Emperor Chang (76-88 A.D.). In 85 A.D., while on an imperial inspection tour of the East, Emperor Chang sent a messenger to make a sacrifice at Huan T'an's tomb. Thus the scholar's critical attitude towards the prognostication texts and his contribution to Han thought was officially, if posthumously, recognized and sanctioned.

His Thought

Huan T'an's ideas played a large role in the development of Han thought. It was Huan T'an who, together with his follower Wang Ch'ung, started the critical trend of thought by attacking the New Text school and by viewing with skepticism the idealized past. Along with Yang Hsiung, all three philosophers were Confucian but had some penchant for Taoism. Huan T'an's attitude towards Confucius was reserved, even critical. He rarely referred to Confucius as a sage. This antitraditional tendency is illustrated in quotations from the Hsin-lun. Huan T'an said to Yang Hsiung: "If a sage should appear to future generations, people will merely realize that his talents are greater than theirs, but many will not be able to tell whether he is really a sage or not." Huan T'an said further: "A sage appears once in a thousand years." He questioned how people will know who is the proper sage.

In fact modern scholarship has shown that Confucius's reputation is out of proportion with the facts of his career. An early proponent of this view, Huan T'an stated: "Confucius was an ordinary man, but he became eminent and his hand became famous." Huan T'an had almost nothing positive to say about Confucius's merit, his ideas, or his contributions to scholarship and the Classics. He challenged the traditional praise bestowed upon the Ch'un-ch'iu, which was considered to be a work by Confucius. "I have written the Hsin-lun in order to examine and discuss the past and the present, but I also wish to promote successful government. How does this differ from the praise and blame of the Ch'un-ch'iu!" Excessive adoration of the past, the Classics and sages, was an object of his criticism: "When the literati read the account of success and failure in political affairs which is found in the Ch'un-ch'iu, they believe that the Ch'un-ch'iu will

again be written when a new sage appears. I said this would not be so. Why? Later sages need not necessarily continue the ideas of earlier sages." When Huan T'an clashed with Emperor Kwang-wu by pointing out that it was a mistake to attribute the prognostication texts to Confucius, he was the first philosopher to oppose the texts publicly. The Emperor's reaction was to say: "'Huan T'an opposes the teachings of the sage'...", 8 which was not accurate.

Huan T'an was something of a self-styled Confucian but, as Pan Ku tells in the Han shu, he had an interest in Taoism. Pan Ku informs us that Huan T'an wished to acquaint himself with the texts of Lao-tzu and Chuang-tzu. Although these texts did not have a deep influence on him, he was very well informed and impressed with what H. G. Creel calls "Hsien Taoism" or Religious Taoism. This is evidenced in the "Wang hsien fu" (Rhyme-prose on Looking for the Immortals), which frequently refers to retaining breath, seeking immortality, and other magico-religious practices.

On Literature

Huan T'an's attitude toward literature differed radically from that of most Han Confucians. While he criticized one of the Classics he also defended some books generally held in contempt. He praised the "unusual treatises" but criticized that which was "unreal" in Chuang-tzu. Thus, Huan T'an came close to supplying a theoretical basis for an independent, non-orthodox development in literature.

In contrast to his Confucian compatriots, Huan T'an noted some value in the <a href="https://hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni.mig.com/hus.nc.ni

an important contribution by proposing the inclusion of the "heretical" genres in the closed and nearly sacred realm of literature.

Huan T'an composed at least two fu. He must have been fond of this genre, even a theoretician of it, because he devoted a chapter of the Hsin-lun, "Speaking on Rhyme-prose," to the fu. Unfortunately, we have only four fragments of this chapter. Huan T'an's interest in the fu genre did not excite substantial response among the literati of his time or among later scholars. If the few extant samples of his rhyme-prose are representative of the whole work, we might conclude that Huan T'an was not concerned with the aesthetic problems of this kind of poetry. Rather. he stressed that the composition of a fu required extreme concentration and may be detrimental to one's health. However, Huan T'an stressed his intention to study the ars poetica by imitating the best specimens of poetry. "In my youth I studied and liked the Li-sao. Since I have read extensively in other books, I wish to repeat my studies ..."10

Of Huan T'an's rhyme-prose, Liu Hsieh said:
"It is definitely shallow and lacking in talent." But he added: "Therefore, we know that he excelled in his satirical treatise [i.e., the Hsin-lun] but could not come up to [the necessary level of polite literature."11

Liu Hsieh's evaluation of the Hsin-lum as a satirical or indirectly critical treatise (feng-lum) is very fitting. Huan T'an mocked Ch'in Kung, a specialist on the Book of Documents, because he needed more than a hundred thousand words to explain the two characters in the title Yao-tien.12 In a fictionalized caricature of the well-known dialectician Kung-sun Lung, Huan T'an discussed the thesis "a white horse is not a horse." He said: "People could not agree with this. Later, when riding a white horse, he wished to cross the frontier pass without a warrant or a passport. But the frontier official would not accept his explanations, for it is hard for empty words to defeat reality." 13

Huan T'an was also critical and satirical of the bureaucracy. He told how the Great Administrator P'ang Chen examined the use of the meat remaining after sacrifices. It was found that there were twenty catties of raw beef left over. Because P'ang Chen suspected that the meat was used illegally, he impeached the Prefect. The investigation proved that the meat was not stolen, but in the course of the investigation the officials consumed so much meat, rice, and wine that in the end the expenditure was far greater than the price of the original twenty catties of beef. 14

The variety of literary devices at Huan T'an's command is impressive. He used parables, proverbs, and puns as tools of criticism and satire. He was fully cognizant of the emotional effect of both literature and music and mentioned it often. Many of the fragments have several levels of meaning. For example: "When the people hear the music of Ch'ang-an, they come out of the gates, look towards the west, and laugh. The smell of meat is pleasant, so they stand in front of a butcher's shop, chewing vigorously." 15 On one level, Huan T'an is saying that many people are unable to recognize real values. On another, music can move the hearts and minds of people. Finally, both music and meat are inaccessible to common people.

The extant fragments may not properly reflect Huan T'an's ideas on literature. This is because the compilers of encyclopedias selected factual statements or curiosities from the Hisin-lum to preserve while ignoring his general philosophy and observations on literature. However, we can say that Huan T'an encouraged independence of mind. He preferred reality, thoroughness, and simplicity. He stressed the utility and profit to be gained from literature. He summed up his liberal attitude toward literature: "Although there are unfounded and outrageous passages in Chung Chou and those other books, we must use what is best in them. How dare we talk of rejecting them completely?" 16

On Music

The concept of "new music" as found in Huan T'an's work and in the work of a few other writers is very vague, and we cannot say for sure what it means. The cloud of Confucian phrases is barely penetrable despite J. P. Diény's serious study of the new music. 17 Huan T'an spent all his life in musical circles. As

stated in his biography, he secured such a position as a Prefect of the Bureau of Music because he was "fond of the [musical] notes and the musical tubes and ... good at playing the ch'in.... By nature he was fond of singers and musicians." Is Immediately after the death of Emperor Ch'eng, Huan T'an's career as the Prefect of the Bureau of Music was interrupted because the new Emperor Ai (or his high dignitaries) were opposed to the new music. During the reign of Wang Mang, Huan T'an became a Grandee of Music, 19 but this position was inferior to the one he had held previously. Huan T'an was also a theoretician of music under Wang Mang. For the most part he was concerned with musical measurements, but in addition to this musicological work he authored the Ch'in-tao in which he expounded on his concept of the music performed on the ch'in. The second interruption in Huan T'an's career as a dignitary of music occurred when he quarrelled with Wang Mang's Director of Music, Marquis Hsieh. As a result of the argument, both officials were dismissed. 20

Just as Huan T'an assumed an anti-traditional posture with regard to literature and the Classics, he advocated unorthodox music in direct contradiction to Confucian preferences. Among the three things hated by Confucius, the Analects say: "I hate the tunes of Cheng corrupting the court music. "21 The "tunes of Cheng" referred to unorthodox and improper music. In opposition to Confucius's theory of "three dislikes" Huan T'an proposed his own "four not equal" (pu ju), of which the fourth was: "The k'ung and chieh instruments | are not the equals of the flowing music of Cheng."22 The stress was on "flowing" in contrast to "static," "stagnant," and by implication, orthodox music. Both the k'ung and the chieh, used at the beginning and the end of a performance, belonged to a group of instruments which produced the kinds of music which were said to have resembled all things, 23 exhorted people to practice virtue, 24 and represented all things. 25 Thus, Huan T'an compared two musical instruments symbolizing virtuous and orthodox court music unfavorably with the unorthodox, flowing, vivid new music.

Huan T'an suffered as a result of his critiques of Confucius's theory of music. He endured public criticism and was accused of depravity. That turpitude was associated with the new music appears to have been

the rub, because it was the "lewd" and pleasurable aspects of the new music that made it incompatible with the traditional, proper, orthodox music. The new music was not invented by Huan T'an but we know that the Bureau of Music introduced it and that Huan T'an was its Prefect until it was abolished. Huan T'an's involvement with the new music is further testimony to his courageous anti-traditional activities and attitudes. However, the new music is not even mentioned in either the Lun-heng or the Hou Han shu.

On Natural and Strange Occurrences

At a time when supernatural speculation was popular, Huan T'an stood out as a scholar who insisted on rational approaches to the natural world. Huan T'an based his responses to the questions of his day concerning alchemy, immortality, health, life, and death on his keen observation of nature. The Hsin-lum is rich with reports of the Han weakness for magic. "[Wang Ken] ... accepted the services of Hsi-men Chünnui, a gentleman versed in the arts of magic, to teach him the art of driving old age away. Chün-hui said: 'The tortoise is said to live for three thousand years and the crane for one thousand years. Considering the qualities of man, why is he not the equal of insects and birds?'"26 But Huan T'an did not accept such musings, even from Hsi-men Chün-hui, an influential specialist in prophesies, and retorted with sarcasm: "Who could live long enough to learn how old a tortoise or a crane is?"27

Knowing the ideas of Wang Ch'ung, we are not surprised that Huan T'an was critical of the supposed will of Heaven and of omens. "In the Empire there are cranes which are eaten in all the commandaries and kingdoms. Only in the Three Capital District does no one dare to catch them because of the custom that an outbreak of thunder will occur if a crane is caught. Could it be that Heaven originally favored only this bird? [No], the killing of the bird merely coincided with thunder." In a similar vein, Huan T'an corrected the theory from the Tso chuan which stated that the protruding eyes of two dead men closed only after their corpses received some desired information. Huan T'an explained simply that the eyes might have been open at death but closed as the corpse stiffened. He concluded

that there is no relation between the closing of the eyes and the received information.29

In Huan T'an's view, it is necessary to respect the interests and needs of the living while paying proper attention to people who have died. He saw death as inevitable and therefore minimized efforts to evade it. Huan T'an's ideas on the problems of the body and mind, life and death, the candle and flame are impressively described in the longest and most important extant fragment. The point: "Liu Tzu-chün believed the vain speeches of the magicians who said that one may become a divine immortal through study. I saw that down in his courtyard grew a great elm, very old, worn, and broken. Pointing to it, I said, 'That tree has no feelings, but nevertheless it will decay and become worm-eaten. Although you may want to care for it and nurture its life, how can you possibly prevent its decline?'"31 Thus, according to Huan T'an, there is no reason to look for a way to immortality, as Liu Hsin and others during the Han dynasty did.

Huan T'an demonstrated an interest in and knowledge of medicine. He mentioned the dissection and inspection of the five viscera by Wang Mang. 32 He discussed the magician Wang Chung-tu who could endure almost any heat and cold; cold and heat (han shu) was a name for a disease to which Wang was apparently immune. 33 In the fragment on breathing exercises, Huan T'an is concerned with keeping oneself in good physical and mental health. He seems at home with medical terminology and used it to draw analogies between physicians and rulers, and between medical and political practices. "Needles, moxa, prescriptions, and medicines are tools to help the sick, but without a skilled physician, they cannot cure. Talent, ability, virtue and fine conduct are tools for ruling a country but without an enlightened ruler they are of no effect. If the physician does not own the needles and medicines, he may buy them in order to practice his trade. If the ruler has neither talent nor virtue, he may appoint wise counsellors and need not personally possess these qualities. Thus we can see that talent, ability, virtue, and fine conduct are the needles and medicines of a country. They are effective if used as aids to the ruler."34 Thus, Huan T'an found medical wisdom similar to political wisdom.

Lest we categorize Huan T'an too neatly, he also related some strange occurrences. For example, there are several different versions of a story about the magician Tung Chung-chun, who "was once tried at law for a serious crime and put into prison. He feigned illness and death. Several days later he rotted and insects grew in him, but he revived." 55 Another fragment tells of an old woman who allegedly died but suddenly rose before being buried and drank wine. Elsewhere a female slave who died, was buried, and several times came to caress her orphaned child. The texts present only the "facts," while the usual critical remarks by Huan T'an are curiously absent. Perhaps all we can say is that in addition to his interest in natural occurrences, Huan T'an also liked to narrate strange stories. This is, I believe, what he had in mind when he spoke of "wonderful treatises and unusual texts."

On Politics, Law and the People

The Hsin-lun was written as a manual on political science for a ruler, probably for the first ruler of the Later Han dynasty. From Huan T'an's observations on politics, it is clear that he perceived a need for such a manual. One of the principal terms in Huan T'an's political deliberations was "Great Substance" (ta t'i). "Without great talent and deep wisdom, the Great Substance cannot be seen. The Great Substance includes all the affairs of the present and those that are to be." In evaluating the shortcomings of such rulers as Emperor Kao and Wang Mang, Huan T'an pointed to their ignorance of the Great Substance.

A crucial question in Confucian political thinking was that of the relation of the House of Han toward other pretenders to the throne. Huan T'an was both realistic and daring enough to state that the abuse of power is bad, whether the ruler is legitimate or illegitimate. "The Way of the King is pure; his virtue is like that. The Way of the Hegemon is dappled and mixed (tsa); his achievement is like this. They both possess the Empire and rule over myriads of people. Their rule passes down to their sons and grandsons. They are the same in substance."37 To identify the methods of Kings and Hegemons as the same represents a kind of heresy from an orthodox Confucian standpoint.

Huan T'an was not opposed to the study of antiquity, but he did mock those who paid too much attention to it or who accepted it as the only possible model for their times. For example, he said that Wang Mang wished "to imitate antiquity in everything he did.... He ignored things near and modern and chased after the remote past." 38 It is possible that Huan T'an became critical of the use of ancient models because of the way Wang Mang claimed to imitate the Chou dynasty and fancied himself another Duke of Chou.

Some of Huan T'an's political criticisms sound remarkably modern. "Also, to let the enlightened and the wise plan affairs and then bring them down to the masses will certainly be inadequate." One of the reasons he cited for the fall of Wang Mang was that "...in all his acts and endeavors he only wanted to trust and rely on himself while he refused to share responsibility and authority with informed and experienced men."40 Although Huan T'an did not mention Legalism or any Legalist philosopher and although there is no evidence that he was among those who proposed the blending of Confucianism with Legalism, many of his views on law may strike us as similar to a legalist standpoint. Law, he said, should be entrusted to high dignitaries who will guarantee its impartiality. "A wise government servant or an upright official should conduct affairs and uphold the law in a manner as clear as the red and green used [in painting].... If a crime is properly [defined] it should be possible to punish it.... If the High One happens to neglect the case, if he does not delay it and give it a hearing, then [the accused] is bound to suffer a violent death."41 There is a suggestion here of equality before the law. In the same fragment Huan T'an admonished officials that abuse of the law will invite dire consequences.

But in the end, Huan T'an had a mind of his own and juxtaposed these Legalist ideas with criticism of matters associated with Legalism. For example, he also warned against excessive severity and punishments disproportionate with the crime. Also, he described Ch'in Shih Huang-ti as follows: "He looked on the masses of people as milling flocks of sheep and as herds of pigs which must be driven with a rod. Therefore he was later overthrown." Huan T'an gave priority to the interests of the people. "...with respect to establishing laws and prohibitions, one cannot completely stop up the evil

in the world, but it is enough if the laws and prohibitions meet the wishes of the multitude."43

Huan T'an's political discussions included many comments on the circumstances of the common people. In a dry, sarcastic statement he observed: "Since the consolidation of the Han dynasty, the taxes exacted from the people during one year represent more than four billion. Half is spent for the salaries of civil servants." His advice to rulers was succinct: "When the stupid man makes plans, the only ones that are of benefit to government policy are these that are in harmony with the mind of the people and have a grasp of the real state of affairs." 45

The Translation

The two partial editions of the fragments of Huan T'an, dating from the nineteenth century, were used as basic references for the present translation. Both editions are entitled $\frac{\text{Huan-tzu Hsin-lun}}{\text{K'o-chun}}$, one by Sun P'ing-i and one by Yen $\frac{\text{K'o-chun}}{\text{Cuotations from}}$ the Hsin-lun are also found in sixty-four sources, primarily encyclopedias and commentaries. Most are short references, mainly illustrating the meanings of words or providing bits of information totally unrelated to the body of Huan T'an's philosophy. Taken out of context, the short fragments are not easy to understand. To deal with this problem I have provided notes which comment on the text, refer to other texts and sources, and explain the people and facts in the fragment. A further complication was that in checking every quotation in the original sources I found many discrepancies, so there are several versions of many of the fragments included herein.

The reconstructed text has not been subject to commentary and its reliability has not been analyzed. Since this reconstructed text cannot pretend to correspond to the arrangement of the original, there is some unavoidable loss of inner coherence. I tried to meet this problem by providing a large index.

References to the previous editions and to the original sources are given in the caption of every fragment. Information on the editions of the $\frac{H\sin-lun}{Iists}$ is given in Bibliography I. Bibliography II $\frac{1}{Iists}$ the

studies of Huan T'an's ideas and life. Bibliography III has the other sources of the fragments.

The present translation was begun in 1956 at Peking University. Without the use of that library the systematic checking of each fragment would not have been possible. In my studies on Huan T'an published in the early 1960's in Archiv Orientalni in Prague, I had already translated some of the fragments; this is noted at the end of the respective fragment. The translation was completed during my stay at The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

With no reliable edition of Huan T'an's writings with commentary available, the present translation must be of a preliminary nature. New studies and translations of works by Liu Hsiang, Liu Hsin, Yang Hsiung, and others of Huan T'an's contemporaries will undoubtedly contribute to the understanding of the scattered fragments of Huan T'an. In many cases only the historical context will explain the meaning of a fragment. Still, I hope that my first steps will not be misleading to those who will follow them.

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NOTES: INTRODUCTION

- 1. For an explanation of the fragments, see the section of the "Introduction" entitled "The Translation," page xxii.
- 2. Fragment 210.
- 3. Fragment 31.
- 4. Fragment 18.
- 5. Fragment 77.
- 6. Fragment 2B.
- 7. Fragment 95.
- 8. Fragment 210.
- 9. Fragment 189.
- 10. Fragment 139.
- 11. Wen-hsin tiao-lung 10, 47, p. 110, 2; cf. Shih, Literary Mind, p. 253 for a different translation. See also note 60 in the following chapter, Huan T'an's Work and Its Transmission.
- 12. Fragment 88.
- 13. Fragment 135B.
- 14. Fragment 66.
- 15. Fragment 79A.
- 16. Fragment 2B.
- 17. "Musique théorique et musique d'agrément," in the second chapter of J. P. Dieny, <u>Aux origines de la poesie classique en Chine</u>, Leiden, 1968.
- 18. Fan Yeh's biography of Huan T'an in Hou Han shu.
- 19. Fragment 82.
- 20. Fragment 43.

- 21. Analects XVII, 18.
- 22. Fragment 75.
- 23. <u>Wan wu; Hswn-tzu</u> XX, 11 p. 255, a treatise on music.
- 24. Li-chi XVII, 14, a treatise on music.
- 25. Po-hu t'ung VI, 51 d, a treatise on music.
- 26. Fragment 146A.
- 27. Fragment 146A.
- 28. Fragment 133; cf. the 47th chapter of the <u>Lun-heng</u>, "A Last Word on the Dragons."
- 29. Fragments 203 and 204.
- 30. Fragment 84A.
- 31. Fragment 156.
- 32. Fragment 38B; cf. fragment 116, note 40.
- 33. Fragment 151 and notes.
- 34. Fragment 13.
- 35. Fragment 152B.
- 36. Fragment 32A.
- 37. Fragment 3B.
- 38. Fragment 32D.
- 39. Fragment 28.
- 40. Fragment 32C.
- 41. Fragment 65.
- 42. Fragment 11B.
- 43. Fragment 209.

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- 44. Fragment 55.
- 45. Fragment 210.

Huan T'an's Work and Its Transmission

Huan T'an, like his contemporary Wang Ch'ung, was a prolific writer. In his biography of Huan T'an in <u>Hou Han Shu</u> 28A, the historian Fan Yeh describes Huan's work in some detail:

In the past [Huan] T'an wrote a book of twenty-nine fascicules, in which he discussed the action which should be taken in his time. He called this the <u>Hsin-lun</u> (New Treatise). When he submitted this work to the Emperor, the Epochal Founder approved it. As the chapter "Ch'in-tao" (The Way of the Zither) was not yet finished, Su-tsung commanded Pan Ku to expand and complete it. In all, Huan T'an has written twenty-six fascicules of rhyme-prose, eulogies, letters and memorials.

Although Fan Yeh suggests that the $\underline{\text{Hsin-lun}}$ is concerned only with "actions which should be taken" in Huan T'an's time, the work in fact covers both contemporary and historical matters. Its great value rests in its adaptation of historical anecdotes as tools for the solution of modern problems.

To this end Huan T'an presented his work for the edification of the Emperor. His purpose is clearly stated in the introduction: 7 "In compiling the New Treatise I have examined and discussed the past, as well as the present age, but I also wish to promote fruitful rule. "8 Huan T'an places his work in the tradition of Lu Chia's Hsin-yü (New Words), 9 which has been called a "Fürstenspiegel, "10 or treatise on statecraft. Huan T'an's classification was accepted by the early T'ang writer Wei Cheng (581-643 A.D.), who presented a handbook of political science, Ch'un-shu chih-yao (Essentials of Government From All Books), to the throne in 631 A.D.

It is likely that Huan T'an presented his work to Emperor Kuang-wu. It is unlikely that the Emperor would "approve" the <u>Hsin-lun</u> after his argument with Huan T'an in 28 A.D. over the meaning of the prognostications texts. Sung Hung first recommended Huan T'an to Kuang-wu in 26 A.D. as an eminent scholar (see note 60 below). Subsequently, he received two rather insignificant offices and apparently pleased Kuang-wu with

his zither performances at state banquets. These very performances may have caused a falling out, however, for they aroused criticism so severe as to force the Emperor to recant publicly his "improper behavior." Huan T'an's status at this time was not helped by his critical memorials to the throne (see fragments 209 and 210). Thus, it is most likely that the Hsin-lun was presented in 26 or 27 A.D., towards the end of Huan T'an's life. Of course, work on the book must have begun much earlier.

Fan Yeh credits Pan Ku with having completed, or edited, the "Ch'in tao" chapter of the <u>Hsin-lun</u>. Since that chapter has been frequently attributed to Huan T'an, 12 it is unlikely that Pan Ku added much of substance to the text. In any case, "Ch'in tao" existed in some form before the <u>Hsin-lun</u> was sent to Kuang-wu. Perhaps it formed a separate book, since Liu Hsin quotes from it in Part 17 of his Ch'i-lüeh, which discusses the principles of court music.

Pan Ku, in his chapter on drains and ditches (<u>Han shu</u> 29), relied heavily on Huan T'an's account (see fragment 208). Apparently, there may have been a sort of personal connection between the two court scholars, although they never met. Pan Ku's father, Pan Piao, taught the young Wang Ch'ung, who greatly admired Huan T'an. The fact that Pan Ku includes the story of Huan T'an's vain attempt to borrow Taoist writings from the Pan family library¹³ in the last chapter of the <u>Han shu</u>, which is devoted to the Pan family, may indicate that Pan Ku associates Huan T'an with the history of his own family. It should also be noted that they were both adherents of the ancient text school.

Fan Yeh also notes that Huan T'an left over twenty-six fascicules of rhyme-prose, eulogies, letters and memorials. This approaches the number found in his Hsin-lun, which is composed of twenty-nine fascicules. In his commentary, the T'ang prince Li Hsien (posthumous name, Chang-huai) reports that the Hsin-lun contained sixteen chapters. Three of these (Chapters 1, 15, 16) were short, while the remaining thirteen were divided into two parts each, 14 in accordance with the wishes of Kuang-wu. Twenty-nine parts or fascicules were created from the sixteen chapters originally compiled by Huan T'an.

Li Hsien's commentary gives the titles of these sixteen chapters. By following Yen K'o-chün's organization of the fragments and comparing the titles given by Li Hsien with similar chapters in the works of other philosophers, we can ascertain the contents of each chapter with some certainty. For instance, the fifteenth chapter, "Mourning a Friend," appears to be devoted to Yang Hsiung, although some eulogies may also have been included in it. The ninth chapter, "Correcting the Classics," discusses the various versions of these ancient texts, and the twelfth chapter, "Speaking on Rhyme-prose," deals, of course, with the <u>fu</u> form. The reconstructed first chapter, which is quite short, gives some background on prominent literary personalities.

Chapters 2 and 3, "Kings and Hegemons" and "Searching for Counsellors," are both concerned with politics and the perennial problem of Chinese administration, how to select eminent advisors. The bulk of Huan T'an's book is devoted to criticism, as is suggested by the titles of five chapters (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 10, 13), "Reprimanding Wrong," "Awakening Insight," "Dispersing Obscurantism," "Recognizing Intelligence," and "Discerning Error."

Efficient criticism presupposes a distinction between right and wrong. Therefore, Huan T'an, like Wang Ch'ung was fascinated by the theory of knowledge. His interest can be seen in the fourth, fifth, and fourteenth chapters, "On Substance," "Observing Evidence" and "Explaining Plans." The eleventh chapter, "Encountering Affairs," is rather informative, dealing with affairs which do not necessarily have any political importance but are of special interest to Huan T'an. This chapter includes, according to Yen's reconstruction, thirty-four fragments, or approximately one-fifth of the entire book.

Several titles in the <u>Hsin-lun</u> are quite similar to those in the <u>Lun-heng</u>: "Reprimanding Wrong" (<u>Ch'ien-fei</u>, <u>Hsin-lun</u> 6) and "Reprimands" (<u>Ch'ien-kao</u>, <u>Lun-heng</u> 42); "Correcting the Classics" (<u>Cheng-ching</u>, <u>Hsin-lun</u> 9) and "Statements Corrected" (<u>Cheng shuo</u>, <u>Lun-heng</u> 81); and "Recognizing Intelligence" (<u>Shih-t'ung</u>, <u>Hsin-lun</u> 10) and "On Intelligence" (<u>Pieh-t'ung</u>, <u>Lun-heng</u> 38). Wang Ch'ung's adaptation of some of Huan T'an's titles is not solely due to chance. Similarly, Huan T'an

adopted Lu Chia's <code>Hsin-yū</code> as one of the models for his own work. In fact, the titles of these two works also demonstrate some similarities: "Mastering Affairs" (Shu shih, <code>Hsin-yū</code> 2) and "Encountering Affairs" (Li shih, <code>Hsin-lum</code> 11); and "Counselling the Government" (Fu-cheng, <code>Hsin-yū</code> 3), and "Searching for Counsellors" (Ch'iu fu, <code>Hsin-lum</code> 3).15 One title, "Discerning Error" (Pien-huo, <code>Hsin-yū</code> 5 and <code>Hsin-lum</code> 13) is common to both works. The words, pien huo are derived from the <code>Analects</code> of Confucius. In drawing from the <code>Classics</code>, both <code>Han</code> philosophers stress "...How virtue was to be exalted and errors discerned, "16 an emphasis which many later scholars share with these sober, rationalistic <code>Han</code> Confucians.17 It should also be noted that the 11th chapter of <code>Hsün-tzu</code> bears the same title as <code>Hsin-lum</code> 2, "Kings and <code>Hegemons."</code>

Although most of Huan T'an's life was spent under the rule of the Former Han dynasty and Wang Mang, the Hsin-lun was not included in the bibliographical chapter, Han shu 30, because he died in the Later Han. (However, his musicological work, "Ch'in-tao" was included in the Ch'i-lüeh catalogue.)

The bibliographical chapters of the Chiu and Hsin T'ang-shu¹⁸ tell us that the Hsin-lun was first mentioned some six hundred years later in the bibliographical chapter, Sui-shu ching-chi chih (p. 71),19 as being a work of seventeen chuan. This number, seventeen, corresponds neither with the sixteen nor the twenty-nine given elsewhere. It is unlikely that the seventeenth chuan was the introduction. Sun's suggestion (Introduction la) that the seventeenth chuan was a table of contents is unconvincing. The Hsin-lun subsequently disappears from the bibliographical records of dynastic histories, which indicates that it was no longer part of the Emperor's library. In fact, a Korean source tells us that the Emperor Che-tsung sought to obtain this work from the Koreans in 1091 or 1092 A.D.²⁰

The fact that the work was not in the Emperor's library does not necessarily mean that it had been irretrievably lost. Rather, the library's copy of the Hsin-lun, along with many other books, may have been destroyed during the turmoil after the fall of the T'ang dynasty. Although a printed edition of Wang Ch'ung's Lun-heng was issued in 1045, almost fifty years before

the Chinese asked the Koreans for the <code>Hsin-lun</code>, <code>Huan T'an's</code> book had not been printed. At the end of the <code>T'ang</code>, the Japanese possessed a copy of the work; it was cited in the catalogue, <code>Nihonkoku</code> genzaisho mokuroku, ²¹ written by <code>Fujiwara</code> no <code>Sukeyo</code> (died 898 A.D.), some time before 891.²² However, neither a collection of lost Chinese texts, which was published in Japan in 1797 A.D. under the title <code>I-ts'un</code> <code>ts'ung-shu</code> ///////////, nor a similar collection found in Japan around 1880 A.D.²³ included the <code>Hsin-lun</code>. This suggests that the <code>Hsin-lun</code> in Japan, as in China, was never printed and was probably lost some time after the <code>T'ang</code>.

However, there are quotations from the <u>Hsin-lun</u> in works by authors from the Sung and subsequent dynasties who could not have had access to a printed edition or to the manuscript, which is said to have been lost in either the tenth century (according to Yen) or the Southern Sung (according to Sun). Three Sung writers include quotations: fragment 108 by Wu Shu (947-1002 A.D.), fragment 83 by Yüeh Shih (930-1007 A.D.), and fragment 198 by K'ung P'ing-chung (ca. 1045-1105 A.D.). This last fragment is not included by either Sun nor by Yen. Much of the K'ung P'ing-chung quotation appears to be derived from fragment 104, as is the small fragment 86B quoted by Fang I-chih (1611-1671 A.D.).

New fragments found in later sources are usually included in the second part of the present translation: fragments 188 and 202 from Shuo-fu (end of the Yüan period), fragments 176-187 from Tung Yüeh's (1620-1686 A.D.) Ch'i-kuo k'ao, and fragment 199 from P'ei-wen yün-fu (compiled in 1711 A.D.).

The newly found fragments probably have several origins. Some may have come directly from the <u>Hsin-lun</u> or were quoted in some other source, while others were simply invented. The authenticity of each of the later fragments should be examined individually. Even one of Yen's fragments (78) is unreliable, but only because Yen misread "Ku T'an" for "Huan T'an."24 The authenticity of these fragments is important for some of them represent critical historical information. Tung Yüeh, for instance, relies on Huan T'an for his information about Li K'uei's Canon of Laws, a possible source of ancient Chinese law.25 It is also essential to determine whether Huan T'an's work was available to later philosophers if we are to evaluate his impact on them.26

The existence of quotations from the <u>Hsin-lun</u> in other compilations of the <u>lei-shu</u> type has led some to say that the work must have been extant in the Ming period. These compilations include: Wu Shu's "Shih-lei fu" (fragment 108 has been discussed above); <u>Shih-wen lei-chü</u>, compiled by various Sung and Yüan authors; <u>Hsieh Wei-hsin's [Ku-chin] ho-pi shih-lei [pei-yao]</u> (1257 A.D.); Ch'en Yao-wen's <u>T'ien chung-chi</u> (1610 A.D.); Tung Yüeh's <u>Ch'i-kuo k'ao</u> (see fragments 176-187).28 Since these bulky compilations contain no quotations not found elsewhere, I perused only the <u>Ch'i-kuo k'ao</u>.

The theory that the Hsin-lun was in existence during the Ming was also suggested by Ch'uan Tsu-wang29 (1705-1755 A.D.), who cites Ch'ien Ch'ien-i (1582-1664 A.D.) as his authority. Unfortunately, the catalogue of Ch'ien's library, Chiang-yun-lou shu-mu (ed. TSCC), contains no mention of the <u>Hsin-lun</u>. Moriya Mitsuo (Bibliography IIA 14) points out that Ch'ien's ability to refer to the Hsin-lun precisely may have been due to his good friend Chao Ch'ing-ch'ang (1563-1624 A.D.). According to Sun Ts'ung-t'ien (fl. 1759 A.D.) and Ch'en Chun, whose catalogue Shang-shan-t'ang Sung Yuan pan ching-ch'ao chiu-ch'ao shu-mu is found in the Ch'iu-liaochai ts'ung-shu, 30 Chao collated a Sung text of Huan-tzu Hsin-lun in seventeen fascicules. Although the contemporary bibliographer Wang Chung-min, also quoted by Mori-ya, does not believe the information in this catalogue to be reliable, this particular problem, as well as the compilation of catalogues in the Ming period, should be studied more closely. There may have been much unfounded speculation on the riches of Ch'ien Ch'ien-i's library. It is also said, for instance, that an extremely rare Sung edition of Ou-yang Hsun's encyclopedia, I-wen leichü (submitted to the Emperor in 624 A.D.) could be found there, but this too is not listed in the Chiang-yun-lou shu-mu catalogue.31 If we were to accept the information given by Sun Ts'ung-t'ien and Ch'en Chun at its face value, we would have to believe that there was a Sung print (pen * ?), collated in the 16th and 17th centuries and known to Sun and Ch'en in the 18th century, which was never seen again. This is hardly possible. (For more detailed discussion, see the studies listed in Bibliography IIA 14 and B 19.)

It should be clear that the existence of a quotation from <u>Hsin-lun</u> in a post-T'ang or a post-Sung work does not mean that the text still existed as a complete book at that time. I have, for instance, translated

fragment 52 from the 18th century dictionary P'ei-wen yün-fu, but we know that the fragment comes from the T'ai-p'ing yü-lan, rather than from a full text of Hsin-lun. The T'ai-p'ing yü-lan is not a primary source. Its editors merely copied, sometimes in a most disorderly fashion, old quotations from earlier encyclopedias. The fact that it was not compiled under the best of circumstances has been indicated by J. W. Haeger in his study, The Significance of Confusion: The Origins of the T'ai-p'ing yü-lan.32 Moreover, the sources of the editions of the T'ai-p'ing yü-lan were earlier leishu such as the Hsiu-wen yü-lan (360 chapters) or the Wen-ssu po-yao (1200 chapters), which are now unknown but may have been used by some of those who later quoted from the Hsin-lun. As we have seen, errors are often made in transfers from one edition to another, and the quotations often vary among compilations made throughout the centuries.33

Therefore, the occurrence of any fragment in texts of this sort between and after the T'ang or Sung periods did not necessarily mean that they came from a full text of the Hsin-lun. However, the fact that after the wide use of printing during the Sung there was a sharp decrease of quotations from the Hsin-lun indicates that something of importance happened to the full text at that time. If it did not disappear completely, it became very rare.

Since some late quotations might have actually, if indirectly, come from the original text of the <u>Hsinlun</u>, we cannot suspect them in general. At the same time, we cannot ignore the widespread tendency of amending texts which have been lost. Remember, for example, the fate of the text of the <u>Chu-shu chi-nien</u> which disappeared for several centuries before it was rediscovered in 279 A.D., only to disappear again sometime during the Sung to be later supplanted by a Ming fake. Fakery is not uncommon in Chinese literature 34 and historical writings.

As for the authenticity of Huan T'an's fragments, the most suspect case is fragment 188, quoted from the introduction to the Fei-yen wai-chuan, where literary motifs were undoubtedly at work. Fragment 202, an anecdote on Kuang-wu, is also highly suspect. In both cases, personalities from the Han history were used--or misused--by two unknown authors who referred

to Huan T'an to lend support to their stories. Only in the second case, that of Chu Yu, did the personality really exist. The second category of fakes, where the history is being elaborated on merely to give it more fullness and detail, is represented by many of the quotations by Tung Yüeh (see especially fragment 176, his large quotation on the <u>Canon on Laws</u>). The fragments on the <u>Ming-t'ang</u> (175) probably fall into the same category. There do not seem to be any such problems with the other recently discovered fragments.

There is also the possibility, however faint, that Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u> may, in some cases, have been mistaken for some other <u>Hsin-lun</u>, since works by that name were numerous. As mentioned in the note 26 to fragment 84A, <u>T'ai-p'ing yū-lan</u> 375.2b quotes some <u>Hsin-lun</u>, but it is not clear which one is meant. Huan <u>T'an's Hsin-lun</u> was the first. A survey of the other works may be relevant for some future study of the transmission of ideas and attitudes.

The commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 17.13b and 27.12b refers to a <u>Hsin-lun</u> by Chia K'uei (30-101 A.D.), who, like Huan T'an, was an astronomer and adherent of the ancient texts school.³⁵ <u>T'ai-p'ing yü-lan</u> 265.10b and 739.12a quotes another <u>Hsin-lun</u>, by Ying Chü (190-252 A.D.). During the Chin dynasty, there were four authors of such texts--Chou Hsi,³⁶ Hsia-hou Chan (ca. 247-295 A.D.),³⁷ Mei-tzu,³⁸ and Hua T'an (died ca. 320 A.D.). The books by these last three authors, of which we now have only a few fragments, were reconstructed by Ma Kuo-han. A later <u>Hsin-lun</u> is attributed to Liu Hsieh (ca. 465-522 A.D.), the author of the <u>Wen-hsin tiao-lung</u>. The same book is also attributed to Liu Chou (ca. 516-567 A.D.). Wang Shu-min convincingly demonstrated that the author was Liu Chou. The title <u>Hsin-lun</u> was given to the book quite late, during the <u>Sung</u>; the original title was simply <u>Liu-tzu</u>.³⁹

The difference of one character between the names of Huan T'an and Hua T'an has given rise to another important question—who was the author of fragment 84A? This fragment Hsing—shen, included into the Hung—ming chi, was attributed to "Huan T'an of the Chin period." This is clearly impossible; either the "Chin" or the "Huan" must be wrong (see Bibliography IIA 7 and 9). To complicate the matter, these two authors of very similar names both produced a Hsin—lun. Hua T'an

also compiled, among other works, a <u>Han shu</u>, 40 which indicates his interest in the Han period.

Kung P'ing-chung (ca. 1045-1105 A.D.) was among the Sung authors who quoted Huan T'an. Although K'ung entitled his book Heng-huang Hsin-lun, its contents have nothing to do with Huan T'an's thought. During the Ming period, the philosopher Chan Jo-shui (1466-1560 A.D.),41 who used the style name of Kan-ch'üan ("Sweet Springs"), wrote, among other things, two works entitled Kan-ch'üan Hsin-lun ("Joyful Treatise of the Sweet Springs") and Yang-tzu che-chung ("Discriminating Sincerity of the Yang-tzu"). There are several references in those titles: Kan-ch'üan clearly refers to the Sweet Springs Palace of the Han; another hsin-lun indicates "New Treatise of Huan T'an," and finally Yang-tzu refers to Master Yang or Yang Hsiung.

The abundance of books entitled Hsin-lun (or using "Hsin" as part of their title), as well as the similarities in the names of their authors created confusion even among the medieval bibliographers. Emperor Yüan of Liang (reigned 552-554 A.D.) said in his Chinlou tzu: "There is a Hsin-lun by Huan T'an and another by Hua T'an. There is a T'ai-hsüan ching by Yang Hsiung and another by Yang Ch'üan. When one deliberates upon it, one sees many mistakes in the form of the characters and in their pronunciation. Someone said, 'If there is a Hsin-lun by Huan T'an, why should there be another by Hua T'an? If there is a T'ai-hsüan ching by Yang-tzu, why should there be another T'ai-hsüan ching?' All [questions like that] originate in improper study."42

Wang Yin-lin (1223-1296 A.D.), in his Yü-hai 62.4a-b, an encyclopedia written for examination candidates, added the following note to a short biography of Huan T'an: "Among Confucian [texts] there is also a Hsin-lun by Hsia-hou Chan in ten chüan, a Hsin-lun by Hua T'an in ten chüan; a Hsin-yen by Ku T'an of Wu in ten fascicules, 43 and eight fascicules entitled Hsin-i by Hsüeh Ying; 44 as well as Chia I's Hsin-shu, Lu Chia's Hsin-yü, Liu Hsiang's Hsin-hsü and P'ei Yüan's Hsin-yen."45

The Ch'in-ts'ao and the Ch'in-tao

As mentioned above, our information on the Chin-tsiao is somewhat contradictory. According to

the <u>Tung-kuan Han chi</u>, it originally consisted of one introductory section. This and Fan Yeh tell us that Pan Ku must have been the one to complete it. In the present translation, which is based upon Yen's reconstruction, the <u>Ch'in-ts'ao</u> is found in fragments 169-174. The first of these, based primarily on Li Shan's commentaries to the <u>Wen hsüan</u>, is probably the introductory part mentioned by the <u>Tung-kuan Han shi</u>, since it focuses on the remote past. It is rather improbable that Pan Ku composed all the remaining parts of this "booklet on <u>ch'in</u> ideology," to use the term created by R. H. van Gulik. 46 It is clear, however, that he was conversant with at least the official court music since Chapter 22 of the <u>Han shu</u> includes a "Treatise on the Rules for Ceremonious Behavior and Music."

Ch'in-tao is not mentioned specifically in the bibliographical chapters of the dynastic histories, perhaps because it was not considered to be a separate book but merely a chapter of the Hsin-lun. Both of the T'ang-shu attribute another work of a similar title, Ch'in-ts'ao, 47 of two fascicules to Huan T'an. The bibliographies in both of the T'ang histories also refer to another of Huan T'an's musicological books-Yüeh yüan ch'i, 48 which is also in two fascicules.49

Although the titles of the Ch'in-tao and the Ch'in-ts'ao are similar, the content of these books certainly differed. While Ch'in-tao may be translated as "The Way of the Zither" or "The Doctrine of the Zither,"50 Ch'in-ts'ao most probably means "Music Performed on the Zither." The Ch'in-ts'ao is generally attributed to Ts'ai Yung (133-192 A.D.), the well-known Late Han scholar. However, his biography in the Hou Han shu does not mention any Ch'in-ts'ao, but refers instead to another music treatise-Hsu yueh ("Explaining Music").51 Ch'in-ts'ao by Ts'ai Yung is not cited in any dynastic bibliography nor in the commentaries to the Hou Han shu.

There have been several explanations of these discrepancies. Hou K'ang⁵² quotes Ma Jui-ch'en (1782-1853 A.D.), who suggests that Ch'in-ts'ao might have been a chapter in Ts'ai Yung's Hsü yüeh, just as Ch'intao was a chapter of the Hsin-lun. In his view both those works on the ch'in were not cited in dynastic histories because they were merely chapters of larger works. Ma Jui-ch'en also points to some contradictions

between both Ch'in-ts'ao and Ch'in-tao which establish that they were not composed by the same author.53 Finally, Ma Jui-ch'en points out that a commentary to Wen hsüan quotes from Hsin-lum the same lines that Pei-t'ang shu-ch'ao quotes from Ch'in-ts'ao⁵⁴ and suggests that such identical quotations might represent a contamination of the works. Hou K'ang feels that Ma's explanation is ingenious but believes that it does not establish Huan T'an's authorship. We might add (see note 48 above) that the Chiu T'ang-shu does not attribute the Ch'in-tao to anyone. The author of the Hsin T'ang-shu, who must always differ with the Chiu T'ang-shu, may have included the information on its authorship merely out of contrariness.

The problem of the authorship of Ch'in-ts'ao, however, is even more complicated. The bibliographies in Sui shu, the two T'ang-shu, Sung-shih and some Sung catalogues attribute the Ch'in-ts'ao (in one or three fascicules) to the Chin author K'ung Yen (268-320 A.D.).55 This attribution is supported by forty quotations from the Ch'in-ts'ao in the commentaries to the Wen hsüan. K'ung Yen's work disappeared, as did Huan T'an's Hsin-lun, after the Sung dynasty.

Huang Shih collected the fragments of Ch'in-ts'ao in his great work, Han-hsueh-t'ang ts'ung-shu, the part I-shu k'ao (Lost Books) 49.1-43a. A reconstruction of Ch'in-ts'ao which followed Sun Hsing-yen's (1753-1808 A.D.) edition in the P'ing-chin-kuan ts'ung-shu was republished in the collection Ts'ung-shu chi-ch'eng, along with a detailed introduction (dated 1805 A.D.) by Ma Jui-ch'en. Ma, who believed that Huan T'an was not the author of the work, also says that K'ung Yen was not the author but only a continuer of the work of Ts'ai Yung. Ma finds that the Ch'in-ts'ao contains ideas identical to those in Ts'ai Yung's "Rhyme-prose on the Ch'in" as quoted in the Pei-t'ang shu-ch'ao; this coincidence, he feels, is proof of Ts'ai Yung's authorship. It should be pointed out, however, that the range of ideas and information in literature on the ch'in was rather limited by the orthodoxy inherent in the subject. There are many coincidences, but only some of them are meaningful in proof of shared authorship.

Ma Jui-ch'en's arguments are ingenious, but the fact remains that no bibliographical chapter in the

dynastic histories attributes the $\underline{\text{Ch'in-ts'ao}}$ to Ts'ai Yung. On the contrary, two other $\underline{\text{authors--Huan}}$ T'an and K'ung Yen--are cited.

Whoever wrote the Ch'in-ts'ao--it may not have been any one single person -- it is clear that the Ch'intao and the Ch'in-ts'ao were two distinct books despite some confusion that created by their similar titles. The aim of the <u>Ch'in-tao</u> has been discussed above. 56 According to R. H. van Gulik, the existing <u>Ch'in-ts'ao</u> is a collection of approximately fifty ancient melodies; the work contains no musical notation.57 It is possible that Huan T'an was associated with the Ch'in-ts'ao. For instance, on page 26a, the Ch'in-ts'ao mentions a "Song on Dragon and Snake" by Chieh Tzu-sui, whom Huan T'an mentions in fragment 132 (see also note 77 ibid.). A relatively old source, the <u>Ch'in-shih</u> (History of the Lute) by Chu Ch'ang-wen (1041-1100 A.D.), says: "Both Huan T'an and K'ung Yen collected zither melodies, while Ma Yung and Ts'ai Yung, following in the footsteps of the great Confucians, in their time loved the art [of playing the zither greatly."58 Chu Ch'ang-wen clearly differentiates between the two pairs of ch'in devotees. He links Huan T'an with K'ung Yen--three centuries apart--and Ma Yung (79-166 A.D.) with Ts'ai Yung--near contemporaries. Because of Huan T'an's unorthodox activities in the Bureau of Music, disbanded in 7 B.C., which, among other things, collected tunes, Chu Ch'angwen's description of Huan T'an's activities (chi ch'in-) is not surprising. ts'ao 琴操

Although there is no definitive proof that Huan T'an wrote the <u>Ch'in ts'ao</u>, it is probably not too farfetched to suggest that he had some share in this book, considering the slow process by which such folklore collections come into being.

Other Works by Huan T'an

According to Huan T'an's biography, in addition to his <u>Hsin-lun</u> he "wrote twenty-six fascicules of rhyme-prose, eulogies, letters and memorials."59

One of Huan T'an's \underline{fu} , "Rhyme-prose on Looking for the Immortals," translated in fragment 205, reveals an unorthodox and Taoist spirit, but it does not contribute much to our understanding of Huan T'an and Chinese poetry. 60 The other \underline{fu} is mentioned only in $\underline{Pei-}$

t'ang shu-ch'ao 102.3b: "Huan T'an of Later Han, whose style name was Chün-shan, criticized and scorned all Confucianists. At seventy years of age, he was appointed to fill a vacancy as Assistant Administrator of the [distant] Commandery of Liu-an. Affected [by his exile], he wrote a short fu contemplating the Great Tao. Later he fell ill..."61 The Ch'ing scholar Ku Huai-san reported, that as of his time, "one may now examine" two of Huan T'an's fu.62 Evidently, he meant that the Ch'ing scholars had information on the "Ta-tao fu," not that it was still in existence at that time.

All the other works referred to in the biography may have been part of his "Literary Works" (T'an-chi), mentioned by Li Shan⁶³ at the beginning of the T'ang. It is, therefore, surprising that the bibliographical chapter of the Sui shu⁶⁴ tells us that the five chüan of Huan T'an's chi 12 are lost (wang -). The same bibliography⁶⁵ does mention a Huan-tzu in one chüan, but it probably has no connection with Huan T'an, since "Huan-tzu" is used only to refer to the man Huan T'an and never to his work. The Ch'i-lu by Juan Hsiao-hsü (479-536 A.D.)⁶⁶ also credits the "Literary Works of Huan T'an" with five chüan, ⁶⁷ but both of the T'ang shu mention only two.⁶⁸ This may indicate that part of Huan T'an's writings had been lost by the time of the T'ang shu.

It is still unclear whether some fragments related in Huan T'an's biography (see fragments 206-210) belong to his <u>Hsin-lun</u> or to his "Literary Writings" or are quoted by the historian Fan Yeh from some other source. The fragments 211 and 212 (pien-i /), like fragments 209 and 210, appear to be actual proposals made to Kuang-wu. The last fragment, 215 (Shang-shih), may also be such a proposal, but the word shih ("affair") indicates that it had an informational, rather than an admonishing purpose. The fragments 211-213 and 215 might have come from Huan's memorials (tsou), mentioned by Fan Yeh. Of the letters (shu), only two short fragments still exist-one from Huan T'an's answer to a letter from Yang Hsiung (fragment 214) and another from a letter to Tung Hsien.69

Finally, it should be made clear that another work, Ch'i-shuo + 1000 , was not written by Huan T'an. The commentary to Wen hsüan 4.29a quotes a very short fragment (five characters) of "Huan T'an's Ch'i-shuo." Another fragment from the Ch'i-shuo is mentioned

in the commentary to Wen hsüan 60.35a, but in this case the work is attributed to Huan Lin 15. There is a short biography of Huan Lin (ca. 130-170 A.D.) (apparently the same man with a slight graphical variation in his name) in Hou Han shu 27 (p. 1338) which includes some shuo in a list of his works. Li Hsien's commentary quotes a more precise source, which calls them Ch'i-shuo ("Seven Explanations" or "Seven Persuasions"). This is corroborated by the Wen-hsin tiao-lung 3:14 (Shih, p. 75), in which Huan Lin's work is compared with other writings in groups of seven.70 Thus, the Wen hsüan 4.29a reference is clearly a mistake and should be read Huan Lin instead of Huan T'an.

Summary of Works

- Hsin-lun into 29 parts. Lost after the T'ang or Sung dynasties.

- Yüeh-yüan-ch'i 樂元起, in two chüan, lost.
- <u>T'an chi</u> 葉 (Literary Works), five, and later two chüan.

Reports quoted in Huan T'an's biography.

"Shang pien-i" 上便宜, "Ch'en pien-i" 陳便宜, "Ch'i-shih" 啓事, "Shang-shih"上事:

Two letters.

Erroneous attributions: Huan T'an pieh-chuan 柱譚別傳, post-Sung fragments; Ch'i-shuo 七 說

Special case: "Hsing-shen" 析 神 .

NOTES: HUAN T'AN'S WORK AND ITS TRANSMISSION

- 1. Before Huan T'an's clash with Kuang-wu in 28 A. D.
- 2. Lun is a literary term which, in the Han dynasty, acquired a special, emphatic meaning stresing the actuality of the text and the importance of its words. The original meaning of the character, as in the title of the Lun-yū of Confucius, was "to discuss, to reason, to argue." The term lun might have had a pointedly Confucian connotation, as Ho Liang-chūn pointed out in his Ssu-yu-chai ts'ung-shuo (first published in 1567 A.D.): "From the Eastern Han there came Huan T'an's Hsin-lun, Wang Chieh-hsin's (or Wang Fu) Ch'ien-fu lun, Ts'ui Shih's Cheng-lun, Chung-ch'ang T'ung's Ch'ang-yen, and Wang Ch'ung's Lun-heng. From the Wei there came Hsü Kan's Chung-lun. Even if everyone of (those authors) had his own point of view, not one resembles the various Taoist philosophers. Their works were called lun and (were thus) distinguished from other philosophers." (Shanghai: 1959, p. 185) This work was republished in the series Yūan Ming shih-liao pi-chi ts'ung-k'an. By mentioning Chung-ch'ang Tung's Ch'ang-yen, Ho Liang-chūn includes books like the Fa-yen (Model Words) by Yang Hsiung, a "hard-line" Confucian. The word hsin in the title Hsin-lun has its own meaning. See the explanation of the chapter titles below.
- 3. I.e., Kuang-wu.
- 4. I.e., Emperor Chang.
- 5. Tung-kuan Han chi 69b: "Only "The Way of the Zither" was not yet complete; there was only one introductory section of it." Emperor Chang probably ordered Pan Ku to complete the Ch'in-tao in the year 85 A.D., since it was in that year that he decided to reorganize the ritual and music. See his edict on the subject in Hou Han shu 35, p. 1269. Emperor Chang must have been very pleased by this chapter for in that same year he gave Huan T'an posthumous honors during his imperial tour in the East by ordering sacrifices at Huan T'an's tomb (cf. Huan T'an's biography, p. 1018). This show of respect, almost sixty years after Huan T'an's death, was probably not bestowed on the man so much as it was an indication by the Emperor's interest in re-establishing Huan's conception of music which had been in

- disrepute for almost 100 years. (The Bureau of Music, of which Huan T'an was the Prefect, had been abolished in July 7 B.C.)
- 6. <u>Hou Han shu</u> 28A, p. 1018; T. Pokora, "The Life," pp. 33-34.
- 7. The poet Yu Hsin (513-581 A.D.) mentions that Huan T'an wrote a postface ($\underline{\text{hsu}}$). Perhaps fragment 2B may be interpreted in this sense. See fragment 204, comm. and note 80.
- 8. Fragment 2B.
- 9. <u>Ibid</u>. Note the significance of the word <u>hsin</u> ("new").
- 10. A. Gabain, "Ein Fürstenspiegel: Das Sin-yü des Lu Kia," MSOS 33 (1930), pp. 1-82.
- 11. Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 21 and note 39.
- 12. See the section below on the "Ch'in-tao" and the "Ch'in-ts'ao."
- 13. See fragment 81, note 15. It should be specified that the 100th chapter of the Han shu mentions not Huan T'an, but Huan Sheng 1 (100A, p. 5819). Yen Shih-ku was the first to identify Huan Sheng with Huan T'an. However, in the time of Huan T'an, there did exist one Huan Sheng who is mentioned in Han shu 88, pp. 5170, as a specialist in ritual; he is also referred to in Liu Hsin's biography in Han shu 36, p. 3423, as Huan Kung 1 Crom Lu. Clearly, he was a typical Confucian scholar. Nevertheless, Yen Shih-ku's opinion was generally accepted; see, for example, Ch'ien Mu, "Liu Hsiang Hsin fu-tzu nien-p'u," Ku-shih pien 5 (1935), p. 133. In view of the personal relations discussed above, I believe Yen's suggestion to be correct. Perhaps Pan Ku did not give the name correctly because he did not want to ridicule Huan T'an as Pan Ssu had done.
- 14. <u>Tung-kuan Han chi</u>, as quoted by Li Hsien, says: "When Kuang-wu read it, he decreed that the scrolls were too long and should all be divided into two parts..."
- 15. Translation of A. Gabain: <u>Die Methode</u>, <u>Die Regierung stützen</u>.

- 16. See Analects XII:x:1; Legge, p. 256.
- 17. My paper, "The Necessity..." in <u>ArOr</u> 30 (1962), pp. 247-250, points out at least two philosophers who entitled their works <u>Pien-huo</u>. These were Hsieh Yingfang (ca. 1300-1397 A.D.) and Ku Liang (15th-16th century A.D.). Other philosophers of the Sung and Ming periods are also discussed in this connection.
- 18. <u>T'ang shu ching-chi i-wen ho chih</u> (Shanghai: 1956), p. 170.
- 19. The separate edition of the chapter (Shanghai: 1956).
- 20. The list of the 118 books which he sought is given in $\underline{\text{Kory}} \phi \underline{\text{sa}}$ 10 (P'yongyang: 1957), p. 151. For background information on the Chinese mission, see M. C. Rogers, "Sung-Kory ϕ Relations: Some Inhibiting Factors," in Oriens, No. 11 (1-2) (1958), pp. 194-202, especially p. 200.
- 21. Ohase Keikichi (1865-1944 A.D.), ed., Nihonkoku genzaisho mokoroku kaisetsukō (Tokyō: 1956), p. 11, mentions a Hsin-lun in 17 fascicules.
- 22. For information on this catalogue, see P. Pelliot, BEFEO, No. 2 (1902), p. 333; BEFEO, No. 9 (1909), p. 401; $\overline{\text{TP}}$, No. 13 (1912), p. 495; and especially, P. van der Loon, $\overline{\text{TP}}$, No. 41 (1952), p. 369, note 3.
- 23. P. Pelliot, <u>BEFEO</u>, No. 2 (1902), p. 315.
- 24. A similar mistake of Ku T'an for Huan T'an is made by the Harvard-Yenching indices to the TPYL (p. 234) and to the bibliographical chapters (I-wen chih erh-shih chung tsung-ho yin-te, p. 212), as well as by Yao Chen-tsung in his Hou Han shu i-wen chih (who refers to Chang Tsung-yüan, Sui-shu ching-chi chih k'ao-cheng; see Erh-shih-wu shih pu-pien, II, p. 2371). These three works refer to a Huan T'an pieh-chuan. Chang Tsung-yüan wonders why this work is not mentioned in the bibliographical chapters of the Sui and T'ang shu. Moreover, the Huan T'an pieh-chuan, as quoted in TPYL 775.3b-4a, says that Huan T'an went to Chiao-chih, as well as to the state of Wu; no such trip is mentioned in his biography in Hou Han shu 28A. In fact, the earliest reference to Chiao-chih appears in Hou Han shu 1B, p. 63, which concerns the year 40 A.D. The explanation is

- simple: the character "Ku" has been mistaken for "Huan." For Ku T'an, see the fragment 78.
- 25. See Bibliography, IIIB 7 and IIA 15. In my article, "The Canon of Laws by Li K'uei--A Double Falsification," pp. 113-16, I discuss the date of the disappearance of the Hsin-lum.
- 26. See my article, "The Necessity," <u>ArOr</u>, No. 30 (1962), pp. 246-50.
- 27. For example, according to Huang Hui, Lun-heng chiao-shih (p. 1025), the [Ku-chin] Shih-wen lei-chii 21 quotes Huan-tzu Hsin-lun, as follows, "There is a proverb of Kuan-tung: 'When the people hear the music of Ch'ang-an, they come out of the gates, look towards the west and laugh.'" These lines are actually a small part of fragment 79A, which is frequently quoted in pre-Sung sources.
- 28. See Chung-kuo che-hsüeh-shih tzu-liao hsüan-chi: Liang Han chih pu (Peking: 1960), p. 207.
- 29. Chi-ch'i t'ing wai pien, 40. 15a-16a (ed. SPTK).
- 30. See the 1929 edition, p. 260. Another, short-ened title of the work is used: Shang-shan-t'ang shu-mu.
- 31. This edition was republished in Peking in 1959. See D. Holzman, RBS 5, No. 586. For Wang Chung-min's short study of the catalogue, see his "Chiang-yün-lou shu-mu pa" ("Postface to the Catalogue of Chiang Yun Lou, the Library of Ch'ien Ch'ien-yi"), Kuo-li Pei-p'ing t'u-shu-kuan yüeh-k'an (Bulletin of the National Library of Peking), No. 3 (5) (1929), pp. 577-79.
- 32. <u>JAOS</u>, No. 88 (3) (1968), pp. 401-10. The haphazard editing of the <u>TPYL</u> resulted in the inclusion of several different versions of a single <u>Hsin-lun</u> fragment.
- 33. Wang I-t'ung described this phenomenon, using the example of the <u>Tzu-hai</u> dictionary in his article, "Tz'u-hai k'an-wu" in <u>Tsing Hua Journal of Chinese Studies</u>, No. 2 (1960), pp. 131-42.
- 34. The influence of falsely attributed works and imitations was studied by Liang Jung-jo in "Chung-kuo

- wen-hsüeh-shih shang ti wei-tso i-tso yü ch'i ying-hsiang," <u>Tung-hai hsüeh-pao</u>, VI (1) (1964), pp. 41-53.
- 75. Chia K'uei's <u>Hsin-lun</u> is not mentioned in the <u>Hou Han shu</u>, but Chia K'uei's biography discusses him with Huan T'an and Cheng Hsing (Hou Han shu 36, p. 1316).
- 36. See Wen T'ing-shih (1856-1904 A.D.), <u>Pu Chin-shu I-wen chih</u>, p. 3754 (in <u>Er-shih-wu shih pu-pien III</u>), quoting from <u>PTSC</u> 63 (9b). <u>TPYL</u> 241.9b gives the name as Chou Shao.
- 37. Hsia-hou Chan was a friend of the poet P'an Yu. For P'an Yu, see note 23 to fragment 84A. For Hsia-hou Chan, see note 26 to fragment 84A.
- 38. As early as the time of the bibliographical chapter of the <u>Sui shu</u>, p. 72 (see note 19 above), nothing was known of Mei-tzu.
- 39. Wang Shu-min, "Liu-tzu chi-cheng," introduction to the Monographs of the Institute of History and Language, XLIV (T'aipei: 1961), particularly p. 6a-b.
- 40. Wen T'ing-shih (see note 36 above), p. 3717, quotes this work from PTSC 62 (9b), but he feels that Hua T'an may have been confused with Hua Ch'iao (died 293 A.D.), who compiled a Hou Han shu.
- 41. <u>Ming-shih</u> 288.3b-4b.
- 42. Chapter "Tsa chi," 13B, p. 16b, in the <u>Chih-pu-tsou-chai ts'ung shu</u> edition. See also the introduction to Sun's edition, 4a.
- 43. Ku T'an lived in the 3rd century A.D. The reconstruction of his work is entitled <u>Ku-tzu hsin yü</u>: see fragment 78.
- 44. Hsueh Ying died in 282 A.D. See <u>San kuo chih</u>, <u>Wu chih</u> 8.
- 45. P'ei Yüan is known as P'ei Hsüan 裴玄. He was a contemporary of Hsüeh Ying.
- 46. See R. H. van Gulik, <u>The Lore of the Chinese</u> Lute: An Essay in Ch'in Ideology, <u>Monumenta Nipponica Monographs</u> (Tokyo: 1941).

- 47. P. 31 (see note 18 above). Chiu T'ang-shu does not mention the author of the Ch'in-ts'ao. It is surprising that none of the works attributed to Huan T'an is mentioned in the bibliographical chapter of the Suishu.
- 48. <u>Ibid</u>.
- 49. Tseng P'u (1871-1935 A.D.), in his Pu Hou Han shu i-wen chih p'ing k'ao (Er-shih-wu shih pu-pien II, p. 2581), proposes that the title should read Yüeh-yuan yü and refers to a book written by King Hsien of Hochien (155-130 B.C.). Tjan Tjoe-som, Po-hu t'ung I (p. 105), however, says that Yüeh-yüan yü is a wei appendix to the Book of Music.
- 50. R. H. van Gulik, "The Lore," p. 34 (see note 46 above), explains that <u>Ch'in-tao</u> means, "...the inner significance of the Lute, and how to apply this in order to find in the Lute a means for reaching enlightenment."
- 51. Hou Han shu 90B, p. 2169.
- 52. <u>Pu Hou-Han shu i-wen chih</u> (<u>Erh-shih-wu shih pu-pien</u> II, p. 2110).
- 53. Ibid.
- 54. Wen hsüan 31.4b and PTSC 132.6b--fragment 171; quoted only partially in some sources.
- 55. For a detailed account, see Juan Yüan (1764-1849 A.D.), Ssu-k'u wei-shou shu-mu t'i-yao (Shanghai: 1955), p. 12.
- 56. See note 50.
- 57. P. 167 (see note 46 above).
- 58. Ch'in-shih 6, according to the Chinese text reprinted by van Gulik (pp. 55-56); my translation differs in some points from his.
- 59. See note 6 above.
- 60. Liu Hsieh was critical of Huan T'an's "Wang-hsien fu." Wen-hsin tiao-lung 10:47, p. 110.2, states: "[The owner of Huan T'an's works is said to be as rich

as I Tun, and Sung Hung has praised and recommended him. But, in comparison with [the rhyme-prose of Ssu-ma] Hsiang-ju and other rhyme-prose written in the Palace of the Assembled Spirits, Huan's is definitely shallow and lacking in talent. Therefore, we know that he excelled in his satirical treatise [i.e., the Hsin lun] but could not come up to [the necessary level of] polite literature." This cryptic statement by Liu Hsieh was misunderstood by V. Y. C. Shih, The Literary Mind, p. 253: "Huan T'an's works have been acclaimed as being as rich as I Tun, and Sung Hung has compared him to [Ssu-ma] Hsiang-ju in his recommendation. However, judged on the basis of his own 'fu on the Palace of Chi-ling' and other works, he is definitely shallow and lacking in talent..." In note 27, Shih refers to Sung Hung's biography where Huan T'an is compared to Yang Hsiung, Liu Hsiang and to Liu Hsin, but not to Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju.

In fact, Liu Hsieh's text paraphrases Wang Ch'ung's Lun-heng (20:61, p. 862; Forke, II, p. 274), which compares Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju's invitation from Emperor Wu with Yang Hsiung's participation in the imperial hunts of Emperor Ch'eng. The point of similarity is the fact that Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju, Yang Hsiung and Huan T'an served their rulers both as officials and as poets. Forke misunderstood the text in translating the name "I Tun." For I Tun, see Watson, Records II, p. 483; for a correction of Forke, see P. Pelliot, in JA, XX (1912), p. 165; for Sung Hung, see Hou Han shu 26, p. 956. In any case, Huan T'an wrote no "Fu on the Palace of Chi-ling." Sung Hung is evidently Sung Chung-weng of the fragment 45.

- 61. PTSC 102.3b is probably based upon Hsieh Ch'eng's Hou Han shu, quoted by Yao Chih-yin in Hou-Han-shu pu-i 4a; see also Hui Tung's commentary in Hou-Han shu chichieh 28A, p. 1018, and Huan T'an's Fu (bibliography IIB 48), p. 355, notes 10-11.
- 62. <u>Pu Hou-Han shu i-wen chih, Er-shih-wu shih pu-pien</u> II, p. 2270.
- 63. See the beginning of the commentary to fragment 190.
- 64. P. 112 (cf. note 19 above).
- 65. P. 78. "Huan-tzu" is also listed in the third part of the Sui-shu bibliography, which is devoted to

the philosophers, as "Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u>;" although the <u>Hsin-lun</u> belongs to the category of Confucian writings, "<u>Huan-tzu</u>" is listed among the miscellany. Ch'en Te-yun, <u>Ku chin jen-wu pieh-ming so-yin</u> (1937), pp. 82-83 (reprint, T'aipei: 1965), lists four men from the Ch'un-ch'iu period, one from the Warring States period and one from the Chin dynasty who used Huan-tzu as a second name.

- 66. The reference to <u>Ch'i-lu</u> is from Tseng P'u, <u>Pu</u> Hou Han shu i-wen chih p'ing k'ao, <u>Erh-shih-wu shih pu-pien</u> II, p. 2542, which does not give the name of Juan Hsiao-hsü, who lived during that dynasty.
- 67. Ku Huai-san (note 62 above), p. 2270, states that during the Liang dynasty there were also five chüan. He does not give his source for this statement but he evidently means Juan Hsiao-hsü who lived during that dynasty. See preceding note 66.
- 68. P. 291 (see note 18 above).
- 69. For two letters from Yang Hsiung to Huan T'an, see note 12 to fragment 80C and note 123 to fragment 214. For another letter to Tung Hsien, see fragment 207.
- 70. See also Hervouet, <u>Sseu-ma Hsiang-jou</u>, p. 157, note 2.

List of Abbreviations

<u>AM</u>	Asia Major.			
<u>Ar Or</u>	Archiv Orientální.			
BEFEO	Bulletin de l'Ecole Française d'Extrême- Orient.			
BMFEA	Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities.			
BSOAS	Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies.			
DKJ	Morohashi Tetsuji, <u>Dai Kan Wa Jiten</u> , Vol. 1-13, Tokyo, 1960.			
ECCP	A. H. Hummel, Eminent Chinese of the Ch'ing Period. Vol. 1-2, Washington, 1943-44.			
<u>HFHD</u>	H. H. Dubs, <u>The History of the Former Han</u> <u>Dynasty by Pan Ku</u> . Vol. 1-3, Baltimore, 1938, 1944, 1954.			
<u>HJAS</u>	Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies.			
IWLC	<u>I-wen lei-chü</u> . See Bibliography IIIA 23.			
<u>JA</u>	Journal Asiatique.			
JAOS	Journal of the American Oriental Society.			
JAS	Journal of Asian Studies.			
Liang Han	pu-fen Chung-kuo che-hsüeh-shih tzu-liao hsüan-chi Liang Han pu-fen. Peking, 1960. See Bibliography I 7.			
<u>MH</u>	E. Chavannes, Les Mémoires Historiques de Se-ma Ts'ien. Vol. I-V. Paris, 1895-1905; reprinted with VIth additional volume, Paris, 1968-69.			
MSOS	Mitteilungen des Seminars für Orientalische Sprachen.			

PTSC Pei-t'ang shu-ch'ao, see Bibliography IIIA 37.

Pu-pien Erh-shih-wu shih pu-pien. See Bibliography IV 3, 32, 54, 75, 90.

PWYF P'ei-wen yün-fu. See Bibliography IIIA 38.

RBS Révue bibliographique de sinologie.

SPPY Ssu-pu pei-yao.

SPTK Ssu-pu ts'ung-k'an.

Sun P'ing-i, <u>Huan-tzu Hsin-lun</u>. See Bibliography I 1.

TP T'oung Pao.

TSCC Ts'ung-shu chi-ch'eng.

WYWK Wan-yu wen-k'u.

Yen Yen K'o-chun, <u>Huan-tzu Hsin-lun</u>. See Biblio-graphy I 2.

ZDMG Zeitschrift der deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft.

I. <u>HSIN-LUN</u> (New Treatise)

As Reconstructed by Yen K'o-chün

Chapter 1. Creation

1

Commentary to the Wen hsüan 40.17b. Yen 13.2a. Sun 14a.

The Ch'in chancellor Lü Pu-wei encouraged his noble and excellent scholars to compose the Spring and Autumn of Mr. Lü. The King of Huai-nan [Liu An] of the Han dynasty enticed his brilliant and penetrating scholars to write sections and chapters [of the book Huai-nan-tzu]. When they were finished, both books were put on display at the market place in the capital, and a reward of one thousand catties of gold was publicly offered to attract scholars to criticize the books. Nevertheless, no one was able to propose any change. Their contents were concise and captivating, their substance full and language subtle.

2

A TYPL 976.5b

Yen 13.2a. Sun 26a.

Tung Chung-shu concentrated all his spirit on handing down the past. Before he reached the age of sixty he did not glance at the greens in the garden.

B TPYL 602.3b

Yen 13.2a. Sun 23a.

I have written the <u>New Treatise</u> in order to examine and discuss the past and the present, but I also wish to promote successful government. How does this differ from the praise and blame given in the <u>Ch'un ch'iu!</u> There are now people who doubt everything. They say that the oyster is not a bivalve, that two times five is not ten.

I, Huan T'an, wrote my <u>New Treatise</u>, after having consulted Liu Hsiang's <u>New Arrangement</u>, and Lu Chia's <u>New Words.</u> In his parables Chuang Chou mentions that Yao questioned Confucius; <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u> says that the

boundaries of earth were smashed when Kung-kung was fighting to become Emperor. Everyone believes that these are ridiculous statements, and therefore many people now say that these are deficient books which cannot be used. But nobody understands the space under Heaven better than a sage. Although there are unfounded and outrageous passages in Chuang Chou and those other books, we must use what is best in them. How dare we talk of rejecting them completely?

NOTES: CHAPTER 1

- 1. The edition by Yen K'o-chun (hereafter Yen) does not give the title hsiang ("chancellor").
- 2. Yen's text has shu 書 ("book").
- 3. The story of Tung Chung-shu may be found in his biography in the Shih chi (121, p. 26; 0. Franke, Studien zur Geschichte, p. 91): "For three years Tung Chung-shu did not look at his cottage and garden. Such was his spiritual force!" Wang Ch'ung also relates this story in his Lun-heng (26 p. 370; A. Forke, I, p. 504) but, in his usual skeptical way, he adds that three years is an exaggeration. Later, this anecdote, which praises Tung Chung-shu's zealous study of the Ch'un ch'iu while revealing a rather ironical attitude towards his bookishness, was adopted by Han Yü, who, in turn, was criticized for it by Chu Hsi. Cf. T. Pokora, "The Need for a More Thorough Study of the Philosopher Wang Ch'ung and of his Predecessors," pp. 238-239.
- 4. An autobiographical fragment by Lu Hsi, which is quoted in his biography (Chin shu 54.11b), says, "Liu Hsiang examined [Lu Chia's] New Words and wrote his New Arrangement. Huan T'an studied the New Arrangement and wrote his New Treatise.
- Chapter 27, translated by J. Legge as "Metaphorical Language" and by J. R. Ware as "Symbols." But the discussion between Yao and Confucius is mentioned neither there nor in the other chapters of the existing text of Chuang-tzu. Huan T'an apparently was speaking, not of the title of Chapter 27 nor of metaphors in general, but of fiction (hsi) as opposed to fact (shih).

Huan T'an's use of the term <u>yu-yen</u> can best be understood in the context of the analyses by Ju. L. Kroll, who offered much helpful advice on this manuscript, especially on those sections derived from Huan T'an's biography (fragments 206-10). Kroll writes in his letter of June 5, 1965:

When studying the Shih chi I came upon an interesting device, a Han term denoting fictive speech put into the mouth of a fictive personality. This term, yü-yen , has usually been translated as "allegory." At the beginning of Chuang Tzu's Chapter 27,

entitled Yü-yen, the term is explained as words put into the mouth of an outsider (according to the commentary, "a fictive personality") in the hope that those words will be more readily believed because the outsider is not interested in the matter.

Ssu-ma Ch'ien uses the expression (Shih chi 63, p. 10) as a ready-made term for a certain literary device. (He believes that everything written by Chuang Tzu is just yü-yen.) Liu Hsiang, in his Pieh lu (ibid., quoted in the <u>So-yin</u> commentary), also explains the term: "Again, [Chuang Tzu] created the surnames and personal names of people, having them talk with one another. This means he put words in [the mouths] of these people. In Chuang-tzu there is, therefore, a chapter entitled "Words put [into the mouths of others]." Liu Hsiang felt that such an approach had also been used in Lieh-tzu. Finally, Pan Ku applied the term of the rhyme-prose by Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju (Han shu 100 B, p. 5866).

Thus we have before us the tradition of "fiction," including invented dialogue, which reaches from the philosophers of the Warring Kingdoms period to the Han rhyme-prose. There is an opposed tradition, centered upon "real facts" (shih-shih and represented by Ssu-ma Ch'ien. As a matter of fact, Ssu-ma Ch'ien systematically evaluated the works of Chuang-tzu and Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju with the terms shih and hsü and states that they contain much "fiction"(hsü, k'ung-yü 空 語) and exaggeration.

Also see Kroll's book on Ssu-ma Ch'ien, Syma Czjan-istorik, pp. 43-45.

- 6. This legend is explained in detail in Chapter 31 ("<u>T'an t'ien</u>") of Wang Ch'ung's <u>Lun-heng</u>.
- 7. It is difficult to explain why Yen combined these two quite different fragments. However, this is typical of his approach in editing Huan T'an.

Chapter 2. Kings and Hegemons

3

A The <u>Cheng-i</u> commentary to <u>Shih chi</u> 5, p. 54; 1

TPYL 77.5a.

Yen 13.2a-b Sun lla.

In the distant past Three Sovereigns and Five Supreme Rulers were established. Later, there were Three Kings and Five Hegemons. These were the highest rulers in the world. Therefore, it is said that the Three Sovereigns regulated by using the Way, while the Five Supreme Rulers achieved moral transformation through virtue. The Three Kings followed benevolence and righteousness, while the Five Hegemons used authority and knowledge.

It has been said: When there were no laws, regulations, chastisements or punishments, the ruler was called "Sovereign." When there were laws and regulations but no chastisements or punishments, the ruler was called "Supreme Ruler." When the good were rewarded, the bad punished, and the feudal rulers came to court to perform their duties, the ruler was called "King." When armies were raised, alliances pledged, and sincerity and righteousness used to reform the age, the ruler was called "Hegemon."

B <u>I lin</u> 3.7a.

Yen 13.2b. Sun 4b-5a.

The Three Sovereigns ruled by using the Way. The Five Supreme Rulers achieved moral transformation through virtue. The Three Kings followed benevolence and righteousness. The Five Hegemons used authority and knowledge. When there were no regulations, chastisements or punishments, [the ruler] was called Supreme Ruler. When the good were rewarded, the bad punished, and the feudal rulers came to court, [the ruler] was called King. When huge armies were raised and alliances and vows pledged, [the ruler] was called Hegemon.

King [wang £] means "to go towards" [wang 1]. This means that, because his kindness and favor are great, the Empire comes to the King. The Way of the King is pure; his virtue is like that. The Way of the Hegemon is dappled and mixed; his achievement is like this. They both possess the Empire and rule

over myriads of people. Their rule passes down to their sons and grandsons. They are the same in substance.

This fragment can also be found in Chao Jui's (8th century A.D.) Ch'ang-tuan ching 3.27a (in the "Shih pien" to chapter); in edition Tu-shu chaits'ung-shu. It is a short mixture of 3A and 3B. A very short version of 3B can be found in T'ai-p'ing yü-lan 403.3b.

Cf. Liang-Han chih pu II, p. 351.

4

Commentary to the Wen hsuan 48.25b. Yen 13.2b. Sun 14b.

For a long time T'ang and Wu dwelt as chiefs of the region among the feudal lords. Their virtue and kindness reached the hundred families.

5

Ch'u-hsüeh chi 9.17b.

Yen 13.2b. Sun 18a.

The virtue of a ruler who follows the Way of Kings supports and encompasses, and thus unites with Heaven.

6

A TPYL 77.5a.

Yen 13.2b-3a. Sun 20a.

One of the literati might say, "If one unsuccessfully aspires to become a true king, he may yet become a hegemon." This statement is incorrect. Tradition says, "Among Confucians even boys five cubits tall do not discuss the affairs of the Five Hegemons because they oppose the hegemons' disregard of benevolence and righteousness and for might and deception."

B I lin 3.7a.

Yen 13.2b. Sun 5a.

If one unsuccessfully aspires to become a true king, he may yet become a hegemon.⁸

NOTES: CHAPTER 2

- 1. The text of the Shih chi to which the Cheng-i commentary is attached refers to the year 343 B.C. (the nineteenth year of the Duke Hsiao of Ch'in) and says, according to Chavannes' translation: "Le dix-neuvième année, les Fils du Ciel conféra [au duc Hsiao] le titre d'hégémon," (in the nineteenth year, the Son of Heaven gave the title of Hegemon to Duke Hsiao); MH II, p. 66 (and I, p. 304).
- 2. "Regulate" is <u>li</u> 理 . Yen's text has <u>chih</u> 治 ("to rule"), taken from 3B.
- 3. Again, Yen adds two characters from 3B.
- 4. The 3A text has po 19 for "hegemon," while 3B has pa 3 . Huan T'an's terminology is also used by Wang Ch'ung. Cf. Lun-heng 1, p. 3; Forke, Lun-heng II, p. 32 and note 4.
- 5. Hsü Yüeh makes a similar statement at the end of his memorial to Emperor Wu. Cf. Shih chi 112, p. 20; Watson, The Records II, p. 231. Hsü Yüeh says that he has heard this statement, but neither he nor the commentary refers to a specific source. Later, the very text used here is quoted by Wang Ch'ung as a proverb. Cf. Lun-heng 4, p. 29; Forke, I, p. 315. Wang Ch'ung adds, "Hegemons are frustrated pretenders to the King's throne."
- 6. This term is used in Mencius III:I:IV:17; Legge, p. 256. A similar term, "of six cubits" is used in the Analects VIII:6; Legge, p. 210, translated this as referring to a child of about fifteen years. See also Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu 10:5, p. 103; Wilhelm, p. 129.
- 7. The traditional statement is a paraphrase of Tung Chung-shu. See Tung's biography in Han shu 56, p. 4020. Franke, Studien zur Geschichte, p. 96 and note 2.
- 8. The meaning of version B differs somewhat from A, but this is evidently due to its having been shortened.

Chapter 3. Searching for Counsellors

7

I lin 3.7a.

Yen 13.3a. Sun 5a

Ruling a country is at the root of being a counsellor. Those who are so employed all possess great talent. Those of great talent are the legs and arms, the feathers and pinions of the ruler.

8

TPYL 187.8a.

Yen 13.3a. Sun 20b.

The kings, dukes and high officials are happy to receive excellent teachers and brilliant counsellors. The common people and the masses are pleased to cultivate benevolent worthy men, as well as wise gentlemen. All of these are the pillars and beams of the country, the feathers and wings of all men.1

9

<u>Jen-tzu</u>, ² quoted in <u>I lin</u> 5.7b, suggests Huan T'an.

Yen 13.3a.

It is easy to support a king, but it is difficult to help a hegemon.

10

TPYL 404.8a.

Yen 13.3a. Sun 21a.

In former times, although I Yin of the Yin dynasty, T'ai-kung of the Chou, and Po-18 Hsi of the Ch'in all had Heavenly 3 talents, they rose to become teachers of kings and hegemons only after the age of seventy.

A <u>Ch'ün-shu chih-yao</u> 44, p. 763 Yen 13.3a-b. Sun 20a.

The king of Ch'in saw the ruling house of Chou lose its power and might to the feudal lords. ... He, therefore, relied only upon himself and did not enfeoff others or allow them to become feudal lords. Later, Ch'en Sheng, and the rulers of Ch'u 4 and Han, all rose from the common people and were never enfeoffed as rulers with land. Together they annihilated Ch'in.

When Emperor Kao conquered the Empire, he remembered that King Hsiang Yü had come through the Hanku pass, while he himself had come from the Wu pass. 5 He ignored the passes and erected and strengthened the defenses. He filled the inner area with his three armies and organized frontier garrisons on the outside. He established a penalty of relentless punishment for the formation of bands, and posted heavy rewards for information on subversives.

But, later, when Wang Weng [i.e., Wang Mang⁷] usurped the throne he did not break through the passes, bridges and strategic defenses, but won everything sitting down. Wang Mang saw how he himself won the Empire by taking the government into his own hands, so he suppressed the great ministers and took to himself all the powers of his subordinates. Once he obtained the power, he personally handled all matters⁸ whether they were great or small, deep or shallow. But later when he lost his throne, it did not come about through the great ministers.

The Keng-shih Emperor saw that Wang Mang's Empire perished because he lost the affection of the people. Therefore, when he came to the western capital, he trusted in the people's joy and happiness and allowed himself to enjoy peace and contentment. But he would not listen to the criticism and proposals of the ministers and counsellors. The Red Eyebrows surrounded him without, while the ministers rebelled within. Then the city fell.

From this we can see that calamities and perils are strange and uncanny things, never of the same kind. How can one successfully overcome them, by building defenses or by planning preventive measures? The best defense and prevention is to assess the wise, intelligent and greatly talented, to foresee and forestall, and then perhaps be saved.

B TPYL 86.7a.

Yen 13.3a. Sun 20a.

The First Sovereign Emperor of the Ch'in saw how the house of Chou had lost its power. He believed that it was necessary to keep the Nine Provinces in his own hands. He looked on the masses of people as milling flocks of sheep and as herds of pigs which must be driven with a rod. Therefore, he was later overthrown.

12

<u>I lin</u> 3.7b.

Yen 13.3b. Sun 5a.

The clear mirrors are the tortoise and straws of divination. The regulations and rules are the bushel and peck. The scales and measures are the yard and the foot.

13

<u>Ch'ün-shu chih-yao</u> 44, pp. 763-764. Yen 13.3b-4a.

Needles, moxa, prescriptions, and medicines are tools to help the sick, but without a skilled physician they cannot cure. Talent, ability, virtue and fine conduct are tools for ruling a country, but without an enlightened ruler they are of no effect. If the physician does not own the needles and medicines, he may buy them in order to practice his trade. If the ruler has neither talent nor virtue, he may appoint wise counsellors and need not personally possess these qualities.

Thus we can see that talent, ability, virtue and fine conduct are the needles and medicines of a country. They are effective if used as aids to the ruler.

Tradition says, "Better have one Po-lo than ten fine horses. Better have one Ou Yeh than ten sharp swords." 10 Better have a few who know good things than have many good things. When he who knows good things brings out the excellent and the precious [in them], precious things multiply and are not limited to a mere ten.

14

PTSC¹² llb.

Yen 13.4a.

To face the descendants of the Nine Provinces. 13

15

TPYL 212.6a.

Yen 13.4a. Sun 9a.

Yao once tested Shun at the foot of a great mountain. The people of the mountain directed him to record the affairs of the empire, 14 as the officials of the Office of the Masters of Writing do today. Only when one finds great worthies, as well as men of knowledge, is it possible to make a decision and still be fair.

The same, somewhat shortened, text is found in <u>IWLC</u> 48.17a and <u>PTSC</u> 59.2a. The last sentence is missing in the text quoted in the commentary to <u>Hou Han shu</u> 34, p. 4137.

16

Commentary to Wen hsüan 56.17a. Yen 13.4a. Sun 15a.

The Duke of Chou clarified and respected the Way of Chou, and brought benefits to all within the four utmost limits.

17

PTSC 44.2a.

Yen 13.4a. Sun 15a.

Run the prison like water.

18

Commentary to Wen hsüan 60.27b. Yen 13.4a. Sun 14a.

A sage appears once in a thousand years. Worthy and superior men think of him but cannot see him.

See also the commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 37.35b. The first sentence of the fragment is repeated in the commentaries to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 57.35 and 52.24a.

19

Commentary to Wen hsüan 36.27b. Yen 13.4a. Sun 14a.

He who is perfectly straight, loyal and upright dares to criticize and protest as did Chi An.15 $\,$

20

<u>I lin</u> 3.7b.

Yen 13.4a. Sun 5a.

The eminent men of past generations secured their merit and left their names to posterity. Their pictures are in the imperial palaces and inner apartments. They are the great invaluable treasures of the nation. One could gather the jade of Pien Ho, 16 pile up the jade ornaments of the Hsia, hoard the pearls of the Marquis of Sui, 17 store pearls which shine in the night—but even that would not sufficiently compare. 18 What age lacks ministers like I Yin or Lü Shang, Chang Liang or Ch'en P'ing? But the rulers of men do not recognize them, and the lower ministers are not employed.

21

Ch'ang-tuan ching 3.16b.

Yen 13.4b.

When a person is capturing wild animals, he does not allow a beauty to raise her hands.19 When a person is fishing for a giant fish, he does not allow a boy to make careless preparations. It is not that he dislikes them, but that their strength is inadequate for the task. Now, what about a ruler of [a country with] ten thousand chariots who does not select the best men?

22

TPYL 684.5b-6a.

Yen 13.4b. Sun 24a.

Tradition says that Prince Mou of Wei met the King of Chao in the north. The King had just commanded

his hat-maker to put the official hats in order and bring them forward.

He asked Mou how to govern his country. Mou replied, "Great King, if you could sincerely treat the country as seriously as you treat that two-foot strip of silk, 20 then the country would be well-governed and at peace." The King said, "I received this country from my ancestors. The ancestral temple and the gods of soil and grain are very serious matters. How can you compare them to a two-foot strip of silk?"

Mou said, "When you, Great King, order your hats to be made you do not call on your relatives or those close to you to do the job. Instead, you invariably seek out skilled craftsmen. Don't you do this because you fear that the silk would be ruined and the hats not be made? Now, if those who govern the country are not skilled, then the gods of soil and grain will not be at peace and the spirits of the ancestral temple will not accept blood offerings. Great King, you do not seek out skilled men, but you consult your personal favorites instead. Doesn't this practice take the country less seriously than a two-foot piece of silk?"

The king said nothing in reply.

PTSC 127.2b has a short version of this fragment. Huan $\overline{\text{T'an'}}$'s anecdote appears to be based on Chan-kuo ts'e, "Chao ts'e" 3, 15.

23

Commentary to Wen hsuan 45.28b and 46.37b.

Yen 13.4b. Sun 14b.

Human nature is difficult to fathom, difficult to know. Therefore, those of an extraordinary and strange nature are often ignored by the vulgar.

24

A <u>TPYL</u> 897.2b and <u>IWLC</u> 93.10b. Yen 13,4b-5a. Sun 17b.

The old man of Hsieh, 21 who lived at Ch'ang-an, was an expert in judging horses. In the frontier

outposts he found a noble horse. The old man rode into market on the horse, but no one noticed him coming or going. Later, someone complimented him on the horse and asked to see it.

The old gentleman said, "All these officials have no eyes. They are not worthy to see it."

B The commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 4.30a (Sun 12b) gives a short quote which Yen has interpolated into the one above: A horse expert said, "The Duke of Hsieh bought a horse which looked ugly but had a proper gait. He called it Chi-tzu."22

25

A <u>IWLC</u> 93.3b.

Yen 13.5a. Sun 17b.

Domestic animals are quite common, but all of them which were especially fine have been recorded in the texts. Thus there are horses named Hua-liu23 and Chi-lu,24 and the oxen Kuo-chiao and Ting-liang25 are praised.

B The subcommentary to <u>Li chi</u> 35.7b (edition <u>Shih-san ching chu-su</u>, Shanghai, <u>1926</u>) has a version given by neither Yen nor Sun: Domestic animals are quite common, but all of them which were especially fine have been recorded in the texts. The best are called Hanlu²⁶ and Sung-ts'u.²⁷

26

I lin 3.7b.

Yen 13.5a. Sun 5a-b.

Is there any period which has no men like I Yin or Lü Shang, Chang Liang or Ch'en P'ing? The ruler of men does not recognize them, so many worthy men are not employed. $^{28}\,$

Worthy men are of five classes. 29

Some are careful and diligent in their family affairs, and honor their elders when in social groups. These are the gentlemen of the villages.

Some do their work with energy. They understand profit, writing, and the [Work of | Shih [Chou] 30 These are the gentlemen of the districts and the courts of justice.

Some are trustworthy and sincere, respectful in their demeanor, incorrupt and honest, and fair and reasonable. When in a lowly position, they devote their attention to those above. These are the gentlemen of the prefectures and the commandaries.

Some have mastered classical scholarship. Their name is eminent and their behavior skilled. They penetrate so deeply as to participate in governing. They are broadminded, as well as persistent. These are the gentlemen among the dukes and counsellors.

Some of high and excellent talents rise above the multitude as does a mountain. They have many ideas and great plans, make plans for the age, and thus establish their great merit. These are the gentlemen of the Empire.

27

Commentary to Wen hsüan 50.10a. Yen 13.5a. Sun 14b.

The man who follows principle when living at home, who is peaceful and obedient in his village, who is respectful and reverent in his comings and goings, whose words are serious and modest--that man is a perfect gentleman.

28

Ch'ün-shu chih-yao 44, p. 764. Yen 13.5a-6a.

Once counsellors and assistarts have been found, there remain three great difficulties and two bars to excellence.

Among those now in charge of affairs, many are mediocre men, and only a few have great talent. Those few cannot overcome the many; one mouth cannot argue against an entire nation. To hold a solitary and individual opinion against the consensus, 31 to argue from a viewpoint which disdains what is petty against minds which prize what is petty will never create cooperation. This is the first difficulty.

The creation of something strange and remarkable, the making of something extraordinary, cannot be understood by vulgar men. Also, to let the enlightened and the wise plan affairs and then bring them down to the masses will certainly be inadequate. This is the second difficulty.

If at the moment when the plan which has been heard and accepted is about to be put into action but is not yet completed, carping men take an instant dislike to it, then the half-complete plan will meet suspicion and the voice which proposed it becomes the butt of accusations. This is the third difficulty.

Wise men exhaust all their minds and voices in the service of the nation, but the masses watch them with malice, and they become the objects of suspicion. If one is not accepted as a conformist, he is slandered. His virtue may be ten times perfect, but a single fault will do him in. This is the first bar to excellence.

Gentlemen of talent and ability are the envy of the world. When they meet a wise ruler they rise at once, rejoicing. But once the ruler has been lucky enough to find men of talent, he insists that they follow the masses and not the men of wisdom. Though they be Yu Jo or Chung-ni, they are still dismissed. This is the second bar to excellence.

Therefore, unless the relations between a ruler and his ministers are most intimate and stable, unless they have such great trust that they would tear out their hearts for each other, unless their actions are above suspicion and doubt—as when I Yin and Lü Shang were employed when Fu Yüeh was discovered in a dream, 33 or when Kuan Chung and Pao Shu—ya were appointed with trust—it is difficult to carry out an act and bring an idea to fruition.

Again, the arguments of ministers have too many angles. When they wish to see someone employed, they pressure the ruler with quotes from the ancient sage counsellors; when they wish to remove someone from the ruler's favor, they call him a usurper who endangers the country.

Now, father and son are the closest of kin, but in the ruling families there was the matter 34 of Kaotsung and Hsiao- 135 and, later on, during the reigns of

the Emperors Ching and Wu, the affairs of the crown-princes Li36 and Wei.37 There are loyal ministers with lofty ideals, but over the years there have been the unhappy affairs of Kuan Lung-feng, Pi Kan, Wu Yüan, and Ch'ao Ts'o.38 There are so many similar cases they cannot be fully listed. So, how can matters be accomplished? How can they be simply learned? However, by analyzing what has happened in the past we may get a good look at the problem and be forewarned.

Noble and excellent men of great talent prize the opportune moment.39 They all want to reach the heights of the sages and shine their light down through the ages. Why would they ruin their names, turn from righteousness and indulge in wild and vile behavior? Lu Chung-lien refused gold and the kingdom of Ch'i.40 The kingdom of Chao gave gold and titles to Yü Ch'ing, but he laid aside his fief of ten thousand families and his position as chancellor of the country.41 Then they rejoiced that they had made a name for themselves and were also free to do what they pleased. Did they beg again? Did they curry favor or hasten after wealth?

The depraved, disobedient, and rebellious ministers, when closely observed, are all greedy men, arguing over trifles. None of them had great talent. Thus we can come to fully understand, during our lifetimes, the behavior, the feelings, and the sense of responsibility of eminent gentlemen of extraordinary talent and ability. If we don't⁴² regard this as being of the greatest importance, then we begin to suspect them. If we find it impossible to acknowledge, accept, and effectuate their plans, then these plans, although born of broad knowledge and past success, will be useless.

29

I lin 3.7b.

Yen 13.6a. Sun 5b.

Had Chia I not been degraded and disappointed, his literary elegance would not have been produced. 43 Had Liu An, the Prince of Huai-nan not been noble, successful, and wealthy, he could not have employed a host of eminent scholars to compose a book. 44 Had the Grand Historian [Ssu-ma Ch'ien] not been responsible for keeping records, he would not have been able to put them into order and come to know both the past and the

present. 45 Had Yang Hsiung not been poor, he could never have written his Mysterious Words. 46

Previous translation of the last part: T. Pokora, "The Life" II, p. 546.

30

I lin 3.8a.

Yen 13.6a. Sun 5b.

The three virtuous men of the Yin dynasty⁴⁷ were all obscure in their own time but shown forth brilliantly in later times. What good is that to [our] time?⁴⁸ What is their help for the ruler?

31

Wang Ch'ung, <u>Lun-heng</u>, 16, 50, p. 720. Yen 13.6a.

Huan Chün-shan said to Yang Tzu-yün, ⁴⁹ "If a sage should appear to future generations, people will merely realize that his talents are greater than theirs, but many will not be able to tell whether he is really a sage or not."

Tzu-yun replied, "This is true indeed."

Previous translation by A. Forke, <u>Lun-heng</u>, p. 361.

NOTES: CHAPTER 3

- 2. Jen-tzu is a book in ten ch'üan by Jen I, according to the commentary to the I lin. However, the bibliographical chapter of the Sui history, the "Sui shu ching-chi chih" 3 (p. 74) mentions a Jen-tzu tao-lun, also in ten ch'üan, which is attributed to Jen Ku sof Wei. Chung-kuo jen-ming ta tz'u tien (p. 224, 3), says that Jen I, who lived during the Later Han, wrote a Jen-tzu, but the authority for this assertion is unknown. Jen I may be Jen Shuang some who is mentioned in the San-kuo chih, wu chih 12. Jen-tzu tao lun, as reconstructed by Ma Kuo-han, can be found in Yü-han shan-fang chi-i shu, vol. 78.
- 3. Yen proposes <u>ta</u> 大 ("great") instead of <u>t'ien</u> 夭 ("heavenly").
- 4. The leaders of Ch'u, like Hsiang Yü, who fought against Liu Pang after the death of Ch'en Sheng, were mostly heirs of noble families.
- 5. See, for example, <u>HFHD</u> I, pp. 6 and 54.
- 6. For this meaning of <u>ch'iung-chih</u> 第 治 see Chavannes, <u>MH</u> III, p. 558 and note 4 ("punir jusqu'au bout").

- 7. Here, and in other fragments by Huan T'an, quoted in the Ch'ün-shu chih-yao, the text has Wang Weng (or Wang weng £). The commentary to the I lin 2.8a correctly states: "'Venerable old Wang' [Wang weng] refers to Wang Mang. Since Huan T'an had served under Wang Mang, he could not abuse him, nor could he call him ruler." For further arguments on this point, see T. Pokora, "Life" I, pp. 62-64 and notes 38, 45, 46. Henceforth, the term Wang weng will be translated as Wang Mang.
- 8. The same is said of the First Emperor of Ch'in in the Shih chi 6, p. 56; Chavannes II, p. 178. Both statements appear to be historically correct, but they undoubtedly reflect the attitude of officials who did not like to be pushed from their own spheres of authority, even by the Emperor, and were also afraid that the ruler's authority would be undermined by his involvement in trivial affairs.
- 9. The capital referred to is Ch'ang-an.
- 10. Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu 24:2, p. 309; Wilhelm, p. 420. Ou Yeh, a famous smith, and Po Lo, a legendary judge of horses, are referred to in <u>Han Fei Tzu</u> 50 (translated by B. Watson as "Eminence in Learning").
- 11. For another perspective on the value of know-ledge, see fragment 138.
- 12. The quotation in <u>PTSC</u> is attributed to Hua T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u> and does not belong to Huan T'an. Nevertheless, the term "Nine Provinces" (chiu chou to #1) is also found in fragment 11B.
- 13. Instead of hou 後 ("descendant"), Yen has chün 後 ("eminent").
- 14. This information reflects Han ideas on the origin of Chinese historiography.
- 15. Chi An was a morally upright official who dared to criticize even Emperor Ching.
- 16. For an explanation of this famous treasure see Shih chi 87, p. 8; Bodde, China's First Unifier, p. 18 and note 3.
- 17. Cf. note 16 above.

- 18. This is the end of the text of the Sung edition of the \underline{I} lin, as reprinted in the collection $\underline{Ssu-pu}$ peivao. Nevertheless, both Yen and Sun add the two following sentences which, according to the Sung edition, belong to the beginning of fragment 26.
- 19. "Raise her hands," i.e., take part in the hunt.
- 20. Instead of ts'ung 縱 , I read shih 綾 .
- 21. This probably refers to the famous T'ien Wen, Lord of Meng-ch'ang. T'ien Wen, according to Shih chi 75, p. 12, returned to Hsieh in his old age. He is also known as Wen of Hsieh. In the account appended to Shih chi 96, p. 22, T'ien Wen is described almost as Huan T'an pictures the old man in the fragment above.
- 22. Chi was a legendary horse who could run one thousand <u>li</u> in a day. Confucius mentioned the horse in <u>Analects</u> XIV: 35; cf. the explanation by Legge, p. 288, sub 35.
- 23. Hua-liu is mentioned in Yang Hsiung's Fan Lisao, quoted in Han shu, 87A, p. 5060. According to Yen Shih-ku's commentary, Hua-liu was of a sorrel color
- 24. For Chi, see note 22 to fragment 24A. Lu was one of the horses of King Mu of Chou, as was Hua-liu. Sometimes the names of Chi and Lu are combined.
- 25. Both oxen are only mentioned in this fragment. For Kuo-chiao, see <u>PWYF</u> 771.2 and <u>DKJ</u> 39474.146; for Ting-liang, <u>PWYF</u> $40\overline{40.1}$ and \underline{DKJ} 2.214.
- 26. Han-lu, a very great dog, is mentioned in <u>Shih</u> chi 79 (p. 16) and defined in the So-yin commentary, which refers to the <u>Chan-kuo Ts'e</u>. The name may be literally translated as "the hound of Han."
- 27. Evidently Sung-ts'u is "a dog of Sung." This term can also be found in \underline{PWYF} 3896, 3. Both "Han-lu" and "Sung-ts'u" were first used by Huan T'an. They cannot be found together in early texts, but are only used in later lexicons. Even the origin of the terms is not clear, for in K'ung-ts'ung-tzu, 17, 20 b, ed. \underline{SPTK} , it is pointed out that all other animal names reflect either the shape or the color of the animal.
- 28. For the first two sentences, see note 18 to fragment 20.

- 30. Wang Hsien-ch'ien, in Tung-fang Shuo's biography in <u>Han shu</u> 65 (p. 4380), explains <u>wen-shih</u> 文文 ("writings") as referring to the different ways of writing. For the <u>Work of Shih Chou</u> (or "Historian Chou"), see D. Bodde, <u>China's First Unifier</u>, p. 147.
- 31. The term lei-t'ung is used in a memorial to Huan T'an which is quoted in his biography in the Hou Han shu 28A, p. 1016; Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 31, note 108.
- 32. In accordance with an anonymous commentator of the <u>Ch'ün-shu chih-yao</u>, I prefer <u>su</u> ("to slander") for <u>hsiang</u> ("to consider").
- 33. <u>Shih chi</u> 3, p. 22; Chavannes, <u>MH</u> I, p. 195.
- The text, which I have followed, has she 没.
 The commentary to the Ch'ün-shu chih'yao proposes ch'an
 ("to slander"), while Yen gives shih 大 ("to lose," "to miss," "to err").
- 35. Hsiao-i is said to have been a crown prince, son of Kao-tsung (or Wu-ting, ca. 1324-1265 B.C.). Although Hsiao-i was a paragon of filial piety, his father mistreated him after the death of his mother. Hsün-tzu (17:23, p. 295; Köster, p. 310) briefly mentions Hsiao-i with Confucius' disciples Tseng Shen and Min Tzu-ch'ien.
- 36. Shih chi 11, p. 8; Chavannes, MH II, p. 511; Watson, Records I (p. 370) says that Li was deposed in 150 B.C. His name was Liu Jung according to Han shu 5; HFHD I, p. 316.
- 37. The crown prince Liu Chü, with his mother, the Empress Wei Tzu-fu, mobilized an army on September 1, 91 B.C., for an attack on the Lieutenant-Chancellor. After their defeat, both mother and son committed suicide. Cf. HFHD, II, p. 114. The revolt was brought about by the disgrace of Wei Tzu-fu. Huan T'an also mentions Wei Tzu-fu at the beginning of his own biography in the HHS; cf. Pokora, "The Life," I, pp. 18-19.
- 38. "Unhappy affair" (pien (pien) is a euphemism for the execution of ministers. In Chuang-tzu (10, p. 55; Legge I, p. 283), three of these virtuous counsellors are mentioned: "Formerly Lung-feng was

beheaded; Pi Kan's heart was torn out; Ch'ang-hung was ripped open; and Tzu-hsü was reduced to pulp." Kuan Lung-feng was a minister to Chieh of Hsia; Pi Kan, to King Chou of Shang; Wu Yüan (or Wu Tzu-hsü), to Fu-ch'ai of Wu; Ch'ao Ts'o, to Emperor Ching of Han. Ch'ao Ts'o, who is also mentioned in a memorial by Huan T'an (cf. "The Life," I, p. 25 and fragment 209, note 58) proposed the abolition of fiefs in 154 B.C. This proposal led directly to the Rebellion of the Seven Kingdoms. The Emperor Ching tried to save the situation by sacrificing Ch'ao Ts'o.

- 39. The commentary prefers ho 合 ("agreement," "the opportune moment," i.e., "the right time for action"). Chiu 女 ("calamity") is found in other versions.
- 40. Shih chi 83, pp. 14-18; Kierman, Four Late Warring States Biographies, pp. 44-47, especially p. 44. The Lord of P'ing-yuan wished to give a fief and gold to Lu Chung-lien, who adamantly refused them.
- 41. The biography of Yü Ch'ing, a wandering politician of the third century B.C., can be found in the second part of the Shih chi, Chapter 76 (pp. 11-22), but the source of Huan T'an's statement is Shih chi 79, p. 32. Yü Ch'ing is the reputed author of the Yü-shih ch'un-ch'iu. He rose very quickly as an advisor to King Hsiao-ch'eng of Chao (265-245 B.C.), but too much in demand by other rulers, he did not wish to amass honors and wealth and so gave up his position.
- 42. Instead of the \underline{pu} \uparrow of the text, Yen has \underline{hsia} \overline{r} .
- 43. Evidently refers to Chia I's <u>Hsin-shu</u>.
- 44. <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u>.
- 45. Shih chi.
- 46. <u>T'ai-hsüan ching</u>.
- 47. The three virtuous men of Yen were Wei-tzu, Chi-tzu and Pi Kan, according to the <u>Analects</u> XVIII:1.
- 48. The <u>Ssu-pu pei-yao</u> edition of the <u>I lin</u>, which has <u>chün</u> 右 ("ruler") instead of <u>shih</u> 世 ("times"), is evidently mistaken.
- 49. Huan T'an and Yang Hsiung.

Chapter 4. On Substance

32

A <u>Ch'ün-shu chih-yao</u> 44, pp. 765-66. Yen 13.6b-7a.

Everything which the ears hear and the eyes see, which the heart and mind know and recognize, which the feelings and dispositions like and dislike, which is welcomed or thrown away because of its use or harm-all men are equal in the attention which they pay to these things.

Talent and ability, great or small; wisdom and plans, deep or shallow; hearing and vision, dark or bright; disposition and behavior, thick or thin--people possess these qualities in different degrees. Without great talent and deep wisdom the Great Substancel cannot be seen. The Great Substance includes all the affairs of the present and those that are to be.²

The man whose speech is correct and whose plans are appropriate, who meets a crisis with power, who abides by the constant and holds to the proper, who is not perplexed when he meets a problem, who carries a measured judgment within which he cannot be upset or shifted or deceived by the cunning and strange--such a man understands the Great Substance.

But, although he may be as powerful as Wang Mang, as discriminating and quick as Kung-sun Lung, as clever and glib³ as Tung-fang Shuo, and as adept at explaining disasters and abnormalities as Ching Chunming; although he may have seen much and heard much, have written as many as ten thousand chapters, and taught Confucianism to hundreds and thousands of students—if he has no great talent he just increases his ignorance of the Great Substance.

Wang Mang surpassed the people of his time in three ways: he had enough intelligence to disguise the wrong and diminish the right; he could stump the sophists with his arguments; his power terrified his subordinates and several times he secretly cut down those he disliked. Therefore, none of his ministers could refute or respond to his arguments. No one dared to contradict, correct, or remonstrate with him.

Finally he came to defeat and death. This is the disaster of the Great Substance.

- B Emperor Kao understood the Great Substance. He said, "Chang Liang, Hsiao Ho, Han Hsin--these three gentlemen are all outstanding among men! It was because I was able to use them that I won the empire." This is the fruit of knowing the Great Substance.
- C When Wang Mang first took over the government, he thought that he understood fully the worthies and the sages, and that none among his ministers could surpass his talent and intelligence. Therefore, in all his acts and endeavors he only wanted to trust and rely on himself, while he refused to share responsibility and authority with informed and experienced men. He put forth his ideas as soon as he thought of them, and once an idea came he would use it. Therefore, he seldom achieved success and finally met ruin and death. This was a man who did not know Great Substance.

Emperor Kao was very shrewd and could evaluate himself. While his ministers regulated affairs and fixed laws, he would say, "I am not high, but low. Let's evaluate our ability to carry these out and make that our guide and measure." Within his realm, he relaxed the government of the land to meet the needs of the times. Therefore, both his people and his ministers were happy and joyful, and future generations remembered him. This was a man who knew the Great Substance.

D Wang Mang praised and admired the government of earlier sages, but he despised and was contemptuous of the law and ordinances of the House of Han. Therefore, he changed and altered many things, wishing to imitate antiquity in everything he did. He praised the regulations of earlier sages but did not realize that he could not carry them out himself. He ignored things near and modern and chased after the remote past. What he esteemed was not that to which he should have devoted himself. Therefore, he fell from lofty principle into ruin and confusion. This was a man who did not know the Great Substance.

When the Eminent Founder (Emperor Kao) wished to attack Wei, he sent men to spy on its Chancellor, its generals and its leaders, as well as on other men

of authority. When he learned the ruler's name, he said, "None of them equal Hsiao Ho, Ts'ao Shen, 7 Han Hsin, Fan K'uai and my other men. It will be easy to deal with Wei."8 Then he attacked and destroyed it. This was a man who knew the Great Substance.

E Once Wang Mang planned to attack the Hsiung-nu in the North. Later he attacked the followers of the Red Eyebrows in Ch'ing, in Hsü, and in many other commanderies. He would never choose excellent generals, but instead employed members of the great families, and trustworthy and cautious civil officials. Or he would put in command the sons and grandsons of those close to him, or those whom he had loved for a long time. None of this was shrewd or intelligent. Wretched deputies led the army and managed the multitude when they went out to meet a mighty enemy. Therefore, when the armies joined in battle, his army met with defeat, and his officers and men scattered and fled.

His fault lay in not selecting excellent generals. His generals, as well as the ruler himself, did not know the Great Substance.

This text, quoted by Yen, is divided into five parts (A-E) in the Ch'un-shu chih-yao.

33

PTSC 116.1a-b.

Yen 13.7a. Sun 15b.

To move like striking thunder, to be still like a standing mountain, to attack like hurtling lightning, to seize like a swift storm, to be light in the beginning and heavy later on, full inside and empty outside...

34

PTSC 115.5a.

Yen 13.7a. Sun 15b.

Chou Ya-fu, because of Li's severity, ferocity and billowing, deserves to be called "the greatest general of the country."10

A The <u>Chi-chieh</u> commentary to the <u>Shih chi</u> 91, p. 15. ll <u>Ch'ang-tuan ching</u> 6.17a. Yen 13.7b. Sun 10b.

There is a game called "strategic chess" [wei-ch'i or "go"] which is said to belong to the art of war.

When one starts, the best strategy is to spread the pieces far apart and stretch them out, to encircle and attack, and thus win by having many roads open. The next best strategy concentrates on cutting off the enemy to seek advantage. Therefore, victory and defeat are uncertain, and plans and calculations are needed to decide the outcome. The lowest strategy is to defend the borders and corners, hastily building "eyes" so as to protect oneself in a small area. 12

But, nevertheless, it is best to analyze the words of Lord Hsieh. His best plan was: seize Wu and Ch'u, add Ch'i and Lu, then Yen and Chao. This is what is meant by "extending the roads and territories." His next best plan was: seize Wu and Ch'u, add Han and Wei, block Ch'eng-kao, and occupy Ao-ts'ang. This is what is meant by "hastening to cut off the enemy and to seek advantage." The lowest plan was: seize Wu and Hsiats'ai, and occupy Ch'ang-sha to overlook Yüeh. This is what is meant by "defending borders and corners, hastily the building 'eyes'."

A shorter, corrupt version of this fragment can be found in $\frac{\text{TPYL}}{753.4\text{b}}$, where it is attributed to $\frac{\text{Hsin-yu.}^{13}}{13}$

B <u>I lin</u> 8a. Commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 52.23a.

TPYL 753.4b.

Yen 13.7b. Sun 5b and 10b.

There is a game called "strategic chess," which is said to belong to the art of war.

The best strategy is to spread out and stretch far, and thus to win victory by many outlets. The next best strategy concentrates on cutting off the enemy's advantage and profit. The lowest strategy is to defend the borders and corners, hastily building "eyes" to protect oneself in a small area. 14 But, nevertheless,

it is best to analyze words like those of the Lord Hsieh, who said that Ch'ing Pu was going to revolt. Hsieh's best plan was: seize Wu and Ch'u, extend the roads and territories. His next best plan was: block Ch'eng-kao, hasten after strategic roads and seek some advantage. His lowest plan was: rely on Ch'ang-sha to overlook Yüeh, defend the borders and corners, hastily building "eyes."

The generals and Chancellor of the Keng-shih Emperor could not put up a defense and thus allowed the dead pieces of chess within the encirclement to come alive again.

36

Ch'u-hsüeh chi 24.14b.

Yen 13.7b. Sun 18a-b.

When the Keng-shih Emperor arrived at Ch'ang-an, his great ministers were assigned to work in the Eastern Palace, 15 so the people below laughed at them. More-over, half of the city was used as barracks to house the small guard. 16 Therefore, we know that they did not belong to the company of Hsiao [Ho] and Ts'ao [Shen] 17

Previous translation: T. Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 522.

37

Ch'un-shu chih-yao 44, p. 766.

Yen 13.7b.

[The importance of] words and actions lies in their beauty and goodness, not in their quantity. When a man utters one beautiful word and performs one beautiful act, the Empire follows him. When one man conceives one wicked idea or one shameful deed, the ten thousand people oppose him. Must not one, then, be cautious?

Thus the $\underline{\text{I Ching}}$ says, "Words and actions are the hinge and the spring of the superior man. The movement of that hinge and spring determines glory or disgrace. It is this which moves Heaven and earth." 18

A Ch'ün-shu chih-yao 44, p. 766.

Yen 13.8a.

Wang Mang punished and killed people; then he would use poison to deface their corpses. When men were burned alive he filled the muscles of their corpses with vinegar and five kinds of poison. As they were buried they were covered and laid upon prickles and thorns. 19 Already dead, these people were just like wood or earth. Though he multiplied their wounds and added poisons, what good or harm could it do to corpses?

The Accomplished T'ang restricted hunting.²⁰ This in no way helped the scholars and commoners, but the people turned to him because they admired his virtue and kindness.

Duke Hsuan of Ch'i saved the life of an ox. ²¹ This was of no use to the sages, but those sages who praised him admired his benevolence.

King Wen buried the dried bones. 22 This was of no use to the multitude of commoners, but those who rejoiced at it were moved by his mercy23 and righteousness.

Wang Mang defaced the dead. This did not hurt the living, but those living men who hated him did so because he had revealed his cruelty and oppressiveness to them.

In all these four instances what is imperceptible and minute is also outstanding and important. The tiny is also the great. Therefore, the two sages prospered, and the King won praise, while Wang Mang perished. Thus, there is a great difference between the man who knows the Great Substance and the man who does not know the Great Substance.

Cf. Liang Han pu-fen II, pp. 351-52; Pokora, "The Life," I. pp. 67-68.

B <u>I lin</u> 3.8a.

Yen 13.8a.

King Wen buried the dried bones. This was of no use to the multitude of commoners, but they rejoiced at it, moved by his mercy and righteousness. Wang Mang's inspection of the five viscera²⁴ did not hurt the living, but living men hated his cruelty and oppressiveness.

39

Ch'ün-shu chih-yao 44, p. 767.

Yen 13.8a.

When the sage kings ruled the country, they revered propriety and yielding, and manifested benevolence and righteousness. They made respect for worthy men and love for the people their affair. Therefore, divinations by tortoise-shell and straws were seldom performed, sacrifices to the gods and the dead were rare.

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Ch'ün-shu chih-yao 44, p. 767.

Yen 13.8b.²⁵

Wang Mang, who liked to divine with tortoiseshell and straws, observed the [lucky and unlucky] hours and days, and fervently served the demons and the gods. He incurred great expenses in building temples and sacrificial sites, 26 and by washing, fasting, and offering sacrificial victims, meals and savory food to the gods and the dead. The hardships of the officials and servants responsible for arranging these rituals were unspeakable.

Since he governed poorly, he was confronted with rebellion in the Empire. When difficulties arose and war broke out, he had neither the wit nor the foresight to save and extricate himself. Instead, he rushed to the Southern Altar to pray at the suburban sacrifice. He struck his chest and cried out about injustice, passionately calling out and shedding tears, bowing and praying for commands, imploring Heaven to take pity and help him. On the day when the troops entered the Palace and arrows flew all about, a great fire broke out. Wang Mang escaped under the Tower Bathed by Water, but he still carried in his arms the book of Heavenly mandates and portents, and the majestic tou-measures which he had made.27 This may be called an extreme case of error and delusion.

Cf. Pokora, "The Life," I, pp. 66-67; <u>Liang Han pu-fen</u> II, pp. 342-43. The last words of this fragment suggest that it was originally part of the thirteenth chapter of the <u>Hsin-lun</u>, "Discerning Error" (<u>Pien-hou</u>). Nevertheless, Yen included it in the Chapter Four, "On Substance."

TPYL 526.6a.

Yen 13.8a-b. Sun 22b.

King Ling of Ch'u was arrogant and contemptuous of the people below him. He treated men of worth rudely and devoted himself to demons. He believed in the religion of the shamans and in their incantations, and fasted and abstained to make himself pure and fresh when sacrificing to the Lord on High. When performing rites for the many Spirits, 28 he would clutch a feather sash in his hand and start to dance before the altar. When the men of Wu came to attack his country, people rushed to tell him, but King Ling kept on dancing as if nothing had happened.29 Turning to the messengers, he replied, "I am sacrificing to the Lord on High and entertaining the Bright Spirits. I shall be receiving their blessings and do not dare go to the rescue."

Then the soldiers of Wu arrived and captured his Crown Prince and his Queen. 30 It was tragic indeed.

This fragment is reproduced in Tung Yüeh, Ch'i-kuo k'ao, pp. 233 and 275. Cf. introduction to fragments 176 ff.

NOTES: CHAPTER 4

- 1. Ta t'i 大應 ("Great Substance"). This term was first used by Mencius, who answered a question from his disciple Kung-tu with: "Those who follow that part of themselves which is great are great men; those who follow that part of themselves which is little are little men." Mencius VI: I: XV:1; Legge, translation, p. 417. The term is common in ancient texts.
- 2. Huan T'an gives "the Great Substance," a much broader meaning than does Mencius (see note 1 above).
- 3. For min-chieh 政 給 ("glib"), see, e.g., Shih-Chi 2, p. 4; Chavannes, MH I, p. 99. Chavannes refers to the Ta Tai Li-chi.
- 4. Ching Fang, the I Ching specialist.
- 5. A shortened account from the Shih chi 8, p. 66; Chavannes, MH II, p. 384. See also HFHD I, p. 107.
- 6. Instead of \underline{mu} $\mbox{\core}$ ("to admire," "to think of affectionately"), perhaps another \underline{mu} $\mbox{\core}$ ("to follow," "to copy") should be inserted.
- 7. Ts'ao Shen is Ts'ao Ts'an. See Hulsewe, Remnants I, p. 373, note 147.
- 8. This short evaluation was actually made by Fan Tseng; see Shih chi 7, p. 54; Chavannes, MH II, p. 303. The successful attack against Wei was undertaken in 204 B.C.
- 9. The rebels are mentioned in <u>Han shu</u> 99 C (under January 23 A.D.), as quoted and translated by Dubs in HFHD_III, p. 456.
- 10. Nothing similar is found in Chou Ya-fu's biography in Shih chi 57, pp. 14-24, or in Han shu 40, pp. 3515-22. Chou Ya-fu, like Ch'ao Ts'o, quarreled with Emperor Ching (see fragment 28 and fragment 209, note 58); cf. HFHD I, pp. 297-99. Pan Ku also, like Huan T'an, criticized Emperor Ching and applauded both men; see Hulsewé, "Notes on the Historiography of the Han Period," p. 40.
- 11. Huan T'an's text, found in the commentary to the biography of Ch'ing Pu (or Ying Pu), reflects the

- ideas of Lord Hsieh, former Prime Minister of Ch'u. See Watson, Records I, pp. 204-205. The chess analogy was introduced by Huan T'an. Wei-ch'i was probably first mentioned by Yang Hsiung in Fa Yen 4, p. 12, although traditionally its first mention has been attributed to Shun (DKJ 4806.9).
- 12. "Eye" ($\underline{m}\underline{u}$ \underline{H}) is a technical term for a type of formation of the pieces in $\underline{w}\underline{e}\underline{i}$ -ch'i. If a group of pieces have an "eye" in the center, they cannot be "killed" by encirclement.
- 13. $\underline{\text{TPYL}}$ 753.4b does not include the last paragraph on Keng-shih.
- 14. Instead of the <u>kuai</u> of fragment 35A, <u>I lin</u> has <u>kua</u> . Both Yen and Sun give <u>kuai-mu</u> ratio
- 15. The Eastern Palace was the Empress' residence. See Watson, <u>Records</u> II, p. 122, note 6. The passage suggests that it was an indignity for great ministers to be assigned to work in the women's quarters.
- 16. The term <u>hsiao wei lou</u> 小精樓 is not quite clear. <u>PWYF</u> 1371.2 attributes it only to the <u>Hsin-lun</u>.
- 17. Ts'ao Shen was a minister of Liu Pang. Huan T'an is corroborated by other sources. Keng-shih's colonel Wang Hsien, who called himself General-in-Chief of the Han, lived in the Eastern Palace, used Wang Mang's robes and carriages, and took the women of his harem. Cf. HFHD III, p. 466, and H. Bielenstein I, p. 132.
- 18. The Great Appendix I:8:42; Legge, pp. 361-62. Huan T'an's fragment paraphrases this section of the I Ching.
- 19. Huan T'an's account evidently inspired the authors of Wang Mang's biography in <u>Han shu</u> 99C; <u>HFHD</u> III, p. 451: "[Wang Mang] had Tung Chung's clan and relatives arrested. He buried them together in one pit with strong vinegar; poisonous drugs; foot-long, naked, two-edged blades; and a thicket of thorns." This text has also been translated by Hulsewé, <u>Remnants</u> I, p. 120, sub 16; and by Bielenstein, <u>The Restoration</u> I, p. 125. For the thorns of the <u>ching</u> and the <u>chi</u> plants, see Yü Ching-jang, "<u>Shih ching chi</u>."
- 20. <u>Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu</u> 10:5:102; Wilhelm, p. 128.

- 21. <u>Mencius</u> I:VII:4; Legge, p. 139.
- 22. Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu (10:5, p. 103; Wilhelm, pp. 128-29) says that King Wen saw that corpses which were found in digging a pond were properly dressed and buried.
- 23. In accordance with I lin 3.8a, I read en ("mercy") for ssu ("thought").
- 24. This seems to be one of Huan T'an's favorite terms. Cf. fragments 80 and 116.
- 25. Fragments 39 and 40 are combined in <u>Ch'un-shu</u> <u>chih-yao</u>. Yen separated them, inserting fragment 41 between them.
- 26. This is the reading of chao k given by Couvreur in his <u>Dictionnaire classique</u>, p. 67. This character may also be read as tiao k ("ancestral hall").
- 27. A similar account is given in Wang Mang's biography in the <u>Han shu</u>; cf. <u>HFHD</u> III, p. 464.
- 28. Yen, unlike Sun, erroneously gives $\underline{\text{ch'en}}$ \not ("ministers") for $\underline{\text{shen}}$ \not ("spirits").
- 29. The first part of the fragment, up to this point, is given in a shorter form in $\underline{\text{TPYL}}$ 735.4b.
- The text has two meaningless characters, <u>i hsia</u> $_{\text{W}}$ $_{\text{F}}$, omitted by Yen and Sun.

Chapter 5. Observing Evidence

42

A <u>I lin</u> 3.8a-b.

Yen 13.8b. Sun 6a.

Because Tung-fang Shuo was a man of few and simple words, he was believed to be honest and trust-worthy. Everyone says that Shuo was a man of great wisdom and that no sage after him has been Li's equal.

But Huan T'an says, "There are people who take a fox for a wild-cat, a zither for a harp. This means not only that they do not know what a zither or a fox is, but that they also do not know what a wild-cat or a harp is. These words not only show ignorance about Shuo, they also show ignorance about the sages after him."

B IWLC 44.13b.

Sun 17a.

Rustics call a fox a wild-cat and mistake a zither for a harp. This shows not only that they do not know what a fox or a zither is, but also that they do not know a wild-cat or harp.

43

TPYL 496.9a. Shuo fu 59.3b-4a. Yen 13.8b. Sun 22a.

When I was a Grandee in the Directorship of Music it once happened that birds started to cry in the trees in the courtyard, frightening all the people who worked in the Bureau. Later I quarreled with the Director of Music, Marquis Hsieh. Both of us were tried, dismissed and sent away.

The shorter version in TPYL 927.6a omits the words, "dismissed and sent away." Previous translation and explanation in Pokora, "The Life," I, pp. 59-60. Cf. also fragment 82.

TPYL 816.9b. Shuo fu 59.3a. Yen 13.8b-9a. Sun 17a.

On the way back to P'ei I fell ill. 4 I covered myself with a quilt and a loose robe 5 of red wool. Riding a bay-horse, I rode towards the Eastern Commune 6 of the Hsia-i prefecture for night lodgings. The Chief of the Commune, fearing that we were bandits, sent his servants into the night to apprehend us. I ordered my men not to fight, and after asking some questions, they went away. 7 Thus [I achieved] peace and self-preservation.

The first part of the fragment is also found in \underline{TPYL} 693.7b, \underline{IWLC} 75.8b, and \underline{PTSC} 129.20a. \underline{PTSC} explains that Huan \underline{T} 'an was returning from Ch'ang-an.

45

I lin 3.8b.

Yen 13.9a. Sun 6a.

If people use words to praise me, they must also use words to condemn me. Wang Mang sent the Chief Commandant Meng Sun to T'ai-shan to make sacrifices. On the way he went through Hsü province, where Sung Chungweng, the Governor of Hsü, told him that my talents and knowledge could be compared to those of Ch'en P'ing or the Marquis of Liu [Chang Liang]. Meng Sun returned joyfully and said to me, "Chung-weng has praised your virtue abundantly. You are indeed as he said."

I replied, "We have kept company for four or five years, and you have never praised me. Now you hear one word from Chung-weng, and you marvel at it. If somebody were to slander me, you would believe him too. I am afraid of you."

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 536-37.

46

Commentary to Wen hsüan 26.41b. Yen 13.9a. Sun 14a.

The $\underline{\text{I Ching}}$ of the Chou dynasty says, "Retiring in a noble way will be advantageous in every respect."8

47

TPYL 684.6a.

Yen 13.9a. Sun 24a.

King K'ang of Sung^9 made caps for bodies without heads and showed them to the brave. $\operatorname{10}$

48

A Ch'ün-shu chih-yao 44, p. 767. Yen 13.9a-b.

Shun-yü K'un came to a neighboring house where he saw that the stove-outlet went straight up and that firewood had been piled beside it. He said, "This will cause a fire!" He told [the household] to change it, to bend the outlet and move the firewood away. The family who owned the stove-outlet would not listen to him. Later, flames reached the piled-up wood and ignited the house. The neighbors all gathered to help fight the fire until it was put out.

[The family] boiled a sheep and set out wine to reward and thank those who fought the fire. They bent the stove-outlet and moved the firewood away, but stubbornly refused to invite Shun-yü K'un to drink and eat.

A wise man ridiculed them, saying, "He told the members [of the household] to bend the stove-outlet and move the firewood, but they stubbornly refused to show any grace or favor to him. On the contrary, those with burnt heads and broken foreheadsll become the most honored guests." Thus he lamented the slighting of the root and the honoring of the end.12

Is the removal of danger restricted to the stoveoutlet and the firewood? Indeed, the problem is the same
in the case of illness in man and disorder in the state.
Therefore, a good physician cures what has not yet appeared, and an enlightened ruler breaks off plots at the
root. We of later generations ignore the method of
stopping up what has not yet sprouted, and busy ourselves
attacking what has already become established fact.
Ministers who draw up plans receive little reward, while
fighting men are glorified.

This situation resembles the case of that household. It misses the relative importance and unimportance of things. By analyzing the warnings of Shun-yü K'un, it is possible to understand everything. This belongs to the category of observing evidence. 13

B IWLC 80.9b.

Sun 17a-b.

Shun-yü K'un came to a neighboring house where he saw that the stove-outlet went straight up and that the firewood had been piled up beside it. He said, "This will cause a fire. You should bend the stove-outlet and move the firewood." The family would not listen to him. Later, their house indeed caught fire. The neighboring families helped fight the fire and put it out.

[The family] boiled a sheep and set out wine to thank those who fought the fire, but they refused to invite K'un. A wise gentleman ridiculed them, saying, "Shun-yü K'un told them to bend the stove-outlet and move the firewood, but they will not show any grace or favor to him. Instead, those with burnt heads and broken foreheads become the most honored guests." Thus he lamented the slighting of the root and the honoring of the end.

C Ch'u-hsüeh chi 25.30a.

Sun 17b (commentary).

Tradition and the records say that Shun-yü K'un came to a neighboring house where he saw that the stove-outlet went straight up and that the firewood had been piled up beside it. He told them, "This will cause a fire. Change it--bend the stove-outlet and move the wood."

Previous translation (from <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u>, see note 12 below): E. Haenisch, <u>Lehrgang der klassischen chinesischen Schriftsprache</u> IV, pp. 132-33.

49

TPYL 400.7b.

Yen 13.9b. Sun 20b.

A disciple of the Erudite Master Han, ¹⁴ who lived in the east, had bad dreams for three consecutive nights. When he asked some people about it, they told him to get up at daybreak and pray in a privy. After three mornings, the people reported him to the authorities for uttering curses. He was seized and tried and died some days later.

In addition to the version mentioned in note 14 below, there is a similar version in <u>Shuo fu</u> 59.3b.

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TPYL 695.2b-3a.

Yen 13.9b. Sun 24a.

Expectant Appointee Ching Tzu-ch'un had long been familiar with soothsaying. Once he was involved in a lawsuit and was imprisoned. His father-in-law, Chu, 15 came to the prison gate and sent a message saying that he was leaving a jacket and trousers for him.

Tzu-ch'un became frightened and exclaimed, "Mister Chu came with a message. [The name] Chu can be taken for [the word] chu or 'execution,' and trousers and jacket are separated in the middle. Then I am to be cut in two at the waist." Later he was executed in this manner.16

51

TPYL 15.11b.

Yen 13.9b. Sun 25a.

The personal home of Yang-ch'eng Tzu-chang was Heng. 17 He was a man from the Shu commandery. [During the reign of] Wang Mang he and I were both Libationers Expounding the [Classic of] Music. 18 When he was in bed ill, I bought inner and outer coffins [for him]. I lined them with silk, put on a cover and dug a grave for him.

Previous translations: H. H. Dubs, HFHD III, p. 192, note 19.1 (without the last sentence); Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 62. For a correction of the latter translation, which is based on Yen, see note 17 below.

NOTES: CHAPTER 5

- 1. See the different beginning in fragment 42B.
- 2. K. Reinhard, <u>Chinesische Musik</u>, p. 31, suggests that the harp (<u>k'ung-hou</u>) did not appear in China until after the fall of the Han dynasty, i.e., during the 3rd-4th centuries A.D. This reference to it by Huan T'an places it in the early first century A.D. at least. Nevertheless, I would agree with L. E. R. Picken's statement that "there is no evidence that [the Han] <u>k'ung-hou</u> was a harp, or that it was linked with the <u>k'ung-hou</u> of later times other than by name." In support of this thesis, Picken presents some instances in which the <u>k'ung-hou</u> is associated with the zither (<u>se</u>), as it is in the present text. Thus, we may agree with Picken that "it would be reasonable to suppose that this particular <u>k'ung-hou</u> was a [type of] zither" (L. E. R. Picken, "T'ang Music and Musical Instruments," pp. 115-16). There is also a special article by Kishibe Shigeo, "Kugō no engen." See also his "The Origin of the <u>K'unghou</u>."
- 3. Wang Ch'ung was greatly preoccupied with the problem of giving proper recognition to worthy men during the Han dynasty. The 80th chapter of his <u>Lun-heng</u> is entitled "Ting hsien," ("A Definition of Man of Worth").
- 4. The text of the <u>Shuo-fu</u> has two misprinted characters at this place.
- 5. The text has $\frac{\text{ch'an}}{\text{k}}$, while $\frac{\text{TPYL}}{\text{693.7b}}$ has $\frac{\text{ch'an-y\ddot{u}}}{\text{k}}$ $\frac{\text{k}}{\text{k}}$.
- 6. "Commune" (t'ing) may also be translated "Police Post." The Police Posts were also used as official resthouses, and their Chiefs had to ensure the safety of the principal roads. See Hulsewé, Remnants I, p. 16.
- 7. The three last sentences are given somewhat differently in $\frac{IWLC}{Yen}$ 75.8b; the last, summarizing sentence is omitted. Yen 13.9a includes the character kung x ("attack") in the line which ends "to apprehend us," indicating that the servants were sent to attack Huan T'an and his cortege.

- 8. <u>I Ching</u>, hexagram XXXIII; Legge, p. 128. The first phrase is also understood to mean "a fat pig."
- 9. K'ang, also known as Yüan or Yen, was the last ruler of the Sung. K'ang is reportedly his posthumous name; cf. Shih chi 38, p. 42, the So-yin commentary; Chavannes, MH IV, p. 247, note 1. His traditional dates are 328-286 B.C., but Ch'ien Mu, Hsien Ch'in chu-tzu hsi-nien, pp. 402-404, argues that he came to the throne in 318 B.C. The name "K'ang" is used repeatedly in Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu (II:4, VII:4, XV:5, XXIII:4, XXIV:3).
- 10. Traditionally, King K'ang has been considered a most despotic ruler. This story can also be found at the end of the fourth chapter of <u>Hsin hsü</u>, where <u>kuan</u> 作 ("inner coffin") is substituted for <u>kuan</u> 代 ("cap").
- 11. A common phrase. See Matthews, Chinese-English Dictionary No. 721.13, and S. Couvreur, Dictionnaire classique, p. 552.
- 12. <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u> 16, p. 274 briefly mentions the advice of Shun-yü K'un, but only the appended commentary by Kao Yu gives the story in detail, without attribution. <u>Han shu</u> 68, p. 4492, quotes the memorial of Hsü Fu, which gives the entire story but does not refer to Shun-yü K'un.
- 13. With Yen, I prefer cheng 後 ("evidence") to wei 微 ("minute"), as "Observing Evidence" is the title of the fifth chapter of the Hsin-lun.
- 14. Han sheng. The version of this fragment in TPYL 186.7a, which contains several misprints, adds here: "He lived in the Eastern court [tung ssu *]."
- 15. The text has <u>Chu chún</u>, while Sun gives <u>Chu Jo</u>; the latter has been adopted, with reservations, by Yen.
- 16. Yao chan 腰斬 ("to be cut in two at the waist") was a punishment for impious (pu-tao) and intractable (ni) crimes. See Hulsewe, Remnants I, pp. 111-12.
- 17. Both Yen and Sun add the character hsing 女生 after Yang-ch'eng Tzu. The translation would then be: "The surname of Yang-ch'eng Tzu was Chang, and his personal name was Heng." That would give that eminent

specialist of music the name of Chang Heng, which is apparently incorrect. Yang-ch'eng is a double surname.

18. Sun, and Yen following Sun's text, gives hsüeh 学 ("studies"), instead of yüeh 类 ("music").
Hsüeh is erroneous here. The position "chiang-hsüeh chi-chiu 講學 茶油 [Libationer Expounding the Studies] did exist during Wang Mang's reign, but the only holder of that office was Kung Sheng in 9 A.D. (Han shu 72, p. 4616). Hou Han shu does not mention the title "chiang-hsüeh chi-chiu."

Chapter 6. Reprimanding Wrong

52

<u>Ch'ün-shu chih-yao</u> 44, pp. 767-68. Yen 14.1a-b.

When kings begin their ascendancy, they all first build their base. They set up broad fences and screens in order to establish their own adherents and strengthen the country's foundations. Therefore, when King Wu of Chou defeated the Yin dynasty, even before descending from his war chariot, he enfeoffed the descendants of the Yellow Emperor and those of Yao, Shun, Hsia and Yin, as well as those among his relatives whose conduct was virtuous, and ministers of merit. Thus he made them his pinions, supports, and assistants, and his Mighty Undertaking could continue forever through his descendants.

In the past, the mighty Ch'in Shih huang-ti did away with feudal rulers and depended on, and was responsible to, himself alone. None of his sons and brothers were enfeoffed. He was solitary, weak, and had no one with whom he could consult on work. Therefore, he had been Emperor [only] for fourteen years when he died.

When the Eminent Founder of the Han dynasty first settled the Empire, he turned his back on the shortsighted plans of the fallen Ch'in. He followed the farsighted ways of Yin and Chou. He praised and honored merit and virtue, and generously enfeoffed his sons and brothers. Although many of them later met defeat or ruin because of their arrogance and laziness, the foundation of the Han had been fixed and established so other families and powerful ministers could not subvert it again. When it came to the time [of the Emperors | Ching and Wu, the feudal kings made several rebellions, and, as a result, were suppressed and stripped of their power and position. After that, the kings only enjoyed an empty rank and passively subsisted on the incomes derived from their rents and taxes.

Consequently, the Han dynasty became weak, solitary and alone. Thus, Wang Mang, without waging war or commanding territory, could take the Empire away. Greedy for merit and desiring to rule autocratically,

he refused to enfeoff his sons and grandsons, his relatives with the same surname, or his relatives by marriage, who could have been his fences and supports. As a result, when war broke out there was no one to aid him.

Tradition says, "He who suffers from the same disease as a dead man cannot be a physician. He who pursues the same policies as a defeated country cannot be consulted in preparing plans." The actions of Wang Mang were very similar to those of the violent Ch'in. Therefore, he too perished after fifteen years of rule.

The hunter and marksman who is after birds and beasts desires to hit them but first fears that the wound will not be great enough. But once he has captured his prey, he is annoyed that there is so much injured meat. Once a rustic man found a fish sauce which he liked very much. When meal time came, he disliked the idea of having to share it, so he spat a little into it. This angered those who shared the meal with him, so they blew their noses into his sauce and left. Consequently, no one could eat.

The defeated Ch'in and Wang Mang were both, at the time when they intended to seize the Empire, pleased to share it with others. But once they attained it, they loved it dearly and refused to share it. This is like loving the meat and spitting into the sauce.

P'ei-wen yün-fu, p. 3248.2, sub "t'ing chiang" IE ("strips of dry meat and sauce"), quotes the fish sauce anecdote from this text. The last part of the anecdote is somewhat different: "....but the people who were sharing the meal with him blew their noses into his sauce. Thus it was thrown out, and no one got [what he wanted]. The fallen Wang Lang⁵ of the Hsin dynasty was, at the time when he intended to seize the Empire, pleased to share it with others. But once he attained it, he loved it dearly and refused to share it. This is like loving the sauce and spitting into it." The PWYF version seems to be based on TPYL 492.5a (see note 4 below).

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<u>Ch'ün-shu chih-yao</u> 44, pp. 768-69.

Yen 14.1b-2a.

Once Duke Huan of Ch'i went out to see the ruins of an ancient land. When he inquired about it, he was

told, "There are the ruins of Mr. Kuo."

Once more [the Duke] asked how Mr. Kuo had come to this. The answer was, "He favored good and hated evil."

Duke Huan said, "If he favored good and hated evil, then his land should have been preserved but, on the contrary, it has been ruined. How has this happened?"

The answer was, "He favored the good, but he could not use it. He hated evil, but he could not abolish it. The good people knew that he honored them but could not use them. Therefore, they murmured against him. The bad people saw that he despised and detested them. Therefore, they hated him. The good people murmured against him and the bad people were his enemies. How could he hope to avoid defeat?"

Wang Mang approved of the worthy, wise, talented and able gentlemen of the Empire. He sent inquiries to them and assembled them all together, but he did not use them. Consequently, these men criticized and murmured against him. Emperor Keng-shih hated the many kings with assumed titles who were devoid of righteousness, but he could not get rid of them. Consequently, each of them hated him in his heart and looked on him as an enemy. Therefore, Wang Mang was attacked and killed, while his palaces were consumed by flames. Emperor Keng-shih was driven out by the many kings with assumed titles, and his city and its suburbs were destroyed.

Both rulers favored good and hated evil and therefore could not escape calamity and disaster. Finally, the great capital Ch'ang-an was destroyed and fell into ruins because of them. Their acts were Great Faults indeed!

The ancestors of the Northern Man barbarians co-existed with China for countless years. They could not [be induced] to come to China by virtue, nor could they be annexed to China by force. Theirs was a violent and ferocious nature; they gathered like beasts and scattered like birds. It was difficult to bend their might or to make peace with them. Therefore, the sage kings held them in check but did not rule them.

In the past, when the Chou dynasty was in decline, the I and Ti barbarians attacked it constantly.

However, China did not perish, but survived with a thread of life. Thus, when King Hsüan brought about the restoration he was able to recover those territories which had been invaded. 7

The First Ch'in Emperor, although he commanded four hundred thousand armored men, did not dare to peep into the region west of the Yellow River. He built the Great Wall to separate China from the barbarians. After the establishment of the Han, the Eminent Founder was surrounded at P'ing-ch'eng. During the reign of Empress Lü the shan-yü Mao-tun made irregular suggestions, and during Emperor Wen's reign the Hsiung-nu launched great invasions. Signal fires on amounted scouts came as far as the Palace of Sweet Springs in Yung. During the reigns of the Emperors Ching and Wu armies were sent out several times and met with disaster. In the end [the Hsiung-nu] could neither be captured nor controlled. Then China entered into an alliance with them, making peace and forming royal marriages. From then on the frontier people won peace and China found repose.

Later, internal dissension broke out among the Hsiung-nu, and they split into five groups, each following a shan-yü. Kan Yen-shou was able to meet their evil with his profound virtue. Thus the shan-yu Hu-han-yeh agreed to offer tribute and called himself [Kan's] subject. 13 He came to court and saw there the House of The House of Han could spread forth its virtue and extend its eminence, so its authority was revealed to all men within the four seas. There was no one who would not submit to them, and for generations there were no invasions. Now, [in the time of Wang Mang], it was still uncertain whether there will be peace or peril. The Hsiung-nu were suddenly attacked. Their seals and ribbons of office were seized; the titles and ranks of their great ministers were degraded and diminished; their customs and regulations were altered; and the territories of the shan-yu were divided into fifteen states. 14 As a result hatred and fury arose, and the events ended in discord and struggle. Wang Mang refused to blame himself or show remorse.

When rebellion broke out wang maintained an unyielding and unreasonable attitude. Many generals and commanders were appointed; soldiers and horses were drafted and sent out; and provisions and materials were transported until the entire Empire was exhausted. Throughout the Empire there was grief, hatred, anger and

suffering, which gave rise to great disturbances. In the end not a single barbarian suffered any setback or injury. The result was merely self-exhaustion and selfdepletion.

The <u>Book of Documents</u> says, "Calamities sent by Heaven may be avoided, but there is no escape from calamities brought on by oneself." This is what is meant by that statement.

When Emperor Kao was surrounded he did not eat for ten days. 18 When he managed to escape, he showed no anger, for he knew it was not wise to attack nor profitable to be angry. Now, the Hsiung-nu wronged Wang Mang, and he invaded forthwith, hampered, and harassed them.

Thus the present mess came about. Indeed, isn't this what is meant by "the meat of itself produces worms and man of himself produces misfortune?" When affairs that were not urgent become so critical it is an extreme case of self-created trouble.

54

Liu Chao's commentary to <u>Hou Han shu</u> 38, p. 4220 (Pokuan 5).

Yen 14.2b. Sun 9b.

In the reign of Wang Mang the Western Seas Commandery was established. All officials [were paid] one hundred $\underline{\text{shih}}$ for attending to their duties. Another source says the pay was 400 $\underline{\text{shih}}$. After two years of service they were transferred to another job.

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TPYL 627.8a.

Yen 14.2b-3a. Sun 23b.

Since the consolidation of the Han dynasty, the taxes exacted from the people during one year represent more than four billion. Half is spent for the salaries of civil servants. The remaining two billion is deposited in the Imperial Treasury as "forbidden money." Eight billion and three hundred million from the cultivation of orchards and grounds managed by the Privy Treasurer are given to the Palace for upkeep and defraying the cost of gifts and rewards.

The first part of the fragment is quoted in the commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 36.15a (Sun 14a). The present fragment, shortened at the beginning, is also reproduced in Wang Ying-lin's <u>K'un-hsüeh chi-wen</u> 12.7b.

56

TPYL 531.8a.

Yen 14.3a. Sun 22b.

Wang Mang erected nine ancestral temples, 24 which had bronze pillars and rafters supporting the tiles, as well as 25 gold and silver engravings on the ceilings.

57

TPYL 871.5b.

Yen 14.3a. Sun 25b.

A raised fire rises in the night, ignites charcoal, and dries the walls.

58

Ch'ün-shu chih-yao 44, pp. 769-70.

Yen 14.3a.

Calamities 26 and abnormalities have always been present in the Empire; there was no age without them. If the calamities and abnormalities conjoin with an enlightened ruler and a wise minister, or with a prudent gentleman and a benevolent man, these men will regulate their virtue, improve their administration, examine their offices, and act with care, responding in this way to the calamities and abnormalities. The ill luck and misfortune will be erased, and misfortune turn into fortune.

In the past Ta-mou²⁷ found the abnormality of a mulberry and a paper-mulberry growing together in his court.²⁸ but he won the title of Central Ancestor. Wuting²⁹ saw the abnormality of a crying pheasant alighting on a tripod,³⁰ but he enjoyed a long life-span of one hundred years.³¹ King Ch'eng of Chou was beset by a calamity-wind and thunder which broke trees-but as a reward he received a contrary wind and a fruitful year.³² Duke Ching of Sung was upset because the planet Mars stood in the constellation of the Heart, but

[during the same night] it passed through three solar mansions.33

From this point of view, no one was more [predetermined] than these men when they responded by stopping calamities and abnormalities with their virtue, righteousness and sincerity. Therefore, the Book of the Chou says, "When the Son of Heaven sees an abnormality, he improves his virtue. When the feudal rulers see an abnormality, they improve their administration. When the great ministers see an abnormality, they improve the performance of their offices. When gentlemen and commoners see an abnormality, they improve their persons."34 The spirits cannot injure the Way, and evil omens cannot injure Virtue. In a time of decadence and evil customs, among the ruler and his ministers great immorality and arrogance, as well as bad administration, can be found. Among gentlemen and commoners, there are many crooked hearts and evil actions. Therefore, many calamities and abnormalities appear. Moreover, these people cannot look inside and concentrate on themselves, nor can they fear Heaven's authority. Instead, they look outside and concentrate on slander and criticism, asking questions and digging out causes. They are deluded by the glib-tongued and the stupid, deceiving themselves as a result and incurring disasters and calamities. They all disobey Heaven and go contrary to the Way!

Cf. Liang Han pu-fen II, p. 343.

59

The So-yin commentary to Shih chi 28, p. 77.

Yen 14.3b. Sun lla.

When Emperor Wu left [the capital he carried] the Imperial Signet, the official seal and an [ink] stone. Wealth manifested itself in omens. But Tzu-hou had no seal. The Emperor dreaded and loathed him, so he killed him. 35

A <u>I lin</u> 3.8b.

Yen 14.3b. Sun 6b.

In the past, when I was Wang Mang's Grandee in Charge of the Doctrine, there was a man who killed his mother. An imperial edict commanded that he be executed and his corpse be burned. I said that it was not proper to announce such a thing to the public. 36

I sent [the Emperor] a sealed memorial which said: "Once during the reign of Emperor Hsüan, the dukes, ministers and grandees of the court were assembled. When his turn came the chancellor said, 'The owl gives birth to young which devour their mother when they grow up, and thereupon they become able to fly.'

"A wise man responded, 'I have only heard that the young of the owl [grow up] to feed their mother.'

"The chancellor was greatly ashamed and regretted his improper words. All those present disapproved of the Chancellor and approved of the wise man. The words of the worthy man benefitted Virtue and Moral Transformation. Therefore, the gentleman covers up evil and spreads good abroad. If it is improper to mention the matter when talking of birds and beasts, how much more when talking of people. It is not fitting for the matter to be broadcast."

B TPYL 491.7a.

Yen 14.3b. Sun 21b-22a.

Once during the reign of Emperor Hsüan the dukes, ministers and grandees of the court were assembled in the palace. When his turn came, the Chancellor said, "I have heard that the owl gives birth to young which devour their mother when they grow up, and thereupon they become able to fly. Is that really true?"

A virtuous man responded, "I have only heard that the young of birds [grow up and] feed their mother in their turn."

The Chancellor and the Grand Commandant were much ashamed and regretted their improper words. The many gentlemen there all disapproved of the Chancellor and approved of the virtuous man's words because they benefitted Virtue and Moral Transformation.

Therefore, the superior man hides evil while spreading good abroad. [If such things] are shunned with respect to birds and beasts, how much more should they be shunned with respect to people!

C The version in TPYL 927.6a is essentially the same as version B, but it has an introduction somewhat similar to that in version A. Yen, as usual, combined all three versions: "During the reign of Wang Mang a young man, Pi K'ang, killed his mother. An imperial edict commanded that his corpse be burned and his crime exposed to the Empire. I sent [the Emperor] a sealed memorial....

61

Shu-i chi lA,8b-9a.37

Yen 14.3b. Sun 9b.

Take off one's clothes and expose one's body at the Stream of the Naked.39 On the sea there is a Minister of the Naked.40

62

Commentary to Wen hsüan 1.3a and 57.28a. Yen 14.3b.

Li Hsien's Commentary to Hou Han shu 70A, p. 1429.

Sun 12b.

Tung Hsien's younger sister became a Brilliant Companion. 41 The residence where she lived was called Pepper Wind. 42

63

TPYL 776.3a.

Yen 14.3b. Sun 16a.

In the Ch'u capital, Ying, 43 the wheel hubs on the carriages bumped into each other, 44 people rubbed shoulders in the market, 45 and roads paralleled and crossed one another. This is described as "A dress which is new in the morning and shabby in the evening."

The version in <u>PTSC</u> 129.3b is identical, with the exception of the variations noted in the notes 44 and 45.

The Shuo fu 59.3a version is identical to that in $\underline{\text{TPYL}}$ 776.3a.

64

Commentary to Wen hsüan 4.30b. Yen 14.4a. Sun 13a.

The roads were filled with weeds. They were a wide, empty and confused [wasteland].

65

Ch'un-shu chih-yao 44, pp. 770-71.

Yen 14.4a.

Someone said, "In the past, the dukes, lords, important ministers and all the multitude 46 would speculate on who would be assigned to a vacant post, saying, 'A or B should hold that post.' Later, it would turn out as they had predicted. How did they manage to know this, and how could they share the mind of the Emperor? Confucius said of Tzu-kung: 'When he makes a guess it is invariably correct.'47 Now, 48 could the multitude be as good as Tzu-kung?"

I responded, "Men who hold office all come from the same class and do not differ greatly. Those whose good qualities are somewhat better are already apparent to those above and below. Those whose intelligence is different see things differently, while those whose intelligence is equal see things in the same way. What the multitude below privately say to themselves often agrees with what the Emperor [thinks].

For instance, in the past T'ang and Wu employed I Yin and Lü Shang; Kao-tsung chose Fu Yüeh; and Duke Huan of Ch'i and Duke Mu of Ch'in received Kuan Chung, Ning Ch'i, Yu-yü and Po-li Hsi. 50 How could the multitude know such men? Although the multitude below may have liked to speculate on their suitability for employment, how could they have selected these men as fit for the posts of the great ministers and assistants?

The state establishes the hierarchy of officials and the system of punishments in order to set apart the evil and the crooked. Within, the Palace Assistant to the Imperial Clerk⁵² is appointed⁵³ to bring order into the Imperial Capital. Therefore, wise and experienced men⁵⁴ are usually employed.

In the beginning the hope was to revere the true law, but in the end contempt for the true law gradually crept in. Severity became the rule, and cruelty exceeded its bounds. Officials exerted all their energies to win merit and reward. 55 Or, one who wanted to make his abilities known feared the criticism of base and weak men. Therefore, these [base men] were restrained by flogging, 56 and crimes were created by the manipulation of the written word. So now, when the matter has become accomplished fact, and sentence has been passed, even if one wished Kao Yao 57 to hear the case, he could not hear it. It is truly tragic.

For a few trivial words, a man and his entire clan are executed. [This state of affairs] has come about gradually. Often, when someone in the court is angry, he does not check out the source of the slander which he hears. This creates contradiction and confusion in the Empire. The people of the Empire mock the cruelty of the officers of the law by saying, "The lower officers enforce severity so that they can let the High One dispense mercy and grace."58

This statement is completely inaccurate. A wise government servant or an upright official should conduct affairs and uphold the law in a manner as clear as the red and green used [in painting].59 Therefore, if a word is proper, it should be possible to carry it out. If a crime is properly [defined], it should be possible to punish it. Why should anyone harbor the strange desire to accuse whomever he wishes? If the High One happens to neglect the case, if he does not delay it and give it a hearing, then [the accused] is bound to suffer a violent death.60

Under Emperor Ai, Wu K'e, an expectant appointee, was summoned to a royal audience several times because he knew the stars and enjoyed feats of magic. Later, he was tried in court because of the Emperor's 61 affair and imprisoned. At the end of his prison term, it was discovered in interrogation that he had once said to some people, "The Han dynasty will produce a courageous, and reckless young man, a man like Emperor Wu." The cruel and violent [administrator of the law] thought these words improper and highly disrespectful for they called a late emperor "a reckless young man."62

Now, if words are occasionally excessive or amiss, the speaker should not be punished and executed; when words are slanderous and deceptive they can, without exception, be considered criminal.

The Book of Changes says, "The great man produces his changes like the tiger,...the superior man produces his changes like the leopard."63 Now, if one uses this when speaking of the ruler of men, he might say, "Why am I compared with birds and beasts?" If one compares the wisdom of the ruler to Yao and Shun, he might be angered and say, "Why am I compared to the dead?" The assistants and officers of unenlightened rulers follow and obey them, 64 complying with and executing their words. Are they not doubling the dark ignorance of their rulers?

66

TPYL 863.5b.

Yen 14.4b. Sun 25a.

P'ang Chen, 65 Great Administrator of Chiuchiang, made an inspection to see that the Prefects were continuing the custom inherited from the remote ancestors of sacrificing the remaining meat of to the spirits of the earth. He found twenty catties of raw beef. 8 P'ang Chen charged the Prefect, asking the Master in Charge of Robbers of to chase and arrest him. The imperial edict of stated that remaining meat should not be stolen. 71 In all the yamens and prefectures the officials set right of 2 the winter sacrifices, the worship of ancestors and the sacrifices to the God of Kitchen. They presented not only hot food, but also much meat, rice, wine, and dried meat. Numerous delicacies also increased the abundant [feast]. Every commandery and yamen even slaughtered several cows.

NOTES: CHAPTER 6

- 1. This is a slight modification of <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u> 17, p. 293.
- 2. The <u>K'ang-hsi tzu-tien</u> gives the pronunciation of the character as shen or t'ing. Its exact meaning is unknown, but it appears to be a kind of fish or fish sauce (cf. <u>DKJ</u> 46176). <u>PWYP</u> 3248,2, quoting this fragment, has t'ing ("strips of dried meat").
- 3. In accord with the commentary to Ch'ün-shu chih-yao, I read chü / instead of tan / PWYF also has tan, while both TPYL quotations (see the following note), have chü.
- 4. TPYL 492.5a (Sun 22a) quotes the anecdote, as well as the concluding paragraph of this fragment, while TPYL 865.8a (Sun 22a, commentary) only relates the anecdote of the fish sauce. Both versions are very similar to that found in the Ch'un-shu chih-yao.
- 5. "Wang Lang" \pm \dot{H} appears to be a misprint for Wang Mang \pm \dot{A} .
- 6. The same anecdote can be found in the fourth chapter of Liu Hsiang's Hsin hsü (11b-12a). Liu Hsiang's point is somewhat different: Kuan Chung reproves Duke Huan for not having asked the name of his informant, who was invited in and rewarded.
- 7. The Chou ruler Li was in exile from 841 to 828 B.C. King Hsüan became his successor (827-783 B.C.). Cf. Chavannes, \underline{MH} I, pp. 275-76.
- 8. Kao-tsu was surrounded by the Hsiung-nu at P'ing-ch'eng. Cf., e.g., Shih chi 110, pp. 26-27; Watson II, pp. 165-66. Huan T'an suggested a method which Kao-tsu may have used in his escape seven days after he was encircled; see fragment 159, as quoted in the Chi-chieh commentary to Shih chi 56, p. 14 (cf. Watson I, pp. 160-61).
- 9. This is alluded to several times in the Shih chi (e.g., in chapter 100, p. 4), but only Han shu 94A, p. 5314, reproduces Mao-tun's letter to Empress Lü. The shan-yü suggested that, since they were both old and alone, they might marry.

- 10. In 158 B.C. Cf. <u>Shih chi</u> 110, p. 42; Watson II, p. 176.
- ll. In 162 B.C. Cf. <u>Shih chi</u> 110, p. 37; Watson II, p. 173.
- 12. In accordance with the commentary to the Ch'ünshu chih-yao, I read min ("people") for the yung of the text.
- 13. In the year B.C. 58, the shan-yü sent his younger brother to pay court; HFHD II, p. 246. See also Kan Yen-shou's disproportionately short biography in Han shu 70, which mentions only that Kan Yen-shou killed the shan-yü Chih-chih in 36 B.C. Three years later Chih-chih's rival, the shan-yü Hu-han-yeh, came to court and was among other things, given a Chinese court lady for his wife. Cf. HFHD II, pp. 331, 335, and 281-85.
- 14. The last measure was announced by Wang Mang in a message in late 10 A.D.; cf. HFHD III, p. 305. The same source says: "The title of the Hsiung-nu shan-yü was changed, and he was called the 'Submitted Captive [Fu-yü] of the Surrendered Slaves [Hsiang-nu]'"; ibid., p. 304.

- 17. Shang shu IV:V:ii:3; Legge I, p. 207. Also see Mencius II:I:IV:6; Legge, p. 199.
- 18. Instead of "ten days" the text should read "seven," according to Shih chi 56, p. 14; Watson I, p. 161. Moreover, the So-yin commentary to the Shih chi quotes a fragment of the Hsin-lun which also reads "seven;" see fragment 159.
- 20. <u>Han shu</u> 64B, p. 4374 mentions that, under Emperor Wu, the cost of a military expedition of less than one thousand \underline{li} was four hundred million. Any

deficit was covered by the "forbidden money" of the Privy Treasurer. Yen Shih-ku comments that the resources of the Privy Treasurer were used for the Emperor and therefore called "forbidden money."

This fragment contains important information on the economic history of China. As Yu Ying-shih says, "The annual revenue of the Later Han period is not reported in the Hou Han shu. Fortunately, the well-informed scholar, Huan T'an...has provided us with a clue, which may lead to breaking the otherwise hopeless deadlock. According to him, from Emperor Hsuan's time on [73-49 B.C.], the totality of annual fu-ch'ien [see note 19 above -- T.P., or tax money, collected by the Han government amounted to more than 4,000,000,000 cash, of which, he further states, half was used to pay the salaries of all the officials of the Empire. On the other hand, as for the total annual revenue of the Shaofu, or the Emperor's purse, Huan gives the amount of 8,300,000,000, which was used for the upkeep of the imperial palace and for various kinds of imperial gifts." [Trade and Expansion in Han China, p. 62 and note 76].

This fragment was also studied by Lao Kan in his Ch'in-Han shih, p. 136. He believes that the character pa ("eight") was a mistake for fan A ("all, "in general"). Lao Kan thinks that the income of the Privy Treasurer could not be two times that of the Ministry for State Expenditure (ta ssu-nung; for the relation of the two institutions, see RBS 5, No. 99). If Lao Kan's interpretation is correct, the income of the Privy Treasurer would total only one billion and three hundred million cash. The problems with this short fragment reveal how uncertain the study of Han economic history still is.

- 22. For an explanation of $\underline{\text{tso-wu}}$ / \hbar , see Chou Shou-ch'ang's commentary to $\underline{\text{Han shu}}$ 90, p. 5230.
- 23. Instead of <u>yüan ti</u> w ("orchards and grounds"), the text should probably read <u>yüan-ch'ih</u> w ("orchards and ponds"), in accordance with <u>Shih</u> chi 30, p. 4 and Chavannes III, p. 542 ("...les parcs et les marais").
- 24. See <u>HFHD</u> III, pp. 395-400, especially pp. 398-99.

- 26. Instead of <u>fu-i</u> \not \not \not \not I read <u>tsai-i</u> \not \not \not ("calamities"). <u>Tsai-i</u> is used again near the end of the fragment.
- 27. Ta-mou, or T'ai-mou, is Chung-tsung, the ninth ruler of the Yin dynasty.
- 28. This legend is treated in more detail by Wang Ch'ung; cf. <u>Lun-heng</u> 5, 19, pp. 203-204; Forke, II, p. 161. For different traditions concerning the two trees, see Huang Hui's commentary to the <u>Lun-heng</u> 2:7, p. 59.
- 29. Wu-ting, or Kao-tsung, is the 22nd ruler of the Yin. He may have lived ca. 1230 B.C. Cf. Shih chi 3, p. 23; Chavannes, MH I, p. 196.
- 30. Preface to the Shu-ching 29; Legge, p. 7.
- 31. The various texts confuse T'ai-mou and Wu-ting; cf. note 4 in A. Forke, <u>Lun-heng</u> II, pp. 161. In both cases, however, the two rulers were exhorted by a <u>Tsu-chi</u> to reform their way of ruling, with the success described by Huan T'an.
- 32. Shu-ching V:vi:16-19; Legge, pp. 359-60. When King Ch'eng harbored ill-founded suspicion against the Duke of Chou, Heaven sent down a calamity; later, when the King repented, acknowledging the Duke's innocence and loyalty, all the damage which had been done was made whole.
- 33. This story is related in <u>Lun-heng</u> in the beginning of the 17th chapter, pp. 191-92; Forke, II, pp. 152-53. Duke Ching averted the calamity with three virtuous maxims.
- 34. The source of this quotation is not clear. A similar idea is put forward in <u>Li chi</u> XX:3; Legge II, p. 203.
- 35. Apparently Tzu-hou is Ho Tzu-hou, i.e., Ho Shan, the son of the famous general Ho Ch'ü-p'ing who is mentioned twice in the 28th chapter of the Shih chi (Chavannes III, pp. 501, 504). Shih chi mentions that Ho Shan died suddenly in 110 B.C. and cites Huan T'an's fragment as an explanation of his mysterious death. Nevertheless, Shen Ch'in-han objects to this explanation, referring to the Wen-hsin tiao-lung 13 (Shih, The Literary Mind, p. 69): "The Emperor expressed his grief

- in a poem..." Shen Ch'in-han believes that this establishes that Emperor Wu could not have killed Ho Shan. Chavannes' opinion (III, p. 504, note 1) is different: "Il est probable que l'empereur Ou fit empoisonner Tseheu pour être sûr qu'il ne divoulguerait pas ce qui s'était passé lors du sacrifice fong dont il avait été le seul témoin." In any case, we may only conclude that there may be no one reliable explanation of Ho Shan's death. Also see Chavannes, Le T'ai-chan, p. 19. For another fragment involving T'ai-shan, see fragment 117.
- 36. There has been a general tendency to conceal information like this. See Hulsewe, Remnants I, pp. 111-12.
- 37. The text of the <u>Shu-i</u> chi begins: "In southeastern Kuei-lin, along the sea, there is Lo-ch'uan. Huan T'an's Hsin-lun says...."
- 38. For ch'eng 呈 ("to present") I read another ch'eng body").
- 39. Both Yen and Sun end the fragment here.
- 40. <u>DKJ</u> 34371.19 gives also the full two sentences. The term "Lo-ch'uan" is mentioned neither in the <u>P'ei-wen yün-fu</u>, nor in the <u>Chung-kuo ku-chin ti-ming ta tzu-tien</u>. <u>Huai-nan-tzu refers to the Country of the Naked (Lo kuo</u>), which lies southwest of China, but this has nothing to do with Huan T'an's <u>Lo-ch'uan</u>.
- 41. "Brilliant companion" (chao-i 昭 儀) is a very high rank, next to that of Empress. Emperor Ai bestowed it on Tung Hsien's sister; see HFHD III, p. 8, and Han shu 93, p. 5291.
- 42. "Pepper Wind" (chiao-feng **) is mentioned in Tung Hsien's biography in Han shu 93, p. 5291. Han kuan i B.la-b (Plate XVI of Chen Tsu-lung, Index du Hankuan ts'i-tchong) says that the walls of the Empress' residence were covered with plaster which contained pepper because it gave warmth. On the other hand, the term may have come from the pepper-tree, Zanthoxylum, which is a symbol of fecundity because it bears a great deal of fruit. Also, pepper has a fine smell which gives comfort to the aged (Shih ching IV:I:iii:v; Legge, p. 603).
- 43. Sun has Ngo 谔p instead of Ying 郢

- 44. Instead of <u>chü kua ku</u> 車掛 載, I follow the <u>PTSC</u> 129.3b version, <u>chü ku chi</u> 車 製 繋・
- 45. Instead of <u>chiao</u> 交 , <u>PTSC</u> 129.3a has <u>p'ai-t'u</u> 排 突 ("push against each other").
- 46. 'The multitude below' refers to the courtiers.
- 47. <u>Analects</u> XI:18; Legge, p. 243.
- 48. I prefer chin 今 ("now") for ling 今.
- 49. I prefer <u>shou</u> 发 ("receive") for <u>shou</u> 梭 ("to give to, confer on").
- 50. Kuan Chung and Ning Ch'i were chancellors of Duke Huan, while Yu-yü and Po-li Hsi were chancellors of Duke Mu. Po-li Hsi and Ning Ch'i are both referred to in Shih chi 83, p. 24. Yu-yü was originally an envoy of the Jung barbarians. See Shih chi 5, pp. 32-35; Chavannes, MH II, pp. 41-44, where both Po-li Hsi and Yu-yü are mentioned. All these men are said to have lived in the 7th century B.C.
- 51. The character is unknown. It may be a mistake for either tse ("duty, responsibility") or chen ("true"). The commentary to Ch'un-shu chih yao prefers chen while I believe it should be tse.
- 52. For <u>chung-ch'eng yü-shih</u> 中丞御史 ("Pal-ace assistant to the Imperial Clerk"), see Chavannes, <u>MH</u> I, Appendix I, p. 514, sub III.
- 53. In accordance with the commentary to the <u>Ch'unshu chih-yao</u>, I prefer <u>chih</u> ("to establish, appoint") to <u>liang</u> ("to measure, deliberate").
- 54. Ming hsi 明 省 ("wide and experienced men"); cf. Hulsewé, Remnants I, pp. 340, 394, note 224.
- 55. The character wei * is superfluous.
- 56. For a detailed explanation of ch'u ("flopping sticks"), see Bodde and Morris, Law in Imperial China, p. 80. Bodde, however, believes that ch'u were first used in the Liang dynasty, long after this was written.
- 57. Kao Yao was a minister to the legendary ruler Shun. He is traditionally believed to have introduced penal law. Cf. Hulsewé, <u>Remnants</u> I, p. 27.

- 58. "The High One" apparently refers to the Emperor.
- 59. Tan ch'ing # ("cinnabar and azurite," or "red and green"). For a detailed explanation, see HFHD III, p. 441, note 21.2.
- 60. For a discussion of the Emperor's personal roles in the affairs of the Empire, see fragment 11A, note 8, and the relevant text.
- 61. The commentary says that $\underline{\text{ti}} \ \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}$ ("emperor's") is superfluous.
- 63. <u>I ching</u> 49 (hexagram <u>ko</u>); Legge, p. 168.
- 64. The term chih shih shun ch'eng 執事順成 is also used in <u>Tso chuan</u>, <u>Hsüan</u> 12; Legge, pp. 312, 317.
- 65. P'ang Chen has no Han shu biography, nor is he mentioned in the Hou Han shu. But, since he was a high official, chapter 19B of Han shu has some information on him: In 14 B.C., as Great Administrator of Ho-nan, he came to Tso-p'ing-i commandery, where he served for three years (p. 1304). In 8 B.C. he was a Privy Treasurer. He became Commandant of Justice and, two years later, Privy Treasurer of the Ch'ang-hsin Palace.
- 66. Both Yen and Sun give kao ("high") alone, which does not by itself have any reasonable meaning. The text has kao ts'eng which refers to a great grandson of a kao-tsu, which is an ancestor in the fifth generation. I believe that the meaning of the term is more general, perhaps "remote ancestors." Pan Ku, at the end of his Hsi-tu fu ("Fu on the Western Capital," Wen hsüan 1.7b) mentions that the Shang followed the model (kuei-chü) of their kao ts'eng.
- 67. "Remaining meat" is the meaning of $\underline{\text{li}}$, according to the $\underline{\text{Yu-p'ien}}$, as quoted in $\underline{\text{DKJ}}$ 40146 sub 9. For other explanations, see the commentaries to $\underline{\text{Shih}}$ chi 84, p. 35.

- 68. The beef which should have been sacrificed had been hidden for the private use of the Prefect.
- 69. Chu shou tao È 🖟 🛣 ("Master in Charge of Robbers"). Chu shou ("Master in Charge of...") was, according to DKJ 100.119, a general title for officials who managed stores, prisons, etc. In this case the official was specifically assigned to handle robbers. This title is not listed in the dynastic histories or other official sources for the Han period.
- 70. Instead of shang ch'ing 上讀, I read ch'ing-shang 計上. For an explanation of the term ch'ing, see my review of the reissue of D. Bodde, China's First Unifier, p. 132. The Emperor's assistance may have been requested because a misuse of a sacrifice could be an "impious" crime (pu-tao 方道). For a similar case, see Hulsewé, Remnants, p. 168, example 14.
- 71. Pu-tsang \mathcal{T} ("not stolen"). Sun says that in his text these two characters are illegible; Yen has pu-shun \mathcal{T} , which might mean that the Emperor should not offer the meat as a sacrifice.

Chapter 7. Awakening Insight

67

<u>I lin</u> 3.8b.

Yen 14.5a. Sun 6b.

If the dragon does not have even one foot of water, there is no way for him to ascend to Heaven. If the sage does not have even one foot of soil, there is no way for him to rule the Empire.

68

I lin 3.9a.

Yen 14.5a. Sun 6b.

Prognostications are derived from the Chart of the Yellow River and the Book of [the River] Lo.2 They were only omens, but they could not be ascertained. Later, foolish people constantly added to and enlarged [the original texts], using them as bases for various theories. They claimed that K'ung Ch'iu was the author of the texts. Their error is great indeed!

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 30, note 97.

69

I lin 3.9a.

Yen 14.5a. Sun 6b-7a.

Chang Tzu-hou⁴ said, "Yang Tzu-yün⁵ is a Confucius of the Western Parts, but he is so poor."

I replied, "Tzu-yün is also a Confucius of the Eastern Parts. Was Chung-ni7 only Confucius of Lu? He was also a sage of Ch'i and Ch'u."

70

<u>I lin</u> 3.9a. <u>TPYL</u> 68.4b.

Yen 14.5a. Sun 7a.

Drawings on water and engravings on ice dissolve and melt with time.

71

<u>I lin</u> 3.9a.

Yen 14.5a. Sun 7a.

Confucius taught four skills to gentlemen, each according to his taste. Like a market where many different goods are displayed, those who wish to buy arrive together.

72

Commentary to Wen hsüan 20.20a. Yen 14.5a. Sun 13b.

The sage greatly surpasses [other] men with his heavenly manner.

This fragment is quoted by Hui Tung in an explanation of a memorial by Ti-wu Lun; Hou Han Shu 41, p. 1484.

73

Commentary to Wen hsüan 41.32a. Yen 14.5a. Sun 14b.

Yen Yüan was [a man of] eminent and excellent talent, second only to the sages. Upon hearing one point, he knew ten. $\!\!^{10}$

74

Commentary to Wen hsüan 53.20a and 59.1a.

Yen 14.5b. Sun 15a.

Tzu-kung said to Duke Ching of Ch'i, 11 "In serving Confucius I am like a thirsty man who carries a cup and goes to drink from a river or a sea. When [his stomach] is full12 he goes away. How is he to know the depth of the river or the sea?"13

75

TPYL 569.8a. Ch'u-hsüeh chi 15.9b.

Yen 14.5b. Sun 18a.

A house without trimming is not the equal of O-pang Palace. An uncarved beam is not the equal of a

polished rafter. Dark-colored liquors 14 are not the equals of Ts'ang-wu wine. 15 The <u>k'ung</u> and <u>chieh</u> [instruments] 16 are not the equals of the flowing music of Cheng. 17

Previous translation: J.-P. Diény, <u>Aux origines de la poesie classique en Chine</u>, p.37.

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TPYL 404.8a.

Yen 14.5b. Sun 21a.

A proverb says, "Three years of study [alone] does not equal three years with a selected teacher."

Previous translation: A. Forke, <u>Geschichte der mittel-älterlichen chinesischen Philosophie</u>, p. 103 and note 3.

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TPYL 860.9b.

Yen 14.5a. Sun 25a.

Confucius was an ordinary man, ¹⁸ but he became eminent and his hand became famous. When they come to his tomb, those of high-rank sacrifice beef, mutton, chicken and pork, while the lower people offer wine, dried meat and a cold repast. ¹⁹ After paying their respects they leave.

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TPYL 932.3a.

Yen 14.5b.

Fragment 78 was not written by Huan T'an, but by Ku T'an. The biography of Ku T'an, who wrote a Hsin-yü, can be found in San-kuo chih, Wu chih 7.10b-12a. Ku T'an was from a good family; his grandfather Ku Yung (168-243 A.D.) was a chancellor of Wu for nineteen years. In the second half of the third century A.D., Ku T'an was imprisoned and banished to Chiao-chih, where he died two years later at the age of forty-one. The confusion of Huan T'an and Ku T'an may be due to the simple fact that their names are quite similar (Huan resembles Ku), as are the titles of

their books ($\underline{\text{Hsin-lun}}$ and $\underline{\text{Hsin-yu}}$). The fragments of Ku-tzu hsin-yu (two double-pages) were collected in Ma Kuo-han, Yu-han shan-fang chi i shu, vol. 75. After the restoration of the Han, the name Chiao-chih appears only late in the first century A.D.; for a detailed explanation, see Ch'en Ching-ho, Chiao-chih ming-ch'eng k'ao.

NOTES: CHAPTER 7

- 1. The first character, given by Yen as <u>ch'an</u> 誠 ("prognostications"), was illegible to the editor of <u>I lin</u>.
- Legge, <u>I Ching</u>, Appendix III, p. 374.
- 4. This is apparently the only reference to this man, who is otherwise unknown.
- 5. Yang Tzu-yün is Yang Hsiung.
- 6. Yang Hsiung was born in Szechwan, which is in western China.
- 7. Chung-ni was the \underline{tzu} \dot{F} ("style name") of Confucius.
- 8. For ssu k'o 四 針 ("four disciplines"), see Analects XI: II.2. They are virtue, able speech, administrative ability, and literary attainment.
- 9. Sun is incorrect in thinking that the character chih is erroneous; one of its meanings is "to buy."
- 10. Analects V:VIII:2; Legge, p. 176.
- ll. Sun does not include "of Ch'i."

- 12. "Stomach" has been added by Yen.
- 13. This story is not found in the Analects. An account of Tzu-kung's conversation with Duke Ching can be found near the end of Chapter 11 of the Shuo-yüan, but it does not contain this statement. However, the preceding story in that chapter of the Shuo-yüan tells of Tzu-kung's conversation with Chao Chien-tzu, in which he compares Confucius to a river or a sea. This apparently inspired Huan T'an's simile. For another anecdote which Huan T'an derived from Chapter 11, see fragment 171.
- 14. Li chi VII:I:10; Legge, I, p. 370 and note 2.
- 15. Ts'ang-wu was a large commandery, covering most of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. It dates from the time of Emperor Wu.
- 16. S. Couvreur, Li Ki II, p. 91, remarks, "Deux instruments qui servent à donner le signal, l'un au commencement, l'autre à la fin des morceaux de musique."
- 17. The Confucian literati considered the tunes of Cheng to be notoriously frivolous, although no one has ever clearly defined what was improper about them.
- 18. <u>Cheng fu</u> 正夫. Both Yen and Sun give <u>p'i fu</u> 匹夫.
- 19. <u>DKJ</u> 7239.96 identifies the han-chü * , which ("cold repast") with the modern san-tzu * , which is fried, puffy shredded dough. Han shih * ("day of cold food") is a day in spring when people travel to visit graves; see, e.g., F. W. Mote, The Poet Kao Ch'i, p. 136.

Chapter 8. Dispersing Obscurantism

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A <u>I lin</u> 3.9a.

Yen 14.5b-6a. Sun 7a.

Since Yen Yüan's allotted span was short, he thought affectionately of Confucius, wishing to return to him in his later years. He heard the words of the eastern village: When the people hear the music of Ch'ang-an, they come out of the gates, look towards the west and laugh. The smell of meat is pleasant, so they stand in front of a butcher's shop, chewing vigorously."

Similarly, people of today, although they cannot discern the sage, still admire him with delight. A common horse and an excellent, fine horse chase each other's bit and tail, but then, in the evening, the excellent horse neighs and eats as usual, while the common horse hangs down his head and will not eat.

How does this differ from Yen Yüan and Confucius's being fit or unfit?

B TPYL 897.2b.

Yen 14.5b-6a. Sun 25b-26a.

Since Yen Yuan's allotted span was short, he thought affectionately of Confucius, [wishing to] return to him in his later years. Similarly, a common horse and an excellent horse chase each other, but then, in the evening, when they are placed together in the halting place, the excellent horse neighs and eats as usual, while the common horse hangs down his head and will not eat again.

How does this differ from Yen Yüan and K'ung Ch'iu's fitness and unfitness?

C Yen 14.5b-6a. Sun 7a.

The following sources give similar versions of the anecdote of Ch'ang-an music and the smell of meat: 5 TPYL 391.7a, 496.4b, 828.2b, and 863.5b; PTSC 145.4a; TWLC 72.6a; Ch'u-hsüeh chi 26.14a; Commentary to Wen hsüan 41.22a; and Po K'ung liu t'ieh 16.6b.

A <u>I lin</u> 3.9a-b.

Yen 14.6a. Sun 7a-b.

In my youth I saw the beautiful writings of Yang Tzu-yün and wished to follow them. Once I wrote a small fu, and, having strained my mind too much, I immediately fell ill. Tzu-yün has said that when Emperor Ch'eng ordered him to write the "Fu on the Kan-ch'üan [Palace]," he, too, violently strained himself. He became tired and lay down. He dreamed that his viscera fell out on to the floor. He gathered them up with his hand and put them back again. Later he awake, with an ailment of the breath which lasted for a year. Therefore, one may say that exhausting the mind injures one's vitality and one's spirit.

B PTSC 102.2a.

Yen 14.6a.

During the reign of Emperor Ch'eng, when the Brilliant Companion Chao Fei-yen was in great favor, Yang Tzu-yün was charged by Imperial edict to write <u>fu</u>. Every time an Imperial progress was made to the Kan-ch'üan [Palace] Yang violently strained his mind and vitality, and, after he completed the <u>fu</u> at great pains, he was tired and took a nap. He dreamed that his viscera fell out and that he put them back again with his hands. Later he awoke with his breath greatly diminished. One year later he died.

C <u>IWLC</u> 56.18a and 75.8b. <u>TPYL</u> 75.8b, 587.7a and 739.2a. Yen 14.6a. Sun 13a.

In my youth I saw the beautiful writings and noble essays of Yang Tzu-yün. I did not appreciate my youth or the fact that I was a novice, but wished to overtake him at once. Inspired by an event, I wrote a small \underline{fu} . Having strained my energy and my mind too violently, I immediately found that I had become ill.8

Tzu-yün has said that Emperor Ch'eng, while travelling to the Kan-ch'üan Palace, charged him by Imperial edict to write <u>fu</u>. Because he had exerted himself violently, he was tired and had a little nap. He dreamed that his viscera fell out on to the floor. He put them back in with his hands. When he awoke, his breath was greatly diminished. He was ill for a year.9

In my youth I liked his writings. 10 Tzu-yün labored on his \underline{fu} and odes. 11 I wished to learn from him. Tzu-yün said, "If you can read a thousand \underline{fu} , then you will be skilled at writing them!" 12

D Commentary to Wen hsüan 17.4a. Yen 14.6a. Sun 13a.

(the first paragraph only)

Huan T'an wished to learn the art of writing \underline{fu} from Yang Tzu-yün. Tzu-yün said, "If you can read a thousand \underline{fu} , then you will be skilled at writing them!" T'an admired Tzu-yün's writings. Having exerted his mind on a small \underline{fu} , he instantly suffered an attack of illness. He recovered only after a whole day.

Tzu-yün said that Emperor Ch'eng, when sacrificing at the Kan-ch'üan Palace, ordered Yang Hsiung to write <u>fu</u>. He violently exerted his mind and vitality, became tired, and took a little nap. He dreamed that his viscera fell out and he put them back in with his hands. Later he awoke and felt ill. He was breathless and palpitating, and his breath was greatly diminished.

Fragment 80D seems to be a summary of Huan T'an's information written by someone else.

E The following sources tell, more or less, the same story of Yang Hsiung's sufferings as was told in the other fragments: TPYL 393.7b and 399.6a; PTSC 102; 3b-4a; commentary to Wen hsüan 7.la; Po K'ung liu t'ieh 86.4a; and Shuo fu 59.3b.13

Previous translation of Yen's full text: Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 543.

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<u>I lin</u> 3.9b.

Yen 14.6a. Sun 7b.

Chuang Chou [Chuang Tzu] was seriously ill, and his disciples were weeping around him. He replied to them, "I am dying now, so who [dies] first? [Compared to someone] born a hundred years from now, who dies last? 14 No one can escape death, so why should one covet these moments? "15

A TPYL 740.5a-b.

Yen 14.6a-b. Sun 11b. (commentary)

When I was a Grandee in the Directorate of Music, I received the memoirs of the musicians. They said that Emperor Wen of Han obtained the musician Sir Tou, who was 180 years old and had lived since the period of Marquis Wen of Wei. He was blind in both eyes. The Emperor asked what food he ate in order to reach such an age. Sir Tou replied, "I lost my sight when I was thirteen years old. My father and mother taught me music and how to play the chin [zither]. I did not use Taoist calisthenics and do not know how I reached this great age."

I felt that this explanation was plausible because Sir Tou, having been blind from youth, concentrated on the One and looked inward.

B TPYL 383.10b.

Yen 14.6a-b. Sun 11b. (commentary)

In the past, when I was Wang Mang's Grandee in the Directorate of Music, I read the memoirs of the musicians. 16 [They said] that Emperor Wen [of Han] obtained the musician Sir Tou, who was 180 years old and had lived since the period of Marquis Wen of Wei. He was blind in both eyes. Emperor Wen, wondering at this, asked what he ate in order to reach such an age. Sir Tou replied, "I lost my sight when I was thirteen years old. My father and mother pitied me and taught me how to play the ch'in [zither]. Every day I studied and practiced until it became my regular occupation. I cannot perform [Taoist] calisthenics, nor do I follow a [special] diet.

Huan T'an thought that Sir Tou's [strong] constitution and [long] life span were attributable to the benefits of his having always lived in retirement and carefree contentment, since he was blind from youth.

C Ts'ao Chih, "Pien tao lun," <u>Kuang Hung ming chi</u> 5.3a-b. Yen 14.6a-b.

In the past I was Wang Mang's Grandee in the Directorate of Music and read in the memoirs of the musicians17 that Emperor Wen of Han obtained the musician Sir Tou, who was 180 years old and had lived since the period of Marquis Wen of Wei. He was blind in both eyes. The Emperor, wondering at this, asked him how he had reached such an age. Sir Tou replied, "I, your servant, lost my sight when I was thirteen years old. My father and mother pitied my inability to learn any craft and taught me how to play the <a href="mailto:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic:chi:nic

Huan Chün-shan discussed this and said, "Mister Tou put the fact that he was blind from youth to great use and, concentrating on the One, he looked inward. His sensibility was not aided by outward perception." [Ts'ao Chih continues], "In the past Chün-shan rebuked Liu Tzu-chün,19 saying that inner vision was useless. In the discussion of Sir Tou he used the argument of non-perception. I do not see any consistency in his theories."20

D Yen Shih-ku's commentary to Han shu 30, p. 3108.

Yen 14.6a. Sun 11b.

Sir Tou was 180 years old and blind in both eyes. Emperor Wen, wondering at this, asked him how he had reached such an age. Sir Tou replied, "I, your servant, lost my sight when I was thirteen years old. My father and mother pitied my inability to acquire different skills and taught me how to play the ch'in [zither]. I have practiced Taoist calisthenics, but have swallowed no pills."21

A shortened version of 82D is found in Tung Yüeh's Ch'i-kuo k'ao, pp. 72-73. See commentary to fragment 176.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 59.

A T'ai-p'ing huan-yü chi 12.15a-b.

Yen 14.6b. Sun 26a.

During his travels Duke Huan of Ch'i met a man from Mo-ch'iu22 and asked him his age. The man replied, "Eighty-three years." The Duke said, "Would you bless me with your long life?" The man answered, "If you are to live a long life, you must hold gold and jade lightly and consider men to be your treasures."23

B <u>Ch'u-hsüeh chi</u> 8.8b.

Yen 14.6b. Sun 26a. (commentary)

During his travels Duke Huan of Ch'i met a man from Mo-ch'iu.

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A <u>Hung-ming chi</u> 5.4b-5b: "Chin, Huan T'an: <u>Hsin-lun</u>, Hsing shen." Yen 14.6b-8a.

I once paid a visit to Tu Fang, 24 a former prefect of Ch'en, from my commandery. I found him reading the book of Lao-tzu. He said, "Through quietude, equanimity, 25 and the nourishing of his own nature, Lao Tzu lived several hundred years. Now, if we follow his way, can we not increase our years and avoid old age?"

I answered, "Although [people may have the same] body and name, their dispositions and innate natures, their talents and abilities differ in degree. Their constitutions are strong or weak, robust or fragile. By taking care of and nourishing [one's own body] when it is used, only a slight degree of improvement may be achieved. In contrast, if clothing, shoes, and utensils are cared for they remain intact for a long time."

By his side I saw a hemp candle from which about one foot of ash hung down. Using it as an example, I said, "The spirit lives in the body like the flame blazing in the candle. If [the candle] is properly tended and turned so that it follows the flame,

[the flame] need not be extinguished until the candle is all used up. Of course, if the candle has no flame, it cannot become active in the void, nor can its ashes be lighted later. The ashes are like man's old age: The teeth fall out, the hair turns white, the muscles and flesh wither and dry up, and the spirit cannot moisten and lubricate the body. 26 When such a state prevails inside and outside the body, the breath expires and the man dies, just as the flame and the candle are both used up.

"If a man unfortunately encounters some evil, injury, or illness and receives neither care, nourishment, nor an excellent doctor, he may die an untimely death. In such a death the muscles, flesh, sinews and bones are usually like flame which dies in a gust of wind, neither rescued nor protected. Such circumstances lead to death, although there is ample flesh and the stem of the candle is still long."

Once at night, while sitting and drinking inside, I lit a hemp candle. Half of the candle pressed down as if about to go out. Now, I said to myself, "Let's watch it carefully." I saw that its surface was cracked and gnarled. Then I tended it and turned it so that the flame passed over and revived. Now, man's body may also suffer loss and cracking, but if it is cared for immediately and supported well, it too may pass through [intact].

Moreover, since no one knows the time of his own birth, one should grow old and die without any knowledge of one's self. In the distant past, when the world was equitable and harmonious, people27 were born with beauty and wealth. All were robust and strong and lived to a great age, some reaching as long as 100 years before their death. Death came to them imperceptibly, as if it were a sleep. It was like fruit and corn which fall by themselves after a long period of ripeness. Later generations encountered weak, poor and evil fluids. They married at improper times, and toiled and labored to excess. Therefore, they and their children were all injured. Their sinews, bones, blood, and energy were neither stout nor strong, so their lives were full of misfortune. Their lives were cut short, and they died prematurely in their prime. When they fell ill, they would suffer and grieve, and then their lives would end. Thus, everyone mourns and abhors death.28

Once Duke Ching of Ch'i, glorifying his country and praising his own pleasure, said, "Suppose that there was no death in the past, what would happen to [the pleasure of the people of this time]?" Yen-tzu said, "The Lord on High considers man's death to be good. For the benevolent it is a rest, for the non-benevolent it is a going away. Now, you do not think of striving to increase your learning every day in order to reach understanding and thus establish yourself and make your name famous. Instead, you are only greedy for profit and longevity, craving to extend your life and increase your years. You are a man whose errors have not been dispelled."29

Somebody objected, saying, "I am afraid that your comparison of the candle and the flame with the body and the spirit appears [to be right, but is actually] wrong. Sometimes muscles and skin crack and are injured, but they recover by themselves because the energy of the blood circulates. If the hemp of the candle is broken or injured it cannot recover and be made whole again, even if a flame resides within it. Therefore, the spiritual fluid makes birth and growth possible, but the lighted candle cannot repair itself and become whole because it is of a different character in this respect. How can you wish to identify them?"

I responded, "The flame arises from one end, whereas the spiritual fluid of man is in the whole body and emanates gradually from the inside to unite with the outside or goes from the outside flesh to the inside. Thus it does not necessarily go from [only] one end. Let's compare it to a charcoal flame which burns red. If some water is poured over it, it too expires to a certain degree but it revives. It is the same as man's blood fluid, which gives birth and growth to the muscles and flesh. If we look at their outcome, they either burn or become ash. Why should they not be compared?"

Later, I sat one night in conversation with Liu Po-shih, and we lit a flame in some fat. The fat in the lamp was almost used up, and the wick was scorched, bald and about to die. Using it to make my idea clear to Liu Po-shih, I said, "Man's decline and old age is like a bald lamp." Then I repeated the previous discussion on lighting the hemp candle.

Po-shih said, "If a lamp or candle is about to go out, one should add fat or replace the candle.

Likewise, when a man is old and infirm, he either perishes or perpetuates himself."

My answer was, "The existence of man, who possesses form and body, is like a lamp or a candle. When the wick is totally used up and reaches its end, how can it resupply or replace itself? Its resupply and replacement clearly depends on man. Perhaps 30 the extinction of man also depends on Heaven, or Heaven may arrange for him [to continue his life].

"If his muscles, bones and blood energy are rich and strong, then his body and spirit may be supported and live for a long time. If all this is bad, then [the body and the spirit] are broken and injured just as the flame dies out slowly or quickly according to the quantity of fat and the length of the candle. One cannot wish that the lamp and candle would resupply or replace themselves, but if the fat on the side is quickly pressed so it soaks the tip of the wick and if the stem [i.e., the hemp], as well as the trunk [i.e., the candle], are turned or inclined accordingly, the flame becomes quiet and the light will usually be restored. But once the root is exhausted, the lamp and the candle cannot be rescued.

"Now, man, in cultivating his nature, may, like the pressing of the fat and the turning of the candle, grow his fallen teeth back again, turn his white hair black again, or make his muscles and flesh radiant and moist. But when the end of his life is reached he, too, can only die.

"The intelligent man knows how difficult it is to strive for [the prolongation of life] and therefore he does not exert himself for it. The foolish man deceives himself with hopes that 'the candle will change when the fat is used up.' Therefore he takes many pains and gives himself no rest.

"Grass, trees and the five kinds of grain come into being on earth through the energy of <u>vin</u> and <u>vang</u>. When they grow big and bear fruit, the fruit returns to the earth where it may grow again. In the same way, man, as well as the birds, beasts and insects, all reproduce by intercourse between female and male. Birth is followed by growth, growth by old age, and old age by death—like the alternations of the four seasons. To wish to change one's nature, to strive after strange ways, is a delusion which I cannot understand."

B <u>TPYL</u> 870.3a gives a short version of Huan T'an's discussion with Liu Po-shih. [Yen 14.7b]. Sun 25b.

One night when I was sitting with Liu Po-shih, the fat in the lamp [was almost used up], the wick was bald, and [the flame] was about to die out. I said to Po-shih, "Man's informity and old age is like a bald candle wick."

Po-shih said, "If man is weak and old, he has to continue himself [i.e., prolong his life]."

I said, "By enriching one's own constitution white hair may grow black again, but when the end of one's life is reached, one must die."

Previous translations: A Forke, <u>Geschichte der mittel-älterlichen chinesischen Philosophie</u>, pp. 106-108 (partially); <u>Liang Han chih pu</u>, pp. 211-14. See also <u>Liang Han pu-fen</u>, pp. 347-50.

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TPYL 897.2b.

Yen 14.8a. Sun 26a.

In the burial ground of Empress Wei³² there were ten horses which were used as mounts or to draw carriages at funerals. The officials and servants tended and fed them well and saw that they were well watered. They could not be ridden. And all the horses lived to the age of sixty.³³

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A TPYL 990.5a.

Yen 14.8a. Sun 26a.

I told Liu Tzu-chün that cultivating one's nature does not help [postpone old age]. His elder brother's son, Liu Po-yü, 34 said, "If Heaven produces drugs which kill man, it must certainly produce drugs which give man life." I said, "The plant ourouparia rhynchophylla 55 does not agree with man, so eating it causes death. But it is not produced for the purpose of killing man. Similarly Szechwan beans 56 poison fish, arsenic kills rats, 37 cassia injures otters, and

apricot stones kill dogs. But these are not made by Heaven for this purpose.

B Fang I-chih, <u>Wu-li hsiao-chih</u> ll, p. 273 (ed. <u>Wan-yu wen-k'u</u>).

The cassia injures otters. Apricot stones kill pigs. The loach $[\underline{\text{fen-ch'iu}}]$ fears pepper, and the centipede, oil. 39

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 538. Cf. <u>Liang Han pu-fen</u> II, p. 345.

NOTES: CHAPTER 8

- 1. Analects VI:2; Legge, p. 185.
- 2. Instead of shang $\frac{4}{10}$ ("die young"), I follow $\frac{1}{10}$ 1897.2b, which has $\frac{1}{10}$ ("return").
- 3. Wen tung li yü ("words of the eastern village") may be wrong. TPYL 496.4b, among others, replaces it with Kuan-tung yen-yü ("a proverb of Kuan-tung"), i.e., "east of the Han-ku pass." This region was thought of as rustic.
- 4. Both the music and the meat are unattainable, and the people can only listen or look from a distance. But, while they despise the music of the capital, they are greedy for the meat. The latter part of the proverb is still common today.
- 5. The anecdote is also mentioned in a letter by Emperor Wen of Wei, Ts'ao P'i, in <u>Wen hsüan</u> 42, third item. See also TPYL 828.2b.
- 6. <u>Hsin-chin</u> 新進 ("novice"). Only found in TPYL 739.2a.
- 7. Only found in TPYL 739.2a.
- 8. Commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 17.4a gives three additional characters which mean: "I recovered only after a whole day." See fragment 80D.
- 9. TPYL 739.2a adds, as in fragment 80B, that Yang Hsiung died the next year. A similar text is TPYL 75.8b. The next paragraph beginning "In my mouth..." is found only in TWLC 56.18a and TPYL 587.7a.
- 10. TPYL 587.7a. IWLC 56.18a has: "I once liked his writings."
- 11. <u>Sung 頌</u> . Only in <u>TPYL</u> 587.7a.
- 12. This last paragraph is a short version of fragment 140 (Yen 15.5a); see also fragment 80D. The saying about a thousand <u>fu</u> is quoted in <u>Hsi ching tsa chi</u> 2.4a, but Huan T'an is not mentioned ("Somebody asked..."). In fact, this is a quotation from Yang Hsiung's reply to a letter from Huan T'an which evaluated Ssu-ma

Hsiang-ju's rhyme-prose: "Ssu-ma Ch'ang-ch'ing's <u>fu</u> do not originate from [the hands of] men, but their divinity approaches magic and should be studied carefully. There is a proverb which says, 'Even all the ingenious gods of Fu Hsi will not pass the door of those who practice.'" Cf. Yen, <u>Ch'üan Han wen</u> 52.10a. For another letter by Yang Hsiung to Huan T'an, see fragment 214, note 123. Another comment by Yang Hsiung on Ssuma Hsiang-ju's rhyme-prose is in Ssu-ma Ch'ien's <u>Shih</u> <u>chi</u> 117, p. 105, but it cannot be found in his <u>Fa yen</u>.

The comment quoted by Ssu-ma Ch'ien appears to be a late and very awkward interpolation. The reliability of Yang Hsiung's letter to Huan T'an, which also concerns Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju's rhyme-prose, might also be called into question. For his source Yen merely refers to "Yang Shen ch'ih-tu ch'ing-ts'ai" 核原素。 If ch'ih ch'is substituted for ch'ih ch'it appears that this source is a book by Yang Shen (1488-1559 A.D.) entitled "Correct Selection of Collected Correspondence," which I have not been able to examine. Yang Shen's book was probably rather popular, as it was later amended by another well-known Ming writer, Wang Shih-chen (1526-1590 A.D.) and reissued under the title [Tseng chi] Ch'ih-tu ch'ing-ts'ai 常久 文 Yen is departing from his usual habit when he quotes a source as late as the 16th century for the first century Yang Hsiung. See my article, "Huan T'an and Yang Hsiung on Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju."

- 13. In Chapter 6.26 (Shen-ssu) of his Wen-hsin tiaolung, Liu Hsieh discusses Yang Hsiung and Huan T'an, as well as Wang Ch'ung, in the same context as the present fragment. Shih translates (The Literary Mind, p. 156) as follows: "...Yang Hsiung had nightmares because of his inability to continue writing, Huan T'an fell ill because of onerous thinking, Wang Ch'ung exhausted his vitality in his intellectual labors...."
- 14. In other words, "I am the first to die, compared to you who weep. But compared to one born a hundred years from now, you will be <u>first</u> to die. If I am <u>first</u> to die and you are also <u>first</u> to die, then what's the point of weeping because I die <u>first</u>?"
- 15. In light of Chuang Tzu's well-known relativism, "these moments" apparently symbolize one's whole life. This quotation corresponds exactly with the famous discussion between Confucius and Lao Tzu recorded in Chuang-tzu XXII:II:XV; Legge I, p. 64.

Huan T'an's quotation is particularly interesting in two respects. First, Huan T'an's own point of view is revealed in his stress on the inevitability of death. Second, Huan T'an's quotation may present some evidence that Chuang Tzu's text was known and used during the Han period and thus was written before the Ch'in dynasty.

Wen I-to's <u>Ku tien hsin i</u>, p. 279, says, in a chapter devoted to <u>Chuang Tzu</u>, that he became influential only during the Wei and Chin periods. Wen I-to even declares that "Huan T'an did not even see the <u>Chuang-tzu</u>." He says that no Lao-Chuang ideas were discussed during the Later Han, and that only the Huanglao doctrine was known. He also asserts that no commentary to the <u>Chuang-tzu</u> was written during the Han periods.

We possess quite specific information on Huan T'an's interest in and knowledge of Chuang Tzu and Lao Tzu from Pan Ku. The last chapter of the <u>Han shu</u> (100, A, pp. 5819-20) tells us that Pan Ku's uncle, Pao Ssu, refused Huan T'an's request to read these books, both of which were apparently owned by the rich Pan family. Although there is still no evidence that Huan T'an was ever allowed to read the Taoist literature in the Pan family's library, it is clear that he had at least potential access to the <u>Chuang-tzu</u> text. However, the text must have been quite rare; otherwise a Confucianist like Huan T'an would not have risked the mockery of the Taoist Pan Ssu.

Wen I-to's negative attitude is questioned by Chiang Shih-jung in "Yu kuan <u>Chuang-tzu</u> ti i-hsieh lishih tzu-liao." Chiang quotes this fragment, as well as others from <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u>, <u>Shih chi</u>, and <u>Han shu</u>, to prove that Huan T'an did indeed read the <u>Chuang-tzu</u>. He also refers to Ma I-ch'u, who believes that this fragment represents a lost text by Chuang Tzu.

- 16. Fragment 82B has $\underline{\text{shu-chi}}$ $\underline{\textbf{i}}$ \vdots , instead of the $\underline{\text{chi}}$ $\underline{\textbf{i}}$ of 82A.
- 17. Yüeh chi 樂記·
- 18. The text has $\underline{yu} \not \xi$ ("also"), instead of the $\underline{pu} \not J_i$ ("not") of the two previous versions, changing the meaning radically. It is possible that this is a misprint. See note 21 below.

- 19. Liu Hsin.
- 20. Although we know of several discussions between Liu Hsin and Huan T'an (see, for instance, fragments 86A and 156), it is not clear which discussion Ts'ao Chih has in mind. See also the chapter on Huan T'an's relation with Liu Hsin, in Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 537-42.
- 21. This fragment is quoted in Yen Shih-ku's commentary to the music section of the bibliographical chapter of the <u>Han shu</u>. Confucius' theory of music is explained and its decline attributed, as usual, to the pernicious influence of the tunes from Cheng and Wei. Surprisingly, the well-known hero, Marquis Wen of Wei, is credited with the patronage of musical literature: "Among the rulers of the Six Kingdoms, Marquis Wen of Wei was most fond of the past. Emperor Wen obtained his musician, Sir Tou." Perhaps Pan Ku adopted this curious theory from Huan T'an.

The historian Ch'i Shao-nan (1706-1768 A.D.), quoted by Wang Hsien-ch'ien, has carefully calculated Mister Tou's age to prove that Huan T'an was mistaken in giving it as 180 years, rather than ca. 230 years. Ch'i Shao-nan's chronology is undoubtedly correct, but the problem is not one of chronology.

- 22. Mo-ch'iu was a town in Ch'i, now Shantung, according to Chung-kuo ku-chin ti-ming ta-tz'u-tien, p. 873.4. Chavannes, MH V, p. 106, note 5 could not identify the place.
- 23. Huan T'an's source is, again, <u>Hsin-hsü</u> (4.9b-10b).
- 24. Tu Fang belonged to the family of Huan T'an's friend, Tu Lin (Hou Han shu 36, p. 1297). For Tu Shih, Governor of Nan-yang, see fragment 128, note 68. Huan T'an's connection with the Tu family appears to have been very close. At least two men belonging to this group must have been rather unconventional, for they were included in the collective biography of the yu-chi ("wandering knights"): Ch'en Tsun and Chang Sung (Hou Han shu 27, p. 986). Chang was criticized by Huan T'an for his "error," which Han thought unworthy of a "perceptive man" (see fragment 103). In his youth Chang Sung studied with Tu Lin's father, Tu Yeh (Han shu 85, p. 5019). For other instances of Huan T'an's acquaintance with the yu-chi, see fragment 188, which is of

doubtful authenticity. The connection between Huan T'an and Tu Lin has been mentioned by both Lo Hsiang-lin (p. 141) and G. E. Sargent (p. 166) in Symposium on Historical, Archeological and Linguistic Studies on Southern China, South-East Asia and the Hong Kong Region. K'ang Yu-wei, who believed that Huan T'an was a disciple of Chang Sung, agrees; Hsin Hsüeh wei ching k'ao, p. 14.

- 25. These terms are found in $\frac{\text{Tao-te ching}}{\text{as } \frac{\text{Huai-nan-tzu}}{\text{das}}}$ 2.
- 26. <u>Jun-tse</u> 消 澤 , which originally meant "softening and moistening," is also used by Mencius (III:1:20; Legge, p. 245).

TPYL 375.2b quotes another statement on hair which might also have come from Huan T'an's Hsin-lun:
"The hair on the head is born on the skin. If the hair is removed, the skin does not know about it."

TPYL introduces this with "Hsin-lun yü-yüeh"
which may mean either "the New Analects say" or, more plausibly, "a quotation from the Hsin-lun says." These sentences may be associated with the reference to hair in this fragment, or with Ts'ao Chih's comment on skin (see fragment 152F, note 28). This is only conjecture; it must be stressed that TPYL lists these sentences after quotations on the subject of the skin from Pao-p'u tzu and Hsi ching tsa chi, which suggests that the quotation belongs to one of the many treatises entitled Hsin-lun which followed Huan T'an's.

As a matter of fact, <u>I lin</u> quotes a fuller version of these sentences, attributing it to a <u>Hsin-lun</u> which contains ten <u>chüan</u>. Since <u>I lin</u> says that <u>Huan T'an's Hsin-lun</u> contains seventeen <u>chüan</u>, the quotation from <u>TPYL</u> 375.2b should probably be attributed to Hsia-hou Chan (243-291 A.D.), who also wrote a <u>Hsin-lun</u>. Or, it could have come from another <u>Hsin-lun</u> in ten <u>chüan</u> also quoted in <u>I lin</u>, which the editor attributes to Hua T'an (d. ca. 230 A.D.). See <u>I lin</u> 6.5a and 6a.

- 27. The text has <u>jen min</u> 人民, while Yen has <u>jen wu</u> 人物 ·
- 28. Chi-t'ung 疾痛 and ts'e-ta 恻怛("mourns and abhors") are two binomes also found in the beginning of <u>Li chi</u> XXXII; Legge II, p. 375.

- 29. Yen-tzu ch'un-ch'iu 7:4, p. 180, says that Duke Ching was criticized by Yen-tzu for asking what men of the remote past had delighted in when there was no death: "Duke Ching, drinking wine, was enjoying himself tremendously. He said, 'In the remote past they had no death, but what was their pleasure?' Yen-tzu answered, 'If there was no death in the remote past, just that was their delight. Duke, how might you gain such pleasure?'" The relevant text of Yen-tzu ch'un-ch'iu is quoted in more detail in P'an Yu's "Ch'iu hsing fu," Wen hsüan, 13.26.
- 30. For tang ("association") I read t'ang (("perhaps"). The latter character is given by Yen.
- 31. For a similar comparison, see fragment 156.
- 32. I believe that Huan T'an is referring to the chorus girl Wei Tzu-fu, who became the Empress of Emperor Wu in 128 B.C. She is mentioned in Huan T'an's conversation with Fu Yen, Marquis of K'ung-hsiang, which is related in the beginning of Huan T'an's biography. Wei Tzu-fu was quite popular with later Han writers.
- 33. The age of sixty is clearly a deliberate exaggeration, since the average life of a horse is between fifteen and twenty years, although some have been known to live for forty years.
- 34. Sun gives "Liu Po-sheng." Fragment 84 indicates that Huan T'an had similar discussions with Liu Poshih. In a series of personal names only the second characters usually differ (e.g., Po-yü, Po-sheng, Poshih, etc.). Therefore, Liu Po-yü and Liu Po-shih may have been brothers, since their names belong to the same series. Liu Po-yü was probably the son of Liu Chi; see also fragment 98. W. Bauer explains the customs concerning personal names in "Das P'ai-hang-System in der chinesischen Namengebung." Bauer explains, in his book on the same subject, that the p'ai-hang system for the names of brothers was already in existence in the Former Han period, while the complete p'ai-hang system for generations only appeared at the end of the Han; see W. Bauer, Der chinesische Persone name, pp. 165-66, note 2.
- 35. <u>Kou-teng</u> 鉤 藤 ("ourouparia rhynchophylla") given in Sun and translated in O. Z. Tsang, A Supplement to a Complete Chinese-English Dictionary, p. 362,

- according to \underline{DKJ} 40319.81, is a creeping plant. The text, however, has $\underline{kou-wen}$ $\underline{49}$ $\cancel{v}\cancel{0}$, which is also classified with the creeping plants by \underline{DKJ} 40319.90.
- 36. Pa-tou P. I. ("Szechwan beans") is mentioned twice in the "Yen-tu" chapter of the Lun-heng (66, p. 947 and 952 of Huang Hui's edition); Forke I translates pa-tou as "croton oil beans" (p. 298) and "croton seed" (p. 300). Croton oil is a radical purgative, which Wang Ch'ung says can cause death when eaten in large quantities.
- Huai-nan-tzul7 (p. 295) is similar: "People die from eating arsenic, but it satisfies the hunger of the silkworms. Fish die from eating Szechwan beans, but rats grow fat on it." Instead of pa-tou, Huai-nan tzu has pa-shu , which is an oil-producing tree from Szechwan.
- 38. The text has kou 狗 ("dog"), while Sun, Yen and fragment 86B give chu 猪 ("pig").
- 39. The second part of this fragment is quoted only by the Ch'ing scholar Fang I-chih (l6ll-l671 A.D.), but this does not necessarily mean that the whole $\underline{\text{Hsin-lun}}$ was at his disposal. Fang may have found it in one of the numerous $\underline{\text{lei-shu}}$ ("encyclopedias"). For information on Fang $\overline{\text{I-chih}}$, see the article on him by Hou Wailu.

Chapter 9. Correcting the Classics

87

Commentary to Wen hsüan 20.34a. Yen 14.8b. Sun 13b.

Students are already very ignorant and in darkness. Moreover, teaching methods are faulty. This is how stupidity is cultivated.

88

Yen Shih-ku's commentary to <u>Han shu</u> 30, p. 3129.

Yen 14.8b. Sun 11b.

Ch'in Chin-chin² could explain the title of the "Yao-tien"³ chapter. His explanation of these two characters was over a hundred thousand words, but his explanation of "examining into antiquity"⁴ reached thirty thousand words.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 564. Explanation: Pokora, "An Important Crossroad," p. 75.

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I lin 3.9b.

Yen 14.8b. Sun 7b.

Tzu-kung asked Chü Po-yü, "Sir, how do you govern a country?"

[Chü Po-yü] answered, "I govern by not governing."6

Previous translations: F. Hirth, "Bausteine zu einer Geschichte der chinesischen Literatur," pp. 435-36; Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 565.

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A TPYL 608.5a.

Yen 14.8b-9a. Sun 23a-b.

The first <u>Book of Changes</u> is called "Manifestations of Change in the Mountains;" the second, "Flow and Return to Womb and Tomb;" the third, the "Book of Changes of the Chou Dynasty." "Manifestations of Change in the Mountains" consists of 80,000 words; "Flow and Return to Womb and Tomb," of 4,300 words.

The Old Text version of The Book of Documents previously consisted of 45 scrolls and 58 p'ien. The compiled Old Text version of the Li chi consists of 56 scrolls. The Old Text Analects consists of 21 scrolls. The Old Text Classic of Filial Piety consists of one scroll, 20 sections, and 1,872 characters; it differs from the New Text version in more than 400 characters.

These are a forest and a marsh of excellent treatises, a deep sea of texts and ideas!

B Yen Shih-ku's commentary to Han shu 30, p. 3122.

Yen 14.8b-9a. Sun 7b.

The Old Text <u>Classic of Filial Piety</u> consists of one scroll, 20 sections, and 1,871 characters; it differs from the New Text version in more than 400 characters.

C PTSC 101.2a.

Yen 14.8b. Sun 15b.

"Manifestations of Change in the Mountains" $[\underline{\text{Li-shan}}]^9$ is deposited in the Fragrant Terrace; the "Flow and Return to Womb and Tomb" is deposited in /the office of the/ Grand Augur.

This quotation is attributed to Huan Mao's $\underline{\text{Hsin-yu}}$, but it is clearly from the $\underline{\text{Hsin-lun}}$ by Huan $\underline{\text{T'an}}$.

D Wang Ying-lin, K'un-hsüeh chi-wen 1.7a.

Sun 4b (preface):

"Manifestations of Change in the Mountains" consists of 80,000 words; "Flow and Return to Womb and

Tomb" of 4,300 words. 10 The Book of Changes of the Hsia dynasty is detailed, while the Book of Changes of the Yin dynasty is simple. The basis for this statement has yet to be examined. 11

E Commentary to Lu Te-ming, Ching-tien shih-wen 1.2b.

Yen 14.8b. Sun 12b.

The text differs in more than 400 characters. 12

Previous partial translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 562-63.

91

TPYL 329.5a.

Yen 14.9a. Sun 20b-21a.

In the fourth month Crown Prince Fa¹³ offered a sacrifice on the heights of Pi. Down below he travelled as far as the north of the Meng ford. By this time he had become King Wu. Having completed his three years of mourning, 14 he wished to complete his father's mission. He climbed into a boat and caught a fish. 15 This was the response of the Earth. After he performed the sacrifice of the burnt offering, 16 a bird descended. This was the response of Heaven. 17

Two years later [King Wu] heard that Chou [Hsin] had killed Pi Kan and imprisoned Chi-tzu. 18 The Grand Tutor and Junior Tutor 19 had fled to Chou, 20 carrying their musical instruments in their arms. On the chiatzu day, the moon [shone] like strung jade, and the Five Planets [glistened] like strung pearls 21 at early dawn. King Wu had by morning travelled as far as the Southerm 22 Suburb and the Wilderness of Mu. 23 Following [the will of] Heaven, he punished Chou [Hsin]. Thus a soldier stained his sword with blood. The Empire was pacified, but not settled.

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<u>Wu-hsing ta-i</u> 4, p. 85.

Yen 14.9a.

Man possesses the form of Heaven and Earth, holds within him the pure vital spirit, and, among

living things, is the most intelligent. Therefore, in his demeanor he moves as wood. In his speech he is as trustworthy as metal. In his sight he is as clear as fire. In his hearing he is as receptive as water. In his thought he is as wise as the Earth. His use of the five forces consists of movement, quietness and returning, so that they unite with the spirits.

If his demeanor is respectful, he is full of gravity, of gravity like seasonable rain. If his speech accords [with reason], he is full of serenity, serenity like seasonable sunshine. If his sight is clear, he is full of wisdom, wisdom like seasonable heat. If his hearing is receptive, he is full of deliberation, deliberation like seasonable cold. If his heart is grave, he is full of saintliness, saintliness like seasonable wind.²⁴

Metal, wood, water and fire are all contained in the Earth. Rain, sunshine, heat and cold all come from the wind. Demeanor, speech, sight and hearing are all born in the heart.

Previous translation: A. Forke, <u>Geschichte der mittelälterlichen chinesischen Philosophie</u>, pp. 108-109 and note 2.

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A <u>TPYL</u> 533.8b. <u>Ch'u-hsüeh chi</u> 13.18b.

Yen 14.9a. Sun 18a.

The kings built the Hall of Light²⁵ and the Jade Dam²⁶ to receive and transmit Heaven and propagate moral transformation.27

B <u>TPYL</u> 534.2a. <u>IWLC</u> 38.27a. Yen 14.9b. Sun 17a.

The kings built a circular pond in the shape of a round piece of jade $[\underline{pi}]$, filled it with water and encircled it with a dam $[\underline{yung}].^{28}$ Thus it was called $\underline{pi-yung}$. It symbolized the reception from above of $[\underline{the mandate of}]$ Heaven and Earth to spread teachings and ordinances, to propagate the Way of Kings, to rotate a full circle 29 and then to start all over again.

C <u>IWLC</u> 38.24b.

p. 3587.

Yen 14.9b. Sun 9a [commentary]

The kings built the Hall of Light. Above it was circular, below square, thus symbolizing the sky and the earth. Thus was created a hall with four sides, each with its own color, in the pattern of the four directions. 30 Because Heaven is [full of] light, [this hall] was named the "Hall of Light."

D Liu Chao's commentary to the 8th treatise (the second treatise on the sacrifices) in the <u>Hou Han shu</u>,

Yen 14.9a-b. Sun 9a.

Because Heaven is [full of] light, [the hall] was named the "Hall of Light." Above it was circular imitating the sky, and below it was square imitating the earth. Eight windows imitated the winds from the eight directions. Its four extremities imitated the four seasons. Nine chambers imitated the nine provinces. Twelve seats imitated the twelve months. Thirty-six doors imitated the thirty-six rains. Seventy-two latticed windows imitated the seventy-two winds.31

Huan T'an may have written this description of the Hall of Light and its associated buildings in connection with the plans for constructing them. In 4 A.D., Wang Mang proposed the erection of the Hall of Light, the Pi-yung and the Spiritual Tower [Ling t'ai]; cf. HFHD III, p. 191. Dubs, however, translated this to say that Wang Mang "memoralized and built...these monuments." Accoring to Huan T'an's biography (Hou Han shu 28A, p. 1017), Emperor Kuang-wu called a meeting to determine the site of the Spiritual Tower, and on this occasion he clashed with Huan T'an because of their radically divergent interpretations of the omens (The Life I, p. 32). Finally, we know from Hou Han shu, the second treatise on the sacrifices (p. 3587), and from Yüan Hung's Hou Han chi (8, p. 51; cf. The Dates of Huan T'an, p. 672), that all three buildings were built in 56 A.D. Ssu-ma Kuang erroneously concluded that Huan T'an's dispute with Kuang-wu took place in that year. In my article, "The Dates of Huan T'an," I demonstrate that this dispute arose in 28 A.D. My opinion is shared by M. Maspero; see his article cited in note 25 below. Since only the Spiritual Tower was under discussion in

28 A.D., and since Huan T'an died under circumstances indirectly connected with the dispute later in that year, Huan's descriptions of the Hall of Light were probably associated with Wang Mang's proposals in 4 A.D.

The second chapter of the large treatise, Mingtiang ta-tao lu by Hui Tang (1697-1758 A.D.), includes three quotations from Huan T'an's Hsin-lun which are not quoted by either Yen or Sun. Therefore, these quotations are translated below, with their recently discovered quotations (see fragment 175).

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A TPYL 610.7b.

Yen 14.9b. Sun 12b.

[The <u>Tradition of Tso...</u>]. 32 More than a hundred years later Ku-liang Ch'i, a man from Lu, wrote a <u>Ch'un-ch'iu</u>. It was damaged and much of it lost. There was also Kung-yang Kao, a man from Ch'i, who, following the text of the <u>Classic</u>, 33 wrote [his own] <u>Tradition</u> which covered and obscured the original facts. The <u>Tradition of Tso</u> bears the same relation to the <u>Classic</u>, as the outside of a garment does to a lining-both exist only by mutual dependence. Even a sage who pondered for ten years behind locked doors could not understand the <u>Classic</u> without the <u>Tradition</u>.

B Lu Te-ming, <u>Ching-tien shih-wen</u>, introductory chapter 20a. Yen 14.9a. Sun 12b.

The <u>Tradition of Tso</u> declined during the Warring Kingdoms because it was hidden. More than a hundred years later, Ku-liang Ch'i, a man from Lu, wrote³⁵ a <u>Ch'un-ch'iu</u>. It was damaged, and much of the text of the <u>Classic</u> was lost. There was also Kung-yang Kao, a man <u>from Ch'i</u>, who, following the text of the <u>Classic</u>, wrote [his own] <u>Tradition</u> which greatly departed from the original facts.

C <u>I lin</u> 3.9b. Liu Chih-chi, <u>Shih t'ung</u> 14.14b.

Yen 14.9b. Sun 7b,12b.

[The Tradition of] Tso. The <u>Classic</u> and the <u>Tradition</u> bear the same relation as the outside of a garment does to a lining 36 --both exist only by mutual dependence.

Previous partial translations: A. Forke, <u>Geschichte</u> der mittelälterlichen chinesischen Philosophie, p. 109, note 3; Previous full translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 565-66.

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PTSC 95.6b.

Yen 14.9b-10a. Sun 15a.

When the literati read the account of success and failure in political affairs, which is found in the Spring and Autumn Annals, they believe that a Spring and Autumn Annals will again be written when a new sage appears. I said this would not be so. Why? Later sages need not necessarily continue the ideas of earlier sages. 37 All that the sages and worthies have transmitted contain, in the same degree, the Way, virtue, benevolence and righteousness, creating wonderful treatises and unusual texts which are all good and well worth studying. 38

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 564.

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Ku-wen yüan 11B, p. 272.

Yen 14.10a.

Usurpation, regicide and annihilation in Wu-the source of this trouble was Chi Cha. 39 Chi Cha would
not consider the idea 40 of imitating the regency of the
Duke of Chou of antiquity and, as far as more recent
times were concerned, he admired the modest yielding
of Ts'ao Mo. 41 His reputation is already very small.
How can one say that the significance found in the
Spring and Autumn Annals lies therein?

I lin 3.9b.

Yen 14.10a. Sun 7b.

[It is said that] Yao could approach [the greatness of] Heaven because his ability to appoint the two sages Shun and Yü as his ministers is admired.

NOTES: CHAPTER 9

- 1. Criticizing the immense commentaries to the Classics, the author (probably Liu Hsin) of the bibliographical chapter of the Han shu complained, "The explanation of a text of five characters could be as long as twenty or thirty thousand characters." Yen Shih-ku used Huan T'an's fragment to demonstrate the truth of this statement.
- 3. The first chapter of the Book of Documents.
- 4. The first words of the <u>Book of Documents</u>. For details, see Legge, The Shoo King, p. 16.
- 5. Chü Po-yü was a disciple of Confucius who is said to have become a Taoist. According to Analects XV:6, Confucius esteemed him very highly. The recorder, Yu, also praised by Confucius, tried in vain to persuade Duke Ling of Wei to employ Chü Po-yü. Two commentaries by Kao Yu provide more information on Chü Po-yü. The first of these (Huai-nan-tzu 9, p. 129) merely says that his name was Chü Yüan and that he was a tai-fu ("great official") in Wei. The second commentary (Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu 20:8, p. 264) states, among other things, that his name was Chü Chuang-tzu, his posthumous name, Ch'eng-tzu, and that he was the son of Chü Wu-chiu. According to Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu 20:8 (p.264; Wilhelm, p. 357), Chü Po-yü was a chancellor in Wei. At that time Confucius, Tzu-kung and Shih-yü (i.e., Tzu-yü or Yü-tzu) were in Wei. For information on Chü Po-yü's alleged conversion to Taoism, see Chuang-tzu XXV:III:iii:8; Legge, p. 124.

- 6. This text is, with insignificant exceptions, the same as that given in <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u> (9, p. 129). <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u> points out that Chü Po-yü was a chancellor. <u>Tzu-kung's discussion</u> with Chü Po-yü is mentioned in <u>Lun-heng</u> 18:54, p. 778; Forke, I, p. 95.
- 7. Yen has 18 ($\uparrow \land$) p'ien instead of 58 ($\searrow \uparrow \land$) p'ien, but he remarks that something appears to be missing. The missing element is the character for 5 (\searrow) which should precede $\uparrow \land$.
- 8. Compare with fragment 90B. For a detailed account of the <u>Classic of Filial Piety</u>, see Chou Shouch'ang, Han shu chu chiao-pu 28, pp. 471-72.
- 9. Li-shan appears to be a misprint for <u>lien-shan</u>.
- 10. This sentence is quoted by Wang Ying-lin in his Han shu i-wen chih k'ao-cheng, p. 4 (p. 1390 in the anthology Erh-shih-ssu-shih pu-pien II). Wang Ying-lin remarks that neither book is listed in the bibliographies.
- 11. The last sentence appears to be Wang Ying-lin's addition. I include it because it is part of Sun's text.
- 12. The introductory chapter of <u>Ching-tien shih-wen</u> says that the arrangement of the Old <u>Text version of</u> the <u>Analects</u> differs from that of the Ch'i and Lu versions. The commentary to this statement appends this quote from the <u>Hsin-lun</u>. However, both Yen and Sun give another version of the fragment: "The text of the Old Text version of the <u>Analects</u> differs in more than 640 characters from that of the Ch'i and Lu versions."
- 13. Fa was the personal name of King Wu of Chou. See Shih chi 4, pp. 15 and 19; Chavannes, MH I, pp. 221 and 224, note 4. See also J. Legge, The Shoo King V:I:I:6; p. 285.
- 14. As was customary during the mourning period, King Wu continued to act as if his father, King Wen, were still alive and retained his previous title of Crown Prince. His speeches and actions are described in "Great Declaration," Chapters 27 and 28 of the Book of Documents and, according to that account, in Shih chi 4, pp. 18-23; Chavannes, MH I, pp. 222-28.

- 15. Catching a fish is an auspicious omen.
- 16. For the sacrifice of the burnt offering see Po-hu t'ung 18; Tjan Tjoe Som I, p. 240 and especially p. 332, note 319. The source is, once more, the Book of Documents (V:III:3; Legge, p. 309) from the chapter entitled "The Successful Completion of the War."
- 17. Wang Ch'ung (<u>Lun-heng</u> 3:12, p. 116; Forke I, p. 130) more specifically states that a white fish and a red crow appeared to King Wu. This is undoubtedly a later elaboration of the information given in the <u>Book of Documents</u> and the <u>Shih chi</u>.
- 18. $\underline{\text{Chi-tzu}}$ may be a name or refer to Viscount of Chi.
- 19. This probably refers to Chi-tzu (or the Viscount of Chi) and Pi Kan, but cf. Chavannes, MH I, p. 206, note 2. Both dignitaries are mentioned in the Book of Documents IV:XI:1; Legge, p. 273.
- 20. Shih chi 3, p. 32; Chavannes, MH I, p. 206.
- 21. This description may reflect Chuang-tzu XXXII: III:X:14; Legge, p. 212. It may, however, refer to the legend in the introduction to the first chapter on astronomy in the Hou Han shu (treatise 10, p. 3624), which says that the heavens were so arrayed in the Golden Age as a sign of total harmony. See also fragment 112B.
- 22. Instead of <u>nan</u> 南 ("southern"), Yen has <u>Shang</u> 同 ("suburb").
- 23. The Book of Documents (V:III:9; Legge, p. 315) and Shih chi (3, p. 33; Chavannes I, p. 207 and note 1) mention only the Wilderness of Mu, but Cheng Hsuan, quoted <u>ibid</u>., in the <u>Chi-chieh</u> commentary, says that the Wilderness of Mu is a name for Chou Hsin's "Southern Suburb" (Nan-chiao).
- 24. For this terminology, see the <u>Book of Documents</u>, "The Great Plan" (V:IV:6; Legge, pp. 326-27). For the correlation of phenomena, see <u>ibid</u>., V:IV:34; Legge, p. 340. Huan T'an's fragment is almost a direct quote from the <u>Book of Documents</u>. It should not be taken to represent his ideas, since the context in which he discussed it is unknown.

- 25. Among the many studies of the Ming t'ang 明堂 ("Hall of Light"), the more important are: 1) Wang Kuowei, "Ming-t'ang miao t'ung-k'ao," translated by J. Heffer in "Ming-t'ang miao ch'in-t'ung-k'ao: Auschluss über die Halle der lichten Kraft, ming-t'ang, über den Ahnentempel miao, sowie über die Wohnpaläste (Wohngebäude) ch'in." 2) A. C. Soper, "The 'Dome of Heaven' in Asia." 3) W. E. Scothill, The Hall of Light. 4) H. Maspero, "Le Ming-t'ang et la crise religieuse avant les Han." 5) R. Goepper gives a very concise account in W. D. von Barloewen, Abriss der Geschichte aussereurop äischer Kulturen II, p. 175.
- 26. <u>Pi-yung</u> 望雍("Jade Dam"). For an explanation of this curious term, see fragment 93B.
- 27. Hsing / is not included in TPYL 533.8b.
- 28. There are various ways of writing the characters for <u>pi-yung</u>, as well as various etymologies of the word. Therefore, O. Franke (<u>Geschichte des chinesischen Reiches III</u>, p. 161) believed that the term was not of Chinese origin. M. Quistorp, "Männergesellschaft und Altersklassen im alten China," pp. 21-22, suggested that <u>pi-yung</u> was a home for men (Männerhaus).
- 30. Instead of <u>chiao</u> $\overleftarrow{\mathfrak{G}}$ ("sacrifices"), in accordance with Yen and Sun, \overrightarrow{I} prefer <u>fang</u> $\overleftarrow{\mathfrak{h}}$ ("to imitate, follow the pattern of").
- 31. In Han China it was believed that in times of Great Equality, there was one wind every five days and one rain every ten days. Therefore, there were seventy-two winds and thirty-six rains every year. S. Camman believes that this description of the ming-t'ang demonstrates that the whole structure "was apparently a vast space-and-time diagram, reflecting contemporary beliefs" ("Types of Symbols in Chinese Art," in A. F. Wright, ed. Studies in Chinese Thought, pp. 201 and 229, note 9).
- 32. For the missing words, see fragment 94B.
- 33. I.e., the <u>Ch'un-ch'iu</u>.
- 34. The characters in the text appear to be misplaced: "The <u>Classic of Tso</u> bears the same relation to

the <u>Tradition</u>..." I follow fragment 94C, Liu Chih-chi's version; see note 36 below. Note Huan T'an's unrestricted praise of the <u>Tso chuan</u> and his sharp criticism of the <u>Kung-yang chuan</u>.

- 35. <u>Tso</u> 作, while 94A has wei 為
- The Shih t'ung text ends here. It begins, "The Tradition of Tso and the Classic..." Liu Chih-chi then adds his own opinion, "Tung-kuan Han chi quotes Ch'en Yüan's memorial; 'When Kuang-wu came to power, [the Tradition of] Tso was established. But Huan T'an and Wei Hung slandered it, and therefore [this text] devoted to the middle way was abolished.'" For an explanation of "the middle way" (chung tao planation of "the middle way" (chung tao planation of "The Life," II, p. 566, note 193. The short quote mentioned by Liu Chih-chi is found in the very brief biography of Ch'en Yüan in Tung-kuan Han chi 16, p. 68a. It differs radically from Huan T'an's opinion of the Tso chuan, as revealed in the present fragment.
- 37. Sun's text ends at this point. For Huan T'an's comparison of his <u>Hsin-lun</u> with the <u>Ch'un ch'iu</u>, see fragment 2B.
- 38. Yen says that his text is based on both <u>PTSC</u> 95 and <u>TPYL</u> 68. However, <u>TPYL</u> 68 only includes one quotation from <u>Hsin-lun</u> and that is fragment 70 on ice (<u>ping</u> **). <u>TPYL</u> 68 also discusses <u>ch'ao</u> **("tide") and <u>ch'uan</u> 川 ("streams"). None of these three words is mentioned in the present fragment, so I cannot explain Yen's mistake.

In any case, for the sake of completeness, here is Yen's version: "When the literati read the account of success and failure in political affairs which is found in the Spring and Autumn Annals, which sets forth righteous principles, they believe that a Spring and Autumn Annals will again be written when a new sage appears. This is also the opinion of most learned scholars like the Grand Historian. I think it will not be so. Why? Later sages need not necessarily continue the ideas of earlier sages. All that the sages and worthies have transmitted contain, in the same degree, the Way, virtue, benevolence and righteousness, creating wonderful treatises and unusual texts which are all good and well worth studying. In the same way, all people include in their diet fish, meat, vegetables and eggplants, for raw and cooked meals are of different flavors but they are still delicious."

For a similar, "liberal" espousal of the idea of a free choice of spiritual "foods," see fragment 71.

- 39. Chi Cha, who lived in the sixth century, was a man of excellent character. He refused to reign over Wu, although he was a twentieth-generation descendant of its founder and his brother had become its ruler. Instead, Chi Cha chose to leave his country and live in the principality of Yen-ling. He is mentioned often in the Tso chuan and in Shih chi 31 (Chavannes, MH IV, pp. 6, 7, 11, 13, 15; V, pp. 23, 200, etc.). Huan T'an may have been interested in Chi Cha because of his love of music; Tso chuan, 29th year of Hsiang (Legge, pp. 545-46 and 549-51) has a long section on Chi Cha's evaluation of various types of music. See also fragment 104, note 29.
- 40. The <u>Ku-wen yüan</u> text originates from a text by Li Yen, which records a discussion, probably fictional, between Li and a guest. Yen's version of this text has <u>shu</u> ("book"), while the full text by Li Yen, as reprinted by Yen, <u>Ch'üan Hou Han wen</u> 82.1b, has <u>ssu</u> ("idea"), in accordance with the text of <u>Ku-wen</u> yüan in the Wan-yu wen-k'u edition.
- 41. The text has "Ts'ao Tsang" , evidently a corruption of Ts'ao Kuei , who is mentioned in Tso chuan Chuang 10. Ts'ao Kuei is Ts'ao Mo, a courageous general of seventh century Lu. In 618 B.C. Ts'ao Mo forced Duke Huan of Ch'i to return to Lu its territories which had been seized in three battles; cf. Chavannes, MH IV, p. 50 and note 2. Ts'ao Mo has a short biography in Shih chi 86, the first of the biographies of the "assassins;" cf. D. Bodde, Statesman, Patriot, and General in Ancient China, p. 29, note 42.

Chapter 10. Recognizing Intelligence

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A I lin 3.9b.

Yen 14.10a. Sun 7b.

Liu Tzu-cheng, Liu Tzu-chün and Liu Po-yü, the son of Liu Tzu-chün's elder brother, were all intelligent men. They especially admired [the <u>Tradition of</u>] <u>Tso</u>. They taught it to their sons and grandsons, and even down to the women, all of whom read and recited it. This, too, is error.

B PTSC 98.7b. TPYL 610.8a and 616.7a. Shuo fu 59.3b.

Yen 14.10a. Sun 15b.

The three men, Liu Tzu-cheng, Liu Tzu-chün and Liu Po-yü, especially valued [the <u>Tradition of</u>] <u>Tso</u>. They taught it to their sons and grandsons, and even down to the women, all of whom read and recited it.

Previous translation: Forke, <u>Geschichte der mittel-alterlichen chinesischen Philosophie</u>, p. 109, note 3.

99

Commentary to Wen hsüan 23.28b. Yen 14.10a. Sun 13b.

The Eminent Founder of the Han established a mighty foundation; his merit equaled that of T'ang and Wu. When he fell ill he had a good physician but would not use him. He entrusted himself exclusively to his wife and submitted to the will of Heaven. In this he was also mistaken. This must be called the error of an intelligent man.

Cf. Liang Han pu-fen, p. 345.

TPYL 88.3b [see also notes 14 and 16 below].

Yen 14.10a-b. Sun 20a-b.

The Eminent Exemplar, the Han Emperor Wen, possessed the virtues of benevolence, knowledge and perspicacity. He took over [the Han Empire] when it was newly consolidated. Personally, he was frugal and thrifty so that he might benefit and give rest to the people, and save and aid those in difficulty and want. He abolished corporal punishment and liberalized the statutes and laws, [he promoted] economy in funerals and burials, and reduced [the number of] royal carriages and the expenses for official robes. This is called "to reach the essence of nourishing the living and burying the dead."

When he was first asked [to leave] Tai, he deliberated, being full of doubt, 10 and was able to follow the advice of Sung Ch'ang. 11 He answered the call and came quickly. After ascending the throne, he quieted the movements of war and practiced peace. 12 He dispensed and spread forth great mercy. Wishing to stop war, he established peace through marriages 13 with the Hsiung-nu. He presided over the system, 14 and, therefore, he was later praised and exalted with the title of "Eminent Exemplar."

But he gave himself over to private counsels 15 and drove away his talented ministers. Nor would he rise above his private preferences, as when he disturbed the proper order of ranking by permitting his favorite concubine, Lady Shen, to sit with the Empress. 16 This is an example of one who is perspicacious but still errs.

101

PTSC 15.4a.

Yen 14.10b. Sun 19b.

A strong, great and rich.

This fragment belongs to fragment 136 which is, in turn, related to fragment 100.

TPYL 88.10b. IWLC 12.17b-18a.

Yen 14.10b-lla.

Sun 16b-17a.

The talent and disposition of the Han Emperor Wu were high and excellent. He practiced the guiding principles of the veneration of his ancestors and the extension of his rule. Therefore, after ascending the throne, he carried out his great aspirations. He studied and combined antiquity and the present, 17 and modeled himself 18 on the sages of the past. This led him to establish New Year's Day, 19 create regulations and laws, and invite and select excellent and outstanding men. 20

He spread forth his fierce authority, imposed a martial spirit in all four directions, so all against whom he marched submitted to him. 21 He initiated the Six Arts and encouraged Confucian studies. The House of Han has reached the greatest glory of all dynasties since creation. Therefore, he shines as the Epochal Founder. He was indeed a ruler of unsurpassed excellence.

Nevertheless, the Emperor had many faults and committed many errors. He wished to extend the frontiers and enlarge his territory, coveted profit, and fought over useless things. Hearing that Ta-yüan,22 the country of the Western barbarians, had famous horses, he sent a great army which campaigned for several years. Many of its officers and men died, but he got [only] a few dozen [horses].

Again, when the chorus girl Wei Tzu-fu became greatly favored and loved by the Emperor, he secretly tried to find some misbehavior on the part of Empress Ch'en and for this dismissed her.²³ When Wei Tzu-fu was established [as Empress], her son was appointed Crown Prince. Later, [the Emperor] gave ear to the slanders of evil ministers, and the Empress died of grief,²⁴ while the Crown Prince [Liu Chü] left [the court] to perish in some unknown place.²⁵

[The Emperor] believed in witchcraft and black magic.26 He invited and consorted with many evil men and sought out frivolous magicians. His construction of palaces exhausted the storehouse and treasuries

within, and exhausted the Empire without. It is impossible to count the number of people who died and perished. This may be called an example of the errors of a perceptive man.

Cf. Liang Han pu-fen II, pp. 345-46.

103

Han shu 92, p. 5272.

Yen 14.11a.

104

TPYL 556.1b.

Yen 14.11a. Sun 22b.

Yang Tzu-yūn, who was a Gentleman, lived in Ch'ang-an. He was always poor. When he lost his two sons recently, he mourned deeply and carried both of them back to Shu for burial there. As a result, he became impoverished and in want. Yang Tzu-yūn attained the Way of the sages and understood death and life. He should, therefore, not be ranked lower than Chi Cha.29 Nevertheless, he mourned his sons and resented their death. I31 could not restrain his [excessive] love by appealing to propriety.32 He brought great expenses upon himself and so became impoverished.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 547. See also Archiv Orientalni No. 29 (1961), p. 494, and fragment 197.

NOTES: CHAPTER 10

- 1. Liu Hsiang, Liu Hsin and, probably, a son of Liu Chi. For the latter, see fragment 86, note 34.
- 2. The last eight words are found only in $\underline{\text{TPYL}}$ 616.7a and $\underline{\text{Shuo fu}}$ 59.3b. The $\underline{\text{Shuo fu}}$ quotation ends here.
- 3. TPYL 610.8a has: "...recited and treated it."
- 4. Instead of hsu 徐 ("grave, dignified"), I read mou 作 ("to equal"), in accordance with both Yen and Sun.
- 5. For this point, see also fragment 136.
- 6. Pan Ku's eulogy at the end of the "Annals of Emperor Wen," (HFHD I, pp. 274-75), although quite enthusiastic about the Emperor, does not credit him with this radical a change in the penal law: "Verdicts [of capital punishment] were pronounced in [only] several hundred cases, [so that he] almost succeeded in setting aside [such] punishments."
- 7. "Simplicity of Funerals" is the title of the 67th chapter of the Lun-heng.
- 8. The text has sung chung $\cancel{\cancel{\xi}}$ % ("burying the dead"), while Sun has sung ssu $\cancel{\cancel{\xi}}$ %, but these two terms are essentially the same.
- 9. Emperor Wen, at that time called Liu Heng, was the oldest son of Emperor Kao. He was King of Tai from 196 to 180 B.C. After being selected by the most influential men, he was invited to reign over the Empires but he refused with the usual proper reluctance before he was finally installed. Cf. HFHD I, pp. 215-16, the introduction to the "Annals of Emperor Wen," as translated by H. H. Dubs.
- 10. <u>Hu-i</u> 狐疑 ("full of doubt"), is translated by Chavannes MH II, p. 458, as "defiant comme le renard," and explained in detail in note 2, <u>ibid</u>.
- 11. The Palace Military Commander of Tai, Sung Ch'ang, disagreed with the Chief of the Gentlemen-at-the Palace, Chang Wu, and felt that Liu Heng should

- accept the invitation to go to the court. Liu Heng followed this advice only after a divination and other precautionary measures. Cf. Chavannes, $\underline{\text{MH}}$ II, pp. 444-48; $\underline{\text{HFHD}}$ I, pp. 222-26.
- 12. King Wu also receives credit for this in the Book of Documents V:III:2; Legge, pp. 308 (translation) and 309 (explanation). Instead of the hsing of the text, Yen has hsiu which corresponds to the Book of Documents.
- 13. This refers to the well-known policy of political marriages of Han princesses to Hsiung-nu chieftains.
- 14. This phrase is found only in PTSC 15.1b.
- 15. The text has \underline{su} ("vulgar, common"), while Yen and Sun give \underline{ssu} ("private, secret"). Emperor Wen was very superstitious.
- 16. The commentary to <u>Wen hsuan</u> 49.27b quotes Huantzu, <u>Hsin-lun</u>: "Emperor Wen's Lady Shen disturbed the proper order of ranking by sitting with the Empress." Sun 14b. See Watson, <u>Records I</u>, pp. 521-22. It is surprising that Huan T'an's opinion of Emperor Wen coincides with that of H. H. Dubs (HFHD I, pp. 214-19).
- 17. This phrase is quoted in PTSC 12.1b-2a.
- 18. Instead of mo-fan ("to model oneself on"), TPYL 88.10a has huo ("to obtain"). In that case the translation would be: "He obtained precedents from the sages of the past."
- 19. This probably refers to the introduction of the new T'ai-ch'u calendar, by Ssu-ma Ch'ien, among others. It did not follow the earlier practice of rotating the beginning of the year, so the year regularly began in the first month. Cf. B. Watson, Ssu-ma Ch'ien, pp. 209-10, note 60.
- 20. Huan T'an appears to refer to the Emperor's adoption of Tung Chung-shu's proposals for the recruitment of talented young men.
- 21. Part of this sentence is quoted in PTSC 13.5a.
- 22. Ferghana.

- 23. This sentence is found only in TPYL 88.10b.
- 24. <u>Han shu</u> says the Empress committed suicide on September 9, 91 B.C.; <u>HFHD</u> II, p. 114.
- 25. This refers to the famous and tragic affair in August 91 B.C. and at the end of 93 B.C., when Wei Tzufu's son, Crown Prince Liu Chü, was charged with witchcraft and black magic. He had attempted a rebellion which was quickly suppressed, but during which several tens of thousands of people were killed.
- Cf. J. J. M. de Groot, The Religious System of 26. China V, pp. 826-44; H. Y. Feng and J. K. Shryock, "The Black Magic in China Known as Ku." This form of black magic, \underline{ku} $\underline{\underline{k}}$, involved the use of a love potion to punish a faithless lover. It is ironic that the dismissal of Empress Ch'en in 130 B.C. to make way for Wei Tzu-fu was very similar. The only differences were that it was the Empress's daughter Ch'u-fu who perished on that occasion and that the heads of all the persons involved were impaled in the market place; cf. HFHD II, The original meaning of the character ku was "hallucination;" cf. R. F. Bridgman, "La médecine dans la Chine antique," pp. 172-73. See also Hulsewé, Remnants I, p. 33, sub k. For the importance of black magic in Chinese law generally, and ku sorcery in particular, see the detailed account by T'ung-tsu Ch'ü, Law and Society, pp. 222-25.
- 27. The day fan-chih & & . A similar story told in Wang Fu's Ch'ien-fu lun, chapter "Ai-jih" & . as quoted in his biography in Hou Han shu 40, p. 1766. This has a long commentary by Li Hsien, who refers to the books on $\underline{\text{yin}}$ and $\underline{\text{yang}}$. This was a taboo of the common people, not an official taboo.
- 28. Li Ch'i's information is reliable, since both Chang Sung and Huan T'an belonged to a certain group of men associated with the Old Text school. Cf. Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 522, note 6 and p. 570; see also fragments 84A, note 24 and 94C, note 36. Ts'ao P'i (see fragment 79, note 5) thought highly of Chang Sung and criticized Ch'en Tsun. A fragment of his Tien-lun, quoted in I lin 5.4b, says, "I-wu [i.e., Kuang Chung] was extravagant, while Pao shu-[Ya] was modest--their will was not the same. Chang Sung was pure, while Ch'en Tsun was filthy--their behavior was not alike." This statement is not included in Ts'ao P'i's "Tien-lun lun-wen" in Wen hsüan 52.

- 29. For Chi Cha, see also fragment 96, note 39. In the present fragment Huan T'an refers to the extravagant care given to the burial of Chi Cha's eldest son in 515 B.C. Huan T'an was extremely critical of Chi Cha's belief that the bones of his son should be in the earth while his spirit moved around freely. Cf. Li chi II:II: III:13; Legge I, pp. 192-93, especially note 2 on p. 192.
- 30. TPYL has lien $\begin{tabular}{ll} \begin{tabular}{ll} \begin$
- 31. The text has $y\ddot{u}$ \mathcal{J} ("I"), while both Yen and Sun give \underline{tzu} \mathcal{J} ("you"), which would totally change the meaning of the sentence.
- 32. The last four characters <u>i</u> <u>i</u> <u>ko</u> <u>en</u> 以表 [思 ("restrain his [excessive] love by appealing to propriety") are also used in <u>Hou Han shu</u> 29, p. 1065; for Pan Ku's use of Huan T'an's terminology, see Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 547, note 77.

Chapter 11. Encountering Affairs

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I lin 3.9b-10a.

Yen 15.1a. Sun 5a.

If a net is raised by drawing the rope, all its eyes spread open; if a fur coat is shaken out and held at the collar, then its ten-thousand hairs arrange themselves. The government of a great country should be like this.1

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A TPYL 402.8b.

Yen 15.1a. Sun 8a, 21a.

To replace a worthy man with a worthy man is called obedience [to the right]. To replace a worthless man with a worthless man is called disorder.

B \underline{I} lin 3.10a reproduces this fragment, but it has graphical variations in two characters: instead of tai λ ("to replace") it has \underline{fa} λ ("to chastise"), and instead of \underline{shun} \underline{M} ("obedience"), it has \underline{fan} \underline{M} ("trouble"). With these changes the translation would read: "To chastise a worthy man with a worthy man is called trouble..."

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Yen Shih-ku's commentary to Han shu 29, p. 3083.

Yen 15.1a. Sun 11b.

The style name of Kuan Ping² was Tzu-yang.³ He was talented, wise, perceptive and penetrating.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 48, note 2.

A TPYL 61.3a-b. Wu Shu, Shih-lei fu 6.11a.

Yen 15.1a-b. Sun 20a.

The Commander-in-Chief Chang Chung ⁴ discussed [the problem] and said, "The waters of the Yellow River are muddy, and one picul (<u>shih</u>) of water contains six tou of mud, but people fight to open⁵ the banks of the River to irrigate their fields, causing ⁶ the obstruction of its course. Then, in the third month, when the peach trees begin to flower ⁷ the waters come and burst their banks since the flow is blocked. People ⁸ should be prohibited from diverting the River." ⁹

B Yen Shih-ku's commentary to Han shu 29, p. 308,

quoting <u>Tsa-lun</u>. 10

Yen 15.1a. Sun 12a.

[Chang Jung's] style name was Chung-kung. 11 He studied the problems of irrigation. 12

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 49, notes 8 and 11.

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Yen Shih-ku's commentary to Han shu 29, p. 3084.

Yen 15.1b. Sun 11b.

[Han Mu's] style name was Tzu-t'ai. He understood the problems of water control.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 50, note 12.

110

<u>I lin</u> 3.10a.

Yen 15.1b. Sun 8a.

Wang P'ing-chung¹³ said, "The <u>Chou Genealogy</u>¹⁴ says, 'In the fifth year of King Ting¹⁵ the Yellow River

shifted from its former course.' The present [bed] in which it flows swiftly is not [the bed] which Yü excavated." 18

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 50 and note 17.

111

A Shui-ching chu 1, 1, p. 2. Yen 15.1b-2a. Sun 11b.

Of the sources of the Four Rivers, 19 [the source] of the Yellow River is the highest, and [that river] is longest. It flows down from on high. The flow tumbles down steep [mountains] and, therefore, is swift.

B <u>IWLC</u> 9.2a.

Yen 15.1b-2a. Sun 11b. (commentary)

Of the sources of the Four Rivers, [the source of the Yellow River] is the highest, and [that river] is the longest. It flows down from on high. The flow is turbulent and, therefore, brings calamities and suffering to the lowlands.20

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 52, note 23.

112

A Ch'u-hsüeh chi 4.22a. Han O, Sui hua chi-lu 4.5a.

Yen 15.2a. Sun 18a.

Specialists in the calendar and mathematics use the following method of calculation: They investigate and test the beginning from Heaven's beginning21 in the remote past up to the eleventh month, the chia-tzu day at midnight on the first day of the new moon at winter solstice.

B Ch'u-hsüeh chi 4.22a.

Yen 15.2a. Sun 15b.

The sun: from Heaven's beginning up to the eleventh month, the first day of the new moon at early dawn in winter solstice, when the sun and the moon are like strung jade.22

113

A Ch'u-hsüeh chi 25.2b.²³

Yen 15.2a. Sun 16a.

When I was a Gentleman I was in charge of the water clock. 24 Dryness and humidity, cold and warmth are [reflected] by changing different degrees. [I had to adjust them] at dusk and dawn, by day and by night, comparing them to the shadow of the sun. 25

B <u>TPYL</u> 2.12b.

Yen 15.2a. Sun 16a. (commentary)

[In using] the water clock, dryness and humidity, cold and warmth are [reflected] by different degrees. I had to compare them by day with the shadow of the sun and by night with the mansions of the stars. Then I could adjust them.

Previous translation (of the fragment as given by Yen): J. Needham, Science and Civilization in China, Vol. III, pp. 321-22.

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A TPYL 2.11a-b.

Yen 15.2a. Sun 19b.

Yang Tzu-yün²⁶ loved astronomy. He questioned an old artisan who had helped make an armillary sphere at the Yellow Gate.²⁷ He²⁸ said, "When I was young I could do such work [just] by following the specifications in feet and inches, but I could not really understand their meaning. Gradually I came to understand more and more. Now I am seventy, and I feel that I am just now beginning to know it. But I am old and will die soon. Now, I have a son who also likes to learn how to make [these instruments]. He, too, must repeat my years of [experience]; only then will he understand

and know the instruments. But he will also have to repeat [my experience] of death!" How sad and how funny were his words!

B <u>PTSC</u> 130.12a.

Sun 19b. (commentary)

Yang Tzu-yün loved astronomy. He questioned an old artisan who attended an armillary sphere at the Yellow Gate about it. Hung 29 said, "When I was young I made such things but I could not really understand their meaning. Now I am seventy, and I feel that I am just beginning to know it. But, I am old and will die soon."

Previous translations: J. Needham, Wang Ling, and D. J. Price, Heavenly Clockwork: The Great Astronomical Clocks of Medieval China - A Missing Link in Horological History, p. 129; J. Needham, Science and Civilization in China, Vol. III, p. 358; partial translation by T. Pokora, in a review of Heavenly Clockwork; "The Life," II, pp. 548-50.

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A Chin shu 11.4a.30

Yen 15.2a-b.

[Huan Chun-shan said,] "At the spring equinox the sun rises from the point where the Prime Vertical begins and sets at the point where the Prime Vertical ends. This is the Prime Vertical of the human observer, not that of Heaven. The Prime Vertical of Heaven always passes through the Pole Star, which is in the center of the heavens. When we look at it, the Pole Star appears in the north above the observer. 31 Moreover, at the spring and autumn equinoxes the sun rises and sets south of the Pole Star. If Heaven turns like a millstone towards the right, then, since the northern path is farther and the southern path nearer, 32 the number of quarter-hours for the day and for the night on the water clock would not be equal."

Later, at the time of making reports to the throne, he sat in the western gallery [with Yang Hsiung] waiting for information. Feeling cold, he turned his back to the sun, but after a time the sunlight left the gallery, and he could no longer sun his back. [Huan] Chün-shan then said to an adherent of the k'ai-t'ien

theory, ³⁴ "If Heaven turns like a millstone towards the right, the sun's light should shine under this gallery when it moves towards the west. Instead of leaving the gallery, it should shift slightly towards the east. As it does in fact leave the gallery, [its movement] accords with the https://www.movement.org/.

Previous translation: Ho Peng Yoke, The Astronomical Chapters of the Chin shu, pp. 56-57.

B TPYL 2.6b-7a. Shih-lei fu 6.1b.

Yen 15.2a-b. Sun 18b-19a.

The brilliant Yang Tzu-yün followed the literati's theory of Heaven, believing that Heaven, like an umbrella, rotated constantly towards the left, while the sun, moon, stars and planets accordingly moved from east to west.36 So he drew diagrams of these bodies and of the degrees of movement relating them to the four seasons and the calendar, to darkness and light, and to day and night. He wished to set up principles for people and to bequeath the law to later generations.

I argued with him, saying, "At the spring and autumn [equinoxes] day and night must be equal. At dawn the sun rises from the point where the Prime Vertical begins, just in the east, and in the evening it sets at the point where the Prime Vertical ends, just in the west. Now, if the people of the Empire observe and watch it, then this is the Prime Vertical of the human observer, not that of Heaven. The north star must be the Prime Vertical of Heaven; this star is the pivot of Heaven.³⁷ This pivot is Heaven's axle, just as the umbrella has an axle.³⁸ The cover of the umbrella may revolve but the axle does not move. Likewise, Heaven also revolves, while the Pole Star is permanently fixed, as we know, in the center of Heaven. When we look up at it, the Pole Star appears in the north and not immediately above man. At the spring and autumn equinoxes the sun rises and sets south of the Pole Star. If the cover revolves, then the northern path is near and the southern path is far. How could the recorded number of days and nights be equal?" Yang Tzu-yün could offer no explanation.

Yang Tzu-yun immediately destroyed his work, and so the literati's belief that Heaven revolves towards the left is erroneous.

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Introduction to Seng-yu's "Shih chieh chi" [世界記], "Shih chieh chi mu-lu hsü" 5, in <u>Ch'u san-tsang</u> chi chi 12, p. 73.

Yen 15.2b. See also Yen, Chüan Liang wen 72.11a.

In his responses to questions Huan T'an used the metaphor of the five viscera. 40

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TPYL 536.11a. Ch'u-hsüeh chi 13.17a.

Yen 15.2b. Sun 18a.

It is said 41 that on 42 T'ai-shan there are altogether over 1800 places with engraved stones, but only 72^{43} of them are recognizable.

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Liu Yao, <u>Liang shu</u> 50.9b. Liu Chih-chi, <u>Shih t'ung</u> 3.la. Yen 15.2b.

In his "Chronological Table of the Three Dynasties,"44 the Grand Historian45 [wrote] on horizontal and vertical lines and imitated the Chou Genealogy.46

Previous translation: T. Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 50, note 17; see also Pokora, "The First Interpolation in the Shih chi," p. 313.

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Commentary to Wen hsüan 18.6b and 40.19b.

Yen 15.2b. Sun 13b.

The three rulers of the Han set up musicians and singers⁴⁷ at the Yellow Gates in the Inner [Palace].

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PTSC 55.5b.

Yen 15.3a. Sun 15a.

Under Emperor Hsiao-ch'eng I was Prefect of the Bureau of Music. In all, I supervised 48 and registered over one thousand actors, jugglers, acrobats and musicians. 49

Previous translations: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 41 and note 19. J. P. Diény, <u>Aux origines de la poésie</u> classique en Chine, p. 87.

121

Commentary to Wen hsüan 46.17b. Yen 15.3a. Sun 14b.

The genius of the sages and worthies does not show itself in this age, 50 and their marvelous and excellent skills are not passed on.

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TPYL 565.5b.

Yen 15.3a. Sun 23a.

Yang Tzu-yun was a man of great talent, but he did not understand musical tones.51 I grew detached

from the court music52 and came to prefer modern tunes.53 Tzu-yün said, "It is very easy to be pleased54 by shallow things, but the profound can be understood55 only with difficulty. It is fitting that you do not like the court odes and delight in the tunes of Cheng."

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 544.

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Commentary to Wen hsüan 52.9b. Yen 15.3a. Sun 15a.

The human heart understands of itself that a father cannot sacrifice his son and an elder brother cannot teach his younger brother.

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TPYL 701.3b-4a. PTSC 132.10b. Yen 15.3a. Sun 4a.

Each of the five sounds follows its own direction: spring corresponds with chüeh, summer with chih, autumn with shang, and winter with yü; kung stays in 56 the center, uniting the four seasons of the year. The five tones are incomplete without kung. This can be illustrated by a flowery, five-colored screen in a hallway. If we look at it from a distance, then each color-green, red, white, yellow and black57--is distinct, but if we examine it closely, they all have a yellow base adorned by the four other colors.58 If you want the music of the four seasons and the five elements, then all music should have the kung sound as base with the four other sounds [chüeh, chih, shang, and yü] adorning it.

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TPYL 215.9a.

Yen 15.3a. Sun 20b.

When I was seventeen years old, 59 I became a Gentleman of Imperial Carriages, 60 guarding the Palace's Western Gate at the Small Park. 61

A Liu Chao's commentary to Hou Han shu 9 (Treatise

29A), pp. 4246-47.

Yen 15.3a-b. Sun 9b.

Huan T'an said to Yang Hsiung, 62 "Sir, 63 when you were a Gentleman at the Yellow Gate, you lived in the palace and often saw the Emperor's carriage decorated with mortices of precious stone, sunshades with pictures of flowers and fungi, and three canopies with pictures of male and female phoenixes. 64 Everything was painted with the two colors of Heaven and earth, 65 as well as with the five colors. Its decoration was of gold and precious stones, kingfisher's feathers, cords of pearls, and embroidered and ornamented cushions."

B Commentary to Wen hsüan 16.26b. Yen 15.3a-b. Sun 13a.

I said to Master Yang, "You have often seen carriages with embroidered and ornamented cushions."

There are six other short versions of this fragment with minor and unimportant variations: PTSC 141.9a; Li Hsien's commentary to Hou Han shu 40A ("The Biography of Pan Ku"), p. 1436; and commentaries to Wenhsüan 1.23a, 1.13b, 22.23b, and 57.33a.

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PTSC 141.9a.

Yen 15.3b.

Although I have not seen any ancient carriages of state, ⁶⁶ I have frequently heard my teacher say that they were only simple carriages with rush mats.

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TPYL 829.10a.67

Yen 15.3b. Sun 25a.

Fu Hsi invented the mortar and pestle, which have helped vast numbers of people. Later, others worked energetically to increase its effectiveness by using the weight of the body to tread on the tilt-

hammer. The effectiveness of this device was ten times that of the simple mortar and pestle. Still later, mechanisms were installed so that donkeys, mules, oxen, and horses, as well as water power could be used for pounding. 68 Its effectiveness then increased as much as a hundred times. 69

Previous translations: E-tu Zen Sun and J. deFrancis, Chinese Social History: Translations of Selected Studies, p. 114: Yang Lien-sheng, Study of Great Families of Eastern Han; J. Needham, Science and Civilization in China IV, p. 392.

129

Liu Chao's commentary to <u>Hou Han shu</u> 15 (Treatise 5), p. 3525. Yen 15.3b. Sun 9a.

Liu Hsin's instrument for bringing rain was an earthen dragon which blew a pitch-pipe. All of the many magicians were prepared to arrange it. Huan T'an asked why he made an earthen dragon for the purpose of seeking rain. 70 His answer was, "When the dragon appears, then wind and rain arise to meet and escort him. Therefore, copying the appearance of its kind, I created the earthen dragon."

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Lun-heng 16:47, p. 693.

Yen 15.3b.

[Huan Chün-shan] also took exception [with Liu Hsin] on the ground that amber and a loadstone could not raise straws or attract needles 71 unless they were genuine. [Liu] Tzu-chün was at his wits' ends and had nothing to say in reply.

Previous translation: Forke, <u>Lun-heng</u> II, p. 356.

131

A Liu Chao's commentary to Hou Han shu 29 (Treatise 19), p. 3833. Yen 15.3b. Sun 9a.

T'ai lies in the prefecture of Ch'i. 72 There the people meet on a fixed day to buy and sell at a night market. If this event does not take place, then disasters and misfortunes occur.

B TPYL 827.8b.

Yen 15.3b.

In the communes and circuits of Pin is the prefecture of Ch'i in Fu-feng, it is said that [Pin] originally was the home base of the Great King.73 There the people meet on a certain day to buy and sell at a night market. If this event does not take place, they are ashamed.

There are two other shorter versions in TPYL 191.7a and Ch'u-hsueh chi 24.27b. They differ only slightly in their descriptions of the resulting calamities.

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IWLC 3.25b. ⁷⁴ TPYL 27.5b. Yen 15.4a. Sun 16a. ⁷⁵

During the height of winter, the people of the T'ai-yuan commandery do not eat hot food for five days. 76 Even in cases of disease and emergency, they dare not violate this rule because of Chieh Tzu-t'ui. 77

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TPYL 13.8a.

Yen 15.4a. Sun 19b.

In the Empire there are cranes which are eaten in all the commanderies and kingdoms. Only in the Three Capital Districts does no one dare catch them because of the custom that an outbreak of thunder will occur if a crane is caught. Could it be that Heaven originally favored only this bird? [No], the killing of the bird merely coincided with thunder.

See <u>Liang Han pu-fen</u> II, p. 345. A very similar fragment is found in <u>TPYL</u> 925.8a, quoting Huan T'an's Hsin-yü.

Tao-shih, Fa-yüan chu-lin 7.16a-b.

Yen 15.4a-b. Sun 18b.

During my youth I heard this story told in the gates of the quarters and villages: 78 "When Confucius was travelling in the East, he saw two small children arguing and asked them why. The first child said, 'I believe that when the sun first rises it is near, while at noon, it is far.' The other child thought that the sun is far when it first rises and near at noon."79

The Colonel of the Ch'ang River Encampments, Kuan Tzu-yang, 80 believed that the sun 81 above was far from people, while the four sides of the world were near.

The stars, when they rise at dusk in the east, are very far apart, and they are separated by more than one chang. But if one looks up at them at midnight, they are much more numerous, separated by only one or two ch'ih.82

The sum is the yang of Heaven, while fire is the yang of earth. When the yang of earth rises, the yang of Heaven falls. Now, if a fire is made on the earth and its temperature is observed from the side and from above, then from very different distances, the heat differs by half. If the sun is exactly at midday, we are exposed to the attack⁸³ of Heaven's yang, and therefore it is hot. Also, when the sun first rises, it comes from the Great Yin, and therefore it is still cold.⁸⁴ When the sun sets in the west on the tops of mulberry trees and elms, ⁸⁵ although the amount [of its heat may be] the same, the air [of the evening] is not the same as the air of the clear dawn.

Sui Shu 19.3a 86 (Yen 15.4a-b) is very similar, with slight differences, such as: 1) The first paragraph is omitted; 2) "How can one know if it is true?" is added to the end of the second paragraph; 3) The third paragraph ends with, "If we look at them with a measure, it is even clearer. Therefore, we know that Heaven above is more distant than the sides of the world;" and 4) A final paragraph is added which says, "Huan Chün-shan said, 'How could the words of Kuan Tzu-yang be correct?'"

A TPYL 464.5a.

Yen 15.4b. Sun 21b.

Kung-sun Lung was a dialectician who lived at the time of the Six Kingdoms. He wrote a treatise on "Hard and White" and, to illustrate his theory, said that a white horse is not a horse. To show that a white horse is not a horse he said that "white" is that by which one names the color and "horse" that by which one names the form. The color is not the form, and the form is not the color.87

Previous translation: A. C. Graham, "The Composition of the Gongsuen Longtzyy," p. 175, and "Two Dialogues in the Kung-sun Lung-tzu: "White Horse" and 'Left and Right'," p. 132. The two translations differ somewhat.

B Po K'ung liu t'ieh 9.9a. Yen 15.4b. Sun 16b.

Kung-sun Lung often argued thus: "A white horse is not a horse." People could not agree with this. Later, when riding a white horse, he wished to pass through the frontier pass without a warrant or a passport. 88 But the frontier official would not accept his explanations, for it is hard for empty words to defeat reality. 89

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A TPYL 35.2b.

Yen 15.4b. Sun 19b.

Everyone now says that the Han Emperor Wen led the Empire with his personal example of frugality and economy 90 and his cultivation of the Way and its Power. Accordingly, the Empire was morally transformed, 91 becoming strong, great and rich. 92 The grace of the Emperor reached down to the common folk, so that even a $\frac{\sinh}{2\pi}$ of grain came to cost only several dozen cash. 93 There was abundance and surplus both above and below.

B <u>PTSC</u> 156.9b. 94

Yen 15.4b. Sun 19b. 95

Everyone now says that the Han Emperor Wen was personally frugal and thrifty. Accordingly, the Empire

was transformed, becoming strong, great and rich. Even a shih of grain came to cost only several cash.

C <u>TPYL</u> 837.7a.

Yen 15.4b. Sun 19b.

Everyone says that the grace of the Han Emperor Wen reached down to the common folk, so that even a shih of grain came to cost only several cash. 96

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A The <u>So-yin</u> commentary to <u>Shih chi</u> 12, p. 15.97

Yen 15.4b. Sun lla.

[Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u>] suggests that the Grand Historian composed his book and when it was completed, showed it to [Tung-fang] Shuo. [Tung-fang] Shuo undertook to revise it; therefore, the inscription of "The Grand Historian" was added at the end of each chapter by [Tung-fang] Shuo.

B The So-yin commentary to Shih chi 130, p. 63.

Yen 15.4b. Sun lla.

Huan T'an says that when Ssu-ma Ch'ien completed the book which he had written, he showed it to Tung-fang Shuo. Shuo added "The Grand Historian" to all the chapters.

Previous translation: T. Pokora, "The First Interpolation in the Shih chi," pp. 311-12, and note 9.

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TPYL 805.5b.

Yen 15.5a. Sun 24b.

Chi Yu-pin of Lo-yang had a small jade letter. The Internuncio of the Guards, Shih Tzu-po,98 loved things made of jade. Having seen the jade, he marveled at it and sent me to tell Chi Yu-pin that he wanted to buy it for thirty-thousand cash. Chi Yu-pin said, "I have passed it around among those who like and understand such things, and it has already brought an offer

of one-hundred-thousand cash, not a mere thirty thousand." Amazed, I said, "If I were to see it on the street, I would not guess that it could be offered on the market for even one thousand. Therefore, it follows that there is a very great distance between knowledge and ignorance!"

NOTES: CHAPTER 11

- 1. Part of this text is quoted in <u>TPYL</u> 694.6a, but not in Sun or Yen.
- 2. For Kuan Ping, see also fragment 134.
- 4. See 108B, note 11 below.
- 5. Instead of chüeh \not ("to burst, open"), Yen has \underline{yin} 3 ("to lead").
- 6. TPYL 61.3a has chin > ("now"), while Shih-lei fu has ling > ("to cause").
- 7. Li chi IV:I:II:4 (the section on the second month of spring in the Yüeh-ling chapter): "Rain begins to fall. The peach tree begins to blossom..." (Legge I, p. 258). See also Yen Shih-ku's commentary to Han shu 29, p. 3075.
- 8. <u>Shih-lei fu</u> 6.lla adds, "From now on..."
- 9. Shui-ching chu l, p. 3, quoting [Yang Ch'üan's] Wu-li lun, reproduces fragment 108A with some minor variations but fails to indicate its source. The quotation from Wu-li lun ends with a short sentence stating that the name of the Yellow River is derived from the mud in its waters.
- 10. Instead of Tsa-lum # , the Chung-hua shu-chü edition of Han shu (in the collection Ssu shih, p. 865.3) has Hsin-lun. Tsa-lun is clearly a misprint for Hsin-lun, since Yen Shih-ku not only fails to identify the author of Tsa-lun, but also frequently refers to the information from Huan T'an's Hsin-lun which is found in chapter 29 of Han shu (on drains and ditches). See fragment 208.
- 11. Chang Jung was, according to Han shu 29 (p. 3083) an Officer of the Commander-in-Chief. Fragment 108A says that he was himself the Commander-in-Chief and gives his name as Chang Chung

- fragment 108B gives his style name as Chung-kung \uparrow , 108A's "Chang Chung" may be the same name with the second character missing. Chou Shou-ch'ang, in his Han shu chiao-pu 27, p. 456, says that two characters, shih \pm ("officer") and kung \not (a part of the style name), are missing, but he is still not certain that the two texts refer to the same man.
- 12. The text of Han shu, undoubtedly based on the Hsin-lun, is more detailed and somewhat different:
 "An Officer of the Commander-in-Chief, Chang Jung of Ch'ang-an, said, 'The nature of water is to flow downhill. If its motion is quick, it scrapes, empties and slightly hollows [the river bed]. The waters of the Yellow River are heavy and muddy; it is said that one picul (shih) of water contains six tou of mud. Now, in all the western commanderies up to the capital and beyond to the east, people always divert the water of the Yellow River, the Wei River and the mountain streams to irrigate their fields. During spring and summer drought there is a period of little water. Therefore, [the people] slow the flow and store up the river [water], and silt it to make it rather shallow. If there is a great rain so the water rushes in, it overflows and bursts [the dikes]. But there are several state dikes blocking [the water]. The dikes are slightly higher than the [adjacent] plain, and, holding up the water, they resemble erected walls. But if everything would be left to follow its nature so [the water] is no longer used for irrigation, then all the streams would flow, and there would be no calamities caused by the overflowing or breaking of [the dikes].'"
- 13. Yen Shih-ku says that P'ing-chung was the style name of Wang Heng, who was a Division Head of the Grand Ministry of Works, according to Pan Ku (<u>Han shu</u> 29, p. 3084).
- 14. See fragment 118, note 46.
- 15. 602 B.C.
- 16. With the exception of the introductory words, "Wang P'ing-chung said," this fragment is quoted in Han shu 29, p. 3084: "The Chou Genealogy says, 'In the fifth year of King Ting the Yellow River shifted.' Therefore, the present [bed] in which it flows is not [the bed] which Yü excavated." Its source is not given. The words "course" (ku tao 被消) are not

- found in Han shu, but Shui-ching chu 5.1, p. 87, says that Pan Ku uses the term $\underline{\text{ku tu}}$ 故 ("former river").
- 17. "Swiftly" is not found in <u>Han shu</u>. Instead, both Yen and Sun give <u>ch'u</u> ("place"): "...The present place in which it flows is..." I prefer this version.
- 18. Yü, the legendary founder of the Hsia dynasty, is said to have controlled the great floods which were plaguing the Empire by marvelous feats of engineering, including the cutting of river gorges through mountains. Wang Heng's remarks, as quoted in <u>Han shu</u> 29, pp. 3084-85, are much longer; for a translation, see "The Life" I, pp. 50-51.
- 19. The Four Rivers are the Yangtze River, the Yellow River, the Huai River, and the Chi River. They are mentioned in Pan Ku's eulogy to <u>Han shu</u> 29, p. 3085; cf. "The Life," I, p. 52.
- 20. Yen, as usual, combines both versions.
- 21. T'ien-yuan \star % ("Heaven's beginning"). Chavannes, $\underline{\text{MH III}}$, p. 322, translates: "...l'origin [qui vient] du Ciel fondamental..." See also note 5, $\underline{\text{ibid}}$. on the reforms of the calendar.
- 22. These two different quotations, given separately in <u>Ch'u-hsüeh chi</u> (and by Sun), are combined by Yen. For the poetic metaphor at the end, see fragment 91, note 21. For calendrical computations in the Han period, see note 9 to fragment 163A.
- 23. The text in \underline{PTSC} 130.12a is similar but somewhat corrupt.
- 24. For a reform of the water clock in which Huan T'an may have been involved, see HFHD III, p. 30.
- 25. See fragment 197.
- 26. Yang Hsiung.
- 27. The text (and Yen) has: "Wen chih yü huang-men tso hun-t'ien lao-kung," but Sun has: "Wen chih yü Lo-hsia Huang Hung i hun-t'ien chih shuo. Hung yeh..." Lo-hsia Hung is a famous second century B.C. astronomer. This text is explained in detail in "The Life," II, pp. 548-49, note 84. Sun's text should be disregarded. See also note 29 below.

- 28. This may refer to either Yang Hsiung or the old artisan. J. Needham, Wang Ling and D. J. Price, in Heavenly Clockwork, p. 129, believe that it is the artisan who is speaking. In my review of this book, pp. 493-94, I argue that the speaker is Yang Hsiung. The last words of the fragment support my position, for they seem to be Huan T'an's criticism of Yang Hsiung's attitude towards death. See also fragment 104.
- 29. "Hung" may be the name of the artisan, or, more probably, it may mean "[the old artisan at the armillary sphere which was made according to the specifications of Lo-hsia] Hung." This may seem to be a great elaboration on the simple word "Hung," but the paragraph in PTSC which quotes Huan T'an is entitled "Lo-hsia Hung's armillary sphere." On the other hand, this heading may explain Sun's emendation (see note 27 above). For Lo-hsia Hung, see also J. Needham, Science and Civilization in China, Volume III, p. 358, note d.
- 30. <u>Chin shu</u> appears to quote Ko Hung, who bases his information on Huan T'an.
- 31. The explanation in fragment 115B is exactly the opposite.
- 32. Again, fragment 115B is exactly the opposite.
- 33. For this emendation, see fragment 115B.
- 34. Yang Hsiung.
- 35. Huan T'an, unlike Yang Hsiung, was an adherent of the hun-t'ien theory. For an explanation, see J. Needham, Science and China, Vol. III, pp. 216-19, expecially p. 219, which discusses the present fragment. By the end of the Han the hun-t'ien theory was already generally accepted.
- 36. The second half of this sentence is found in Ch'u-hsüeh chi 1.2b.
- 37. <u>T'ien shu</u> 夭 樞 ("the pivot of Heaven"), i.e., the North Star.
- 38. Huan T'an's main arguments are reproduced by Wang Ch'ung without acknowledgment in <u>Lun-heng</u> 11, 32, pp. 491-92; Forke I, p. 260.

- 39. This sentence, somewhat shortened, is found in the commentary to Wen hsuan 26.7a.
- 40. The term tsang k ("viscera") is relatively recent. It appears for the first time in Chou li and is used in the phrase wu tsang £ k ("five viscera"), in Chapter 105 of the Shih chi. For an analysis of the character, see Bridgman, La médecine, pp. 155-56. Huan T'an's interest in anatomy was surely aroused by the first known official dissection, ordered by Wang Mang in 16 A.D. and mentioned by Huan T'an in fragment 38B. Cf. HFHD III, p. 365 and note 30.5. The text of Han shu 99B has also been studied by H. Maspero in "Les procédes de 'nourrir le principe vital' dans la réligion taoiste ancienne," pp. 187-88. The term wu tsang is also used figuratively as a symbol of the mind; cf. Ti-wu Lun's memorial in Hou Han shu 41, p. 1483.
- 41. Only given in Ch'u-hsüeh chi 13.17a.
- 42. Only given in TPYL 536.11a.
- 43. The number 72 clearly refers more to numerology than to reality. Since the second century B.C., the mountain T'ai shan and the number 72 have been connected with the feng sacrifices. At that time it was believed that the feng sacrifice had previously been performed at that site by 72 rulers. See, e.g., Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju's treatise on the feng and shan sacrifices in Shih chi 117, translated by Watson, Records II, pp. 336-39; Yang Hsiung's discussion in Han shu 87A, p. 5089; and the opinions attributed to Kuan Chung, probably those of Kuan-tzu, quoted in Han shu 25A, p. 2083. Huan T'an may have discussed this problem with Yang Hsiung, although we have no definite evidence.

The figure of "over 1800 places with engraved stones" is more puzzling. Chou Shou-ch'ang took up the problem in more detail in his Han shu chu chiao-pu 18, pp. 261-62. He quotes several texts, including Chuang-tzu: "When the surname [of the ruler] is changed [i-hsing ** ** **], [someone else] becomes king. [On this occasion] those who performed the feng sacrifice on T'ai shan and the shan sacrifice on Liang-fu numbered 72. There are indications of this in the existence of over 1800 places with carved reliefs and engraved stones."

Chuang Tzu's text, as it is quoted here, agrees, on the whole, with Huan T'an's. Unfortunately, there is nothing like this in the present text of Chuang-tzu, and the terminology of i-hsing (or i-hsing ko-ming the terminology of i-hsing ko-ming to chuang-tzu, and the transfer of the mandate to another dynasty") is clearly derived from Tung Chung-shu. Perhaps Huan T'an did not present any opinion of his own in this fragment, but rather quoted from some prognostication texts (note that he begins with "it is said"). This seems even more probable when we take into account the fact that one of the texts quoted by Chou Shouch'ang attributes the study of i-hsing to Confucius himself.

For the state of Huan T'an's knowledge of Chuang Tzu, see fragment 81, note 15. See also Y. Hervouet, <u>Sseu-ma Siang-jou</u>, pp. 198-99, note 2.

44. This is Chapter 13 of <u>Shih chi</u>, entitled "Santai shih piao." The present fragment has <u>San shih piao</u>.

45. Ssu-ma Ch'ien.

46. Practically nothing is known about the Chou P'u A ("Chou Genealogy" or "Chou Genealogies").
Liu Yao of the Liang dynasty, who quotes Huan T'an, suggests only that it must have been written during the Chou dynasty. Liu Yao's text is repeated in Nan shih 49.8a (not quoted by Yen), as well as in the commentary to <u>Shih chi</u> 14, p. 3. In the <u>Shih chi</u>, however, Huan T'an is not acknowledged as his source and the title of the Shih chi chapter is given as "San tai hsi piao." Liu Yao's conclusion has also been reached by Chang Shun-hui in Chung-kuo li-shih yao-chi chieh-shao, pp. 132-33. Liu Fang, quoted in Hsin T'ang shu 199.10a, says that Ssu-ma Ch'ien shortened the Shih pen and, when writing his Shih chi, followed the model of the Chou p'u in order to emphasize that part of his book was devoted to the Hereditary Houses. Of course, the theories of Liu Yao and Liu Fang are not based on any ancient source. The most ingenious explanation is that of the first Chinese historiographer, Liu Chih-chi. Basing his theory on this fragment, he says at the very beginning of his chapter on tables (in his Shih t'ung 3) that the term p'u originated in the Chou period and that the tables (piao) follow the form of the p'u. bibliographical chapter of the Han shu (Chapter 30) mentions several books of this type but not a Chou p'u. Therefore, I agree with Chao I, quoted by Takigawa

- Kametarō in his commentary to Shih chi 13, p. 2, that Huan T'an refers to the genealogies of the Chou dynasty in general, rather than to any particular volume. However, fragment 110 contains a very specific quote from the Chou p'u.
- 47. <u>Kung ch'ang 工局</u> ("musicians and singers"). See Gimm, <u>Das Yüeh-fu tsa-lu</u>, pp. 274-75, items 4 and 6
- 48. Sum does not give the character ling **A** ("to supervise, to lead"). Apparently Yen added it in reconstructing the text, since the character in PTSC 55.5b is illegible. I find another ling ("musician") more appropriate.
- 49. There are insignificant differences between the texts of Yen and Sum. PTSC 55.5b adds a phrase which they both lack: "...[ch'ien jen] chih to yeh; chu jen yeh" 十人之多也有人也("over one thousand registered men"). One thousand seems to be fairly high, but the records of later dynasties have even higher figures. During the T'ang dynasty the average number of court musicians was fifteen or twenty thousand; cf. Gimm, Das Yueh-fu tsa-lu, pp. 576-77.
- 50. For similar ideas see, for example, fragments 31 and 95.
- 51. See fragment 174, note 41.
- 52. Ya-ts'ao 雅採, i.e., ya yüeh 雅樂 ("court music"), as for example, in Analects XVII:18: "... the Master said...'I hate the tunes of Cheng corrupting Court music.'" (Cf. Legge, p. 326).
- 53. <u>Hsin sheng</u> 新聲 or <u>hsin nung</u> 新弄 ("modern tunes").
- 54. The text has $\underline{\text{hsi}}$ ("to be pleased"), while both Yen and Sun have $\underline{\text{shan}}$, which would make the sentence, "It is very easy to master shallow things..."
- 55. Instead of shih ("to understand") which rhymes with hsi , Sun has shen ; , evidently a misprint for t'an, ; ("to try, to essay") which rhymes with shan . Thus, the sentence would read, "It is very easy to master shallow things, but the profound can be fathomed only with difficulty."

- 56. PTSC 132.10b begins here.
- 57. Only PTSC 132.10b. includes black.
- 58. The text has "wu se wen chih shih" 五色文之世, but I prefer Yen's version, "ssu se wen shih chih" 四色文飾之("adorned by the four other colors"). Sun has "wu se wen shih chih," 五色文飾之("adorned by the five other colors").
- 59. Sun gives Huan's age as seventy, rather than seventeen. This is clearly erroneous.

- 62. This introduction appears to have been added later, although Liu presents it as a quotation from Hsin-lun.
- 63. Both the text and Yen have chun \bigstar ("Sir"), but Sun gives wu \bigstar ("I"), which would change the meaning radically. This wu probably belongs to the beginning of the fragment. See fragment 126B which

- begins, "I said to Master Yang, 'You....'" Pan Ku's postscript (tsan) to Yang Hsiung's biography (Han shu 87B, p. 5134, based on Yang Hsiung's own account) says that when Yang Hsiung first came to court he was over forty years old, and that he first held concurrently the office of "Gentleman" and "Servant Within the Yellow Gates."
- 64. Some of these terms are derived from Yang Hsiung's Kan-chüan fu.
- 65. The term hsüan huang & ("black and yellow" or "the colors of Heaven and earth") is used in Yang Hsiung's essay Chü Ch'in mei hsin. See also Book of Changes I:II:6; Legge, p. 61.
- 66. The term $\underline{lu-ch'e}$ $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$ $\underline{\boldsymbol{\psi}}$ ("carriage of state") is found only in the Book of Songs, where it occurs frequently.
- 67. See also TPYL 762.5a.
- 68. Lo Jung-pang, in "China's Paddle-wheel Boats: Mechanized Craft Used in the Opium War and Their Historical Background," (p. 202), says, "...in 31 A.D., the Governor of Nan-yang, Tu Shih, built water-bellows (shui-p'ai), a device whereby the flow of water was used to turn wheels to operate bellows, which forced air into furnaces for forging farm implements. A contemporary of his, Huan T'an, wrote of 'water-pestles' (shui-ch'ung.or.shui-tui) which were driven by water and which, he said, were a great improvement over manually-operated machines."
- 69. Jan Chao-te, in "Kuan-yü Han-tai sheng-ch'an nu-li yü sheng-ch'an-li shui-p'ing wen-t'i," p. 56, bases his opinion that water-mills existed in China during the reign of Wang Mang on this fragment. Other types of mills did exist, as is shown by Huan T'an's fragment 115, which refers to a millstone.
- 70. This is the famous question which Wang Ch'ung tried to elucidate in the <u>Lun-heng</u> chapter, "A Last Word on Dragons" (<u>Luan lung</u>; 16, 47). Wang Ch'ung refers to this question by Huan T'an and acknowledges the weight of Huan's arguments against Liu Hsin's device, but indirectly takes issue with Huan T'an. However, even if Wang Ch'ung did accept the efficacy of Liu Hsin's instrument, he opposed Liu Hsin's theory. Wang

- Ch'ung's principal idea, which he hoped would be "the last word on dragons," was that things of the same kind attract one another from a distance. Thus, he felt that it was the attraction between a "real" and an earthen dragon which brought rain. Cf. fragment 130. Yang Hsiang-k'uei in, Chung-kuo ku-tai she-hui yü ku-tai ssu-hsiang yen-chiu, p. 469, concluded on the basis of this fragment and fragment 156 that Liu Hsin undoubtedly did favor magicians and believed in the existence of the immortals.
- 71. Huang Hui, <u>Lun-heng chiao-shih</u>, p. 692, suggests that <u>chen</u> ("needle") is a mistake for <u>t'ieh</u> ("iron"). He bases this suggestion on a similar text in <u>Lü-shih ch'ün-ch'iu</u> IX:5, p. 92; Wilhelm, p. 114.
- 72. In Shensi.
- 73. The Great King (<u>T'ai-wang</u> 大 1) is Tan Fu or Ku-kung Tan Fu ("the Old Duke Tan-fu"). Mencius calls him <u>T'ai-wang</u> and relates him to Pin in <u>Mencius</u> I:II:XV:1; Legge, pp. 175-76. <u>Shih chi</u> 4, pp. 6-8 (Chavannes, <u>MH</u> I, pp. 213-18) refers to him as Ku-kung and says that he was driven out of Pin by barbarians.
- 74. The texts in <u>TPYL</u> 849.5a and <u>PTSC</u> 143.8a are practically the same but omit the reference to Chieh Tzu-t'ui.
- 75. On page 16a, Sun gives two quotations from PTSC 143.8a, the second of which belongs to Sun Ch'u and has nothing to do with Huan T'an.
- 76. TPYL 27.5b has "five months" (wu-yueh \mathbf{E} \mathbf{A}) which should be read as "the fifth month;" see note 77 below.
- 77. Chieh Tzu-t'ui, or Chieh Chih-t'ui (7th century B.C.), was a faithful friend of Duke Wen of Chin until they quarreled. <u>Tso chuan</u>, Hsi 24, tells us that Chieh Chih-t'ui, who had once cut off a portion of his own thigh to relieve his ruler's hunger, chose to leave the court with his mother after this quarrel. Later the Duke realized his mistake and gave Chieh a field on Mien-shang Mountain (Legge, pp. 189 and 191-92).
- $\underline{\text{Shih chi}}$ 39 (pp. 49-51; Chavannes, $\underline{\text{MH}}$ IV, pp. 294-96) repeats the story of this fragment with some elaborations but makes no reference to the cold meals.

Hsin-hsü (quoted by Li Hsien in his commentary to Hou Han shu 61, p. 2192), however, says that Duke Wen burned down the mountain where Chieh Tzu-t'ui was hiding, but Chieh's burnt corpse could not be found. Thereafter, the use of fire was forbidden during the Ch'ing-ming festival at the beginning of the fourth month (PTSC 143.8a; see note 75 above). Huan T'an's account is corroborated by the biography of Chou Chü (Hou Han shu 61, p. 2192), who became an Inspector of T'ai-yuan under Emperor Shun. This peculiar custom is described by Fan Yeh, and Li Hsien mentions that the affair is described in Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u>, page 2193. Nevertheless, Shen Ch'in-han, quoted in Wang Hsien-ch'ien's commentary, objects, stating that Huan T'an could not have known Chou Chü and that the true source of this information is Hua T'an's Hsin-lun. Wang is confused, for Li Hsien apparently meant that Huan T'an told the story not of Chou Chu, but of Chieh Tzu-t'ui. H. A. Giles, A Chinese Biographical Dictionary, No. 353, also is mistaken in his statement that "... The origin of the Cold-meat Festival has been erroneously attributed to the tragic fate of Chieh Chih-t'ui." For an explanation of the Ch'ing-ming Festival, see DKJ 7239.217.

The story of Chieh Tzu-t'ui found its way into Chinese fiction; see A. Lévy, "Études sur trois récueils anciens de contes chinois," pp. 112-13. IWLC 4.26a has an interesting quotation from Ch'in ts'ao on Chieh Tzu-sui, who is the same as Chieh Tzu-t'ui. It says that Duke Wen set the woods which covered the mountain on fire in order to smoke out Chieh Tzu-sui, but Chieh clasped his hands around a tree trunk and died in the flames. Thereafter, the Duke instructed his people not to use any fire for five days in the fifth month. Although Huan T'an possibly wrote a Ch'in ts'ao, several works of the same title have been written, and thus, this fragment was not necessarily written by him.

- 78. This sentence has been translated and analyzed by A. C. Graham, "The Date and Composition of Liehtzyy," p. 163.
- 79. This story is also told in <u>Lieh-tzu</u> 5, p. 58 (ed. Chu-tzu chi-ch'eng), but Huan <u>T'an gives</u> only the first part. In <u>Lieh-tzu</u> the children's conversation continues: "'When the sun first rises it is as big as the cover of the car; by noon it is small as a plate or a bowl. Don't you think it must be nearer when it is big than when it is small?' The other child answered,

'When the sun first rises the air is cool, but soon it is like dipping your hand in hot water. Don't you think it must be nearer when it is hot than when it is cool?' Confucius could not decide the question. The two children laughed, 'Who says you are a learned man?'" Translation by A. C. Graham, The Book of Lieh-tzu, pp. 104-05.

It appears that Huan T'an's fragment is incomplete since the main point--Confucius' embarrassment-is missing. In a note to her translation of Lieh-tzu, Ateisty, materialisty, dialektiki dreynego Kitaja. Jan Czu, Leczy, Czuanczy "(Atheists, Materialists, and Dialecticians of Ancient China: Yang Chu, Lieh Tzu, Chuang Tzu," p. 345, note 38), L. D. Pozdneeva explains the children's discussion as a Taoist critique of Confucius; this is probably incorrect.

The main significance of this quotation, as A. C. Graham pointed out in 1961 (see his article, pp. 142 and 163, cited in note 78 above), is that this quotation, along with others, establishes that the present text of Lieh-tzu was composed in the 4th century A.D. by Chang Chan. Therefore, I follow J. Needham (Science and Civilization in China, Vol. III, p. 226), who says that such stories "belong to a whole corpus of legend and folk-tale centering on a quasi-Taoist puer senex, Hsiang T'o, who, together with other small boys, always defeats Confucius in a riddle." As a matter of fact, it was Huan T'an's follower Wang Ch'ung who discussed Hsiang T'o in his Lun-heng 26:79, pp. 1070-74; Forke, II, pp. 120-24. See also M. Soymié, "L'entrevue de Confucius et de Hsiang T'o;" A. C. Graham, "The Date," p. 142, note 3 (see note 78 above); A. Walley, Ballads and Stories from Tun-huang, pp. 89-96. The present story, quoted from Lieh-tzu, can be found in the chapter on astronomy in Sui shu 19, p. 6a-b, following its version of fragment 134.

- 80. I.e., Kuan Ping, according to fragment 107.
- 81. In accordance with Yen, I prefer "sun" (jih 日) to the "heaven" (t'ien 天) of the text.
- 82. A <u>ch'ih</u> is one-tenth of a <u>chang</u>.
- 83. Instead of heng 須 ("yoke, horizontal"), I read ch'ung 海 ("attack"), in accordance with Sui shu 19.3a.

84. Yen's text has <u>yin</u> A, while Sun's text has <u>yang</u> . <u>Yin</u> makes sense here, while <u>yang</u> makes no sense.

Chang Chan's note to <u>Lieh-tzu</u> 5, p. 58 (cf. note 79 above), while explaining the meaning of the four characters here translated as "cold" (ts'ang-ts'ang liang-liang 流流流), says that Huan T'an narrates this story and writes ts'ang as 完 ("sad," "sorry"). The same comment is found in Yin Ching-shu's <u>Lieh-tzu shih wen</u> (T'ang), p. 2.5a (quoted by Yen).

Chang Chan's statement is significant because:

1) It indicates that Huan T'an's fragment originally was larger (see note 79 above). The other part of the Lieh-tzu story discussed in note 79 probably also comes from Huan T'an, especially since these four characters are also found there. We need not look for a written source from which Huan T'an derived this story since he clearly states that he heard it from the common people. This corroborates Needham's theory of a folk-tale origin (note 79 above); and 2) If Chang Chan really compiled the Lieh-tzu, as Graham suggests, his reference to Huan T'an shows his artfulness. The same device was used by the author of Chao Fei-yen wai-chuan; see fragment 188.

This discussion on the variation in the size of the sun corresponding to the distance of the observer is not as unsophisticated as it might appear. J. Needham discusses this point, as well as the present fragment, in his Science and Civilization in China, Vol. III, p. 226.

- 85. These tall trees symbolize the sunset (and also old age) because the last rays of the sun in the evening touch only their tops.
- 86. This version is quoted in Huang Hui's commentary to Lun-heng 11:32, pp. 495-96, since Huang believes that it was the source of Wang Ch'ung's thought; see Forke, I, p. 263. Wang Ch'ung himself does not refer to his source.
- 87. This fragment, like the previous one, is significant for what it tells of the authenticity of a well-known text. In this case the text is that attributed to Kung-sun Lung. A. C. Graham, in his penetrating study, "The Composition of the Gongsuen Long-tzyy,"

concludes, among other things, that the text was probably composed in the 6th century A.D. and that only chapters two ("White Horse") and three ("Meanings and Things") are authentic writings by the dialecticians who lived in the Warring States period (p. 181). One of the bases for his belief in the authenticity of the "White Horse" chapter is the present fragment, since Graham feels that, through it, "the gap" between the Han and Sui periods of information on Kung-sun Lung can be satisfactorily bridged in the case of the "White Horse."

However, this fragment has also been used to support a radically different conclusion. T'an Chiehfu, Kung-sun Lung-tzu hsing-ming fa-wei, pp. 5 and 82, suggests that Huan T'an composed the first part of the first chapter of Kung-sun Lung-tzu. First, instead of entitling the treatise "Hard and White" (Chien-pai lun), as Huan has, T'an Chieh-fu suggests the title "Shou-pai lun," given in the bibliographical chapter of the Sui shu. Huan T'an's reading, however, is corroborated by Lun-heng 29:83, p. 1159; Forke, I, p. 463. Second, T'an Chieh-fu says that Huan T'an was born in the last years of the Western Han, that is, during the first decade A.D. This appears to be incorrect. Third, T'an Chieh-fu believes that Huan T'an's fragment has been shortened. While this is possible, T'an offers no proof in support of his belief. Fourth, T'an Chiehfu presents two quotations to show that Huan T'an was akin to the spirit of the Kung-sun Lung-tzu. The first, from Huan T'an's biography, says, "On the whole, he followed Liu Hsin and Yang Hsiung in discerning doubtful and strange occurrences." ("The Life," I, p. 18). The second, from <u>Lun-heng</u> (13:38, pp. 608-09; Forke, II, p. 298) says, "Besides, Huan Chün-shan wrote the <u>New Treatise</u>, in which he treats the affairs of his times and discerns and clarifies the positive and the negative. Not one single void or false word, nor any artificial or embellished term stands the test of his proofs and judgments." These two quotations hardly bear out T'an Chieh-fu's conclusion that Huan T'an "without a doubt" compiled a part of the Kung-sun Lung text. Moreover, Wang Ch'ung (Lun-heng 29:83, p. 1159; Forke, I, p. 463. See also <u>T'an Chieh-fu</u>, p. 96) is very critical of Kung-sun Lung, and there is no reason to believe that Wang Ch'ung departed in this one instance from his typically unrestricted enthusiasm for Huan T'an's ideas.

- 88. For the regulation of travel through the frontier passes in Han times, see M. Loewe, Records of Han Administration, pp. 107-17. In 146 B.C., it was proposed that full-grown horses not be allowed outward passage (p. 108), so horses were registered when crossing the frontier (p. 109).
- 89. T'an Chieh-fu quotes this fragment without comment on p. 96. Ch'en P'an examines it, along with other information on Kung-sun Lung, in his discussion of the possibility of the existence of Buddhism in China in 214 B.C.; see "'Chin pu-te tz'u; ming-hsing ch'un hsi-fang' chi chu wen-t'i," p. 370. Ch'en P'an demonstrates that the paradox of the white horse was in use several centuries before Huan T'an during the Warring States period. Thus, he corroborates Graham's opinion on the "White Horse" chapter, discussed in note 87 above.
- 90. See fragment 100 and note 5.
- 91. Shih chi (10, p. 40; Chavannes, MH II, p. 487) says that the Emperor's virtue transformed the people.
- 92. See fragment 101. The last part of this short quotation is found in the Shih chi at the place quoted above. See also $\underline{\text{HFHD}}$ I, p. 274 (and note 1 on p. 272) for a possible interpolation.
- 93. Fragments 136B and 136C do not give the "dozen" of the phrase "several dozen cash."
- 94. \underline{PTSC} 15.4a includes the small fragment mentioned in note 92 above.
- 95. Sun incorrectly gives the number of the $\overline{\text{TPYL}}$ chapter as 56.
- 96. Yen says that, according to Feng-su t'ung, "The Emperor Ch'eng asked Liu Hsiang..." should be added to this fragment.
- 97. Ssu-ma Cheng (8th century A.D.), who wrote this commentary to the <u>Shih chi</u> with the rather challenging title of "Tracing Out the Hidden Meaning" (So-yin
- * (*) was not a very reliable historian, as Chavannes has already pointed out (MH I, p. CCXVI). If he was not a mere fictional character, it is still highly improbable that Tung-fang Shuo, who was allegedly Ssu-ma

Ch'ien's contemporary, worked on the text of the Shih chi. In fact, more reliable information shows that Huan T'an himself may not have believed this story. Wen-hsin tiao-lung (48, p. 714, of the edition by Fan Wen-lan, Wen-hsin tiao-lung chu) says, "Chün-ch'ing (Lou Hu), a man of great eloquence, overestimated his own ability when he dabbled in literary discussion. He once said, 'The historian Ssu-ma Ch'ien sought advice from Tung-fang Shuo when writing his work.' Huan T'an and his group greeted this with sneering laughter." (Translation by Shih, Literary Mind, p. 260.) Wen-hsin tiao-lung refers not to a "group" of Huan T'an's followers, but to people who shared his point of view.

Furthermore, at the beginning of Ssu-ma Cheng's commentary to Tung-fang Shuo's biography (Shih chi 126, p. 15; Ch'u Shao-sun's text), Chung-ch'ang T'ung is quoted, "Ssu-ma Ch'ien wrote the 'Biography of Ironical Critics' [ku chi], the postface [hsü] of which discusses only the affair of the 'actor' [yu] Chan, but fails to mention Tung-fang Shuo. This is a mistake. Should not the career of Tung-fang Shuo be compared directly to [the careers of the two 'actors'] Chan and Meng? Huan T'an agrees with Ssu-ma Ch'ien's omission, and in this he too is wrong."

It is not surprising that Chung-ch'ang T'ung, the fiery critic of contemporary social conditions, admired the bohemian Tung-fang Shuo. However, Ssu-ma Ch'ien's neglect of this semihistoric and legendary figure is understandable in that he differs from the so-called actors Chan and Meng in two important respects: First, he was not a dwarf, as they may have been. Second, Tung-fang Shuo lived during the Han, while Chan and Meng belonged to the Warring States period. For more information, see my study, "Ironical Critics at Ancient Chinese Courts (Shin chi 126)," (Oriens Extremus 20 (1973)). See also the essay by Han Ch'üeh, "'T'an so wei 'ku chi chia' Tung-fang Shuo" (The So-called 'Ironical Critic' Tung-fang Shuo), Fan kung yüeh k'an, No. 256 (July 1963), pp. 21-24; the title reveals the author's doubts about including Tung-fang Shuo's biography in Ch'u Shao-sun's Chapter 126.

The problems related to this fragment are discussed further in my article, "The First Interpolation in the Shih chi."

98. Instead of the wei yeh-che ("Internuncio of the Guards") of the text, both Yen and Sun give yeh wei-che ("Internuncio of the Guards") of the text, both Yen and Sun give yeh wei-che ("Internuncio of the Han sources. If the shih ("Could be interpreted as shih ("Clerk" or "messenger"), then it may refer to Han Jung, whose style name was Tzu-po. He was an Associate Protector-General and Colonel of the Western Frontier Regions who was sent on a mission to the Hsiung-nu in 8 B.C. (Han shu 94B, p. 5370). Although Han Jung was a contemporary of Huan T'an's, I do not find this tentative identification very believable.

Chapter 12. On Rhyme-prose (Fu)

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PTSC 97.5a.

Yen 15.5a. Sun 15b.

In my youth I studied and liked the <u>Li-sao</u>. Since I have read extensively in other books, I wish to repeat my studies...2

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A I lin 3.10a.³

Yen 15.5a. Sun 8a.

Yang Tzu-yün was expert at \underline{fu} . Wang Chün-ta was skilled with weapons. I wanted to study with both these masters. Tzu-yün said, "If you can read a thousand \underline{fu} , you will be good at them."

Wang Chün-ta said, "If you can look at a thousand swords, you will understand them."

A proverb says, "He who lies low and practices to be like one who is marvelously skilled will not pass by the door of the man whom he imitates."

Previous translation: Pokora, "Huan T'an's <u>Fu</u>," p. 353, and "Huan T'an and Yang Hsiung on Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju," p. 433.

B <u>IWLC</u> 56.18a.

Yen 15.5a. Sun 8a.

In the past I liked literature. Yang Tzu-yün was expert at \underline{fu} , so I wished to study with him. Tzu-yün said, "If you can read a thousand \underline{fu} , you will be good at writing them."

C PTSC 122.12a-b.

Yen 15.5a. [commentary] Sun 16a.

Chun-ta was expert at the names of all kinds of swords. If he could only see a weapon from a distance he would know what kind it was. There was no need for him to take it into his hand and study it closely.

147.

TPYL 496.4b.

Yen 15.5a-b. Sun 14b.

A proverb says, "By looking at a section of a dwarf, we can tell how tall he is."

Confucius said, "If I explain one corner of a subject to someone, and he cannot infer the other three corners from that, I will not continue to teach him." A look at the two \underline{fu}^9 which I wrote in my youth \underline{l}^9 is likewise sufficient to determine whether I have a talent for writing \underline{fu} .

Previous translation: Pokora, "Huan T'an's Fu," p. 337.

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PTSC 102.4a.

Yen 15.5b. Sun 15b. 11

In my youth, when I was a Gentleman of the Imperial Carriages, Emperor Hsiao-ch'eng made sacrifices 12 at Kan-ch'üan [Palace] and Ho-tung [commandery]. The arrangements were first made by the circuit officials in the Palace of the Assembled Spirits, which was built by Emperor Wu at Hua-yin. On its gate was the inscription, "Looking for Immortals," and in its hall was the inscription, "Keeping the Immortals." Wanting to inscribe something on the wall, I composed a fu eulogizing and praising the actions of the two Immortals.13

Previous translation: Pokora, "Huan T'an's <u>Fu</u>," p. 362, note 58.

NOTES: CHAPTER 12

- 1. Neither Yen nor Sun gives hsüeh 學 ("study").
- 2. It is not clear whether Huan T'an wants to reread only <u>Li-sao</u> or the other books as well.
- 3. See also fragments 80C and 80D.
- 4. I have not been able to identify Wang Chun-ta. Chun-ta was the style of Hsun Jen, a contemporary of Huan T'an, who lived in retirement; see <u>Hou Han shou</u> 53, p. 1874.
- 5. This is alluded to in Wen-hsin tiao-lung 2:8, p. 24.1; Shih, The Literary Mind, p. 49 and note 19.
- 6. The version in \underline{PTSC} 102.3a is almost exactly like this.
- 7. Analects VII:8; Legge, p. 197.
- 8. These two \underline{fu} were "Wang hsien \underline{fu} " 望心賦 ("Rhyme-prose on Looking for the Immortals") and "Tatao \underline{fu} " 大道賦 ("Rhyme-prose on the Great Tao"). For the former, see fragment 205; for the latter, see Pokora, "Huan T'an's \underline{Fu} ," p. 355, note l1.
- 9. Instead of <u>hsiao shih</u> 小 時, I read <u>shao</u> <u>shih</u> 少 時 ("youth"), in agreement with other fragments, such as fragment 139.
- 10. Sun's text is somewhat different, although he attributes it to the same source. For a translation of it, see "Huan T'an's Fu," p. 362, note 58.
- 11. In accordance with Yen, I prefer <u>tz'u</u> 利 ("sacrifices") to <u>tz'u</u> 資 ("words").
- 12. Huan refers to Wang Ch'iao and Ch'ih Sung. This text is a short version of the preface to Huan T'an's "Wang hsien fu" as given in <u>IWLC</u> 78.16b (Yen 12.7b).

Chapter 13. Discerning Error

143

I lin 3.10a.

Yen 15.5b. Sun 8a.

There are five kinds of good fortune: long life, wealth, honor, peace and happiness, and to have many sons and grandsons.

Previous translation: F. Hirth, "Bausteine zu einer Geschichte der chinesischen Literatur," p. 436.

144

I lin 3.10a.

Yen 15.5b. Sun 8a.

The insect of a hundred feet--they all support one body. How could it not be saved?

145

Po-wu chih 5.6a.

Yen 15.5b. Sun, Preface 3b.

See <u>Liang Han pu-fen</u> II, p. 346.

P'ei Sung-chih's concluding notes to the "Annals of Emperor Wen of Wei" (San kuo chih, Wei shu 1, Chienan year 25) gives another assessment of Huan T'an by Chang Hua. P'ei quotes Chang Hua's Po-wu chih on people whom the Emperor admired: "Huan T'an and Ts'ai Yung were familiar with tones and music."

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A <u>I lin</u> 3.10a.

Yen 15.5b. Sun 8a-b.

The Marquis of $\text{Ch'\ddot{u}-yang}^3$ accepted the service of Hsi-men Ch \ddot{u} n-hui, a gentleman versed in the arts of

magic, 4 to teach him the art of driving old age away. Chün-hui said, "The tortoise is said to live for three thousand years and the crane for one thousand years. Considering the qualities of man, why is he not the equal of insects and birds?" 5

I replied, "Who could live long enough to learn how old a tortoise or a crane is?"

B TPYL 720.5b.

Yen 15.5b. Sun 24b.

Wang Ken, the Marquis of Ch'ü-yang, accepted the servicesof Hsi-men Chün-hui, a gentleman versed in the arts of magic, to teach him the art of cultivating long life and driving old age away. Chün-hui said, "The tortoise and the crane are said to live for three thousand years. Considering the qualities of man, why is he not the equal of insects and birds?"

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 540-41. See <u>Liang Han pu-fen II</u>, p. 346.

147

I lin 3.10b. Commentary to Wen hsuan 21.21a.

Yen 15.5b. Sun 8b and 13b.

Why do the sages not study the way to become immortals, but instead allow themselves to die?

The bodies of all the sages are released and they depart as immortals. When we speak of their "dying," it is merely to show people that they have come to an end.

148

A Commentary to Wen hsüan 12.27a.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 13a.

There are five kinds of spiritual men in the Empire: first, divine immortals; second, hermits and recluses; third, those who command ghostly beings; 7

fourth, those who foreknow; 8 fifth, those who cast doubts. 9

B Commentary to Wen hsüan 21.21a, 27.6a, 39.32a.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 13a.

There are five kinds of spiritual men in the Empire: the second is hermits and recluses.

149

TPYL 812.7a.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 24b.

Sao, 10 the son of the King of Huai-nan, welcomed a magician11 to create gold and silver. He said that the character for lead [ch'ien &] is composed of "gold" [chin &] and "sire" [kung &].12 Thus, lead is the sire of gold, while silver is the brother of gold.

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A Commentary to Wen hsüan 23.25b.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 13b.

When Lady Li, whom Emperor Wu loved, died, the magician Li Shao-chun claimed that he could bring forth her spirit. Then, in the night, he set up a candle within some curtains and had the Emperor stay within other curtains. From a distance the Emperor saw a beautiful woman who appeared to be Lady Li. The Emperor often returned to the tent to sit within the curtains. 13

B PTSC 132.5b.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 13b (commentary). 14

Lady Wang, whom Emperor Wu cared for died. The Emperor loved her greatly. The magician Li Shaochün claimed that he could bring forth her spirit. 15 Then, in the night, he set up a candle within some curtains. From a distance the Emperor saw a beautiful woman who looked like the Lady.

C TPYL 699.3a.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 13a (commentary).

Li Shao-chün arranged for the image of Emperor Wu's Lady Li to be placed within some curtains and let the Emperor see it.

D The Chi-chieh commentary to Shih chi 12, p. 813.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 9b.

Lady Wang, Emperor Wu's beloved and favored concubine, 16 was modest and retiring, 17 beautiful in appearance, character and disposition, and sweet and flattering in speech.

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A <u>Shui-ching chu</u> 3:19, pp. 106-07. (<u>San-fu huang-t'u</u> 5.8b-9a. <u>TPYL</u> 34.2a. <u>IWLC</u> 5.4b. <u>TPYL</u> 34.7b and 869.7a-b, PTSC 156.6b). Yen 15.6a-b. Sun 12a.

When Emperor Yüan fell ill, an extensive search was made for magicians. 18 The Han-chung [commandery] sent a man of the Tao, 19 Wang Chung-tu. When he was officially interrogated about his abilities, he replied that he could endure both cold and heat. Then, on a bitterly cold day in a sharp winter, he was commanded to take off his clothes and was brought in a four-horse carriage to Lake K'un-ming in Shang-lin [Park]. He was driven around the ice by drivers heavily wrapped in fox skins, who were shivering from the cold. Only Chung-tu did not appear to be affected. He lay on a terrace on the lake, smoking 20 with heat and unperturbed. In summer, during a great heat, he was ordered to sit under the burning glow [of the sun] and was surrounded with the fires of ten stoves. But he did not say he was hot, nor did he sweat.

Previous translation: Pokora, "An Important Crossroad," p. 70.

B <u>Ch'u-hsüeh chi</u> 3.9b. <u>TPYL</u> 22.4b (<u>TPYL</u> 757.7b).²¹

Yen 15.6a-b. Sun 12a.

On a very hot day when summer was at its peak, the Han-chung [commandery] sent Wang Chung-tu to sit under the burning glow [of the sun]. Moreover, he was surrounded with the fires of ten stoves. But he did not say he was hot, nor did he sweat.

C Po-wu chih 5.5b-6a (just before fragment 145) mentions Wang Chung-tu's hardiness and adds, "Huan Chunshan believed that Wang Chung-tu could bear cold and heat because of his natural disposition." See Sun's preface 3b.

Ko Hung, in his Shen-hsien chuan 10.5a-b, devotes a paragraph to Wang Chung-tu. In addition to the anecdotes told by Huan T'an, Ko Hung tells us that Wang was two hundred years old, that he used cinnabar, and that he was transformed into an immortal. At the end Ko Hung says, "In his Hsin-lun, Huan Chün-shan mentions this man." Ko Hung also mentions Wang Chung-tu in Pao-p'u tzu Chapters 8, 12 and 15; see J. Ware, Alchemy, pp. 150, 208 and 249. For another reference to Wang, see Han Ao's Sui-hua chi-li 2.7a.

The poet Hsi K'ang varied the story a bit, saying that, according to Huan T'an, Wang Chung-tu could "occasionally" (ou /%) bear cold and heat.

See Hsi K'ang chi 4, as quoted by Holzman, La vie, p. 172, translation on p. 114, and also note 3 on p. 114. Wang Chung-tu's ability to endure cold and heat was especially admired since "cold and heat" (han shu **) was one of the most feared diseases in ancient China; cf. Bridgman, La médecine, pp. 159, 172.

152

A TPYL 643.10a.

Yen 15.6b. Sun 23b.

Recently, in the reign of Emperor Ai or Emperor P'ing, the magician Tung Chung-chun from the Lin-huai [commandery] was tried at law and put into prison, where he fell ill and died. Some days later his eyes fell in, and insects grew within them. The bailiffs cast him away, but he returned to life and left.

B TPYL 944.3b.

Yen 15.6b. Sun 23b (commentary).

In the Sui-ling district lived Tung Chung-chun who liked to inquire into the tricks of magicians. Once he was tried at law for a serious crime and put into prison. He feigned illness and death. Several days later he rotted and insects grew in him, but he revived.

C TPYL 737.8a.

Yen 15.6b. Sun 23b (commentary).

The magician Tung Chung-chün was guilty of some wrongdoing.22 Put into prison, he feigned death. His eyes fell in, and he became rotten and [full of] insects. Thus, we know that in the southern towns of the Man people there are barbarians with flying heads. This is not a delusion.

D Fa-yüan chu-lin 76.22b. Yen 15.6b. (Sun 23b).

The magician Tung Chung-chun was guilty of some wrongdoing.23 Put into prison, he feigned death. His eyes fell in, and he became rotten and [full] of insects. Thus we know that there is nothing impossible in delusion, trickery²⁴ or non-existence.

Moreover, he could blow his nose, sing through his mouth, show his tongue and his teeth, shake his eyebrows and move his eyes. In Ching-chou25 dwell the Man barbarians who can drink with their noses, and in the Southern Regions there are barbarians with flying heads. These are not delusions.

E Po-wu chih 5.3a-b.

Yen 15.6b. (Sun 23b).

[Huan T'an's Hsin-lun] says that Tung Chung-chun was a magician who was 25 tried at law and put into prison. He feigned death and was stinking. His eyes fell in, and [insects] came out of them. Then he revived.

F Ts'ao Chih, "Pien-tao lun," in Kuang Hung ming chi 5.3b.²⁷

[Chün-shan also says], Tung Chung-chun was a magician. He was put into prison, where he feigned death. Some days later his eyes fell in, and insects came out of them. He died and revived, but later he finally died. What is born must die. A superior man knows this. What is the use of illustrating it? 29

Cf. Liang Han pu-fen II, p. 346.

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TPYL 466.9b.

Yen 15.6a. Sun 21b.

During the reign of Emperor Ai, an old man, Fan Lan, claimed to be three hundred years old. When he first met someone, he was pleased and responded with kindness. But if this happened two or three times, he would curse the man and drive him away.

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<u>Pao-p'u-tzu</u>, Nei-p'ien 16, p. 72. Yen 15.6b.

When he was named an official of the Lieutenant Chancellor, [Shih Tzu-hsin] supervised the building of houses. He mobilized civilian officials and soldiers, as well as government slaves to furnish [the labor necessary] to produce gold. When he was unsuccessful, the Lieutenant Chancellor himself believed that the labor supply was inadequate and told Empress Fu about it.30 However, the Empress saw no advantage in making gold until she heard that it could be used as a drug to prolong one's life. Then she became favorably disposed, and Shih Tzu-hsin was given the title of Gentleman and housed in the Northern Palace, where he was attended by messengers.31

Previous translation: J. R. Ware, Alchemy, p. 266.

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TPYL 382.6a.

Yen 15.6b-7a. Sun 21a.

Once when I was out with the Gentleman Ling Hsi, we saw an old gentleman who was picking his food from

excrement. Since his face was dirty and ugly, I could not bear to look at him. [Ling] Hsi said, "How do you know that he is not a divine immortal?"

I said, "If the Way had to be embodied in this fashion, then there would be no Way at all!"32

Previous translation: Pokora, "An Important Crossroad," pp. 69-70. See Liang Han pu-fen II, pp. 346-47.

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A <u>TPYL</u> 956.2a-b. <u>IWLC</u> 88.21a. Yen 15.7a. Sun 17b. 33

Liu Tzu-chün believed the vain speeches of the magicians who said that one may become a divine immortal through study. I saw that down in his courtyard grew a great elm, very old, worn and broken. Pointing to it, I said, "That tree has no feelings, but, nevertheless, it will decay and become worm-eaten. Although you may want to care for it and nurture its life, how can you possibly prevent its decline?"

B Ts'ao Chih, "Pien-tao lun," in <u>Kuang Hung ming chi</u> 5.3a.³⁴ Yen 15.7a.

This tree has no feelings and wishes which it could repress. It has no ears or eyes which it could close. But, nevertheless, it will rot, wither and become putrid.35

Previous (partial) translation: "The Life," II, p. 538. See also "An Important Crossroad," pp. 75-76; and <u>Liang</u> Han pu-fen II, p. 346.

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A <u>Pao-p'u-tzu</u>, Nei p'ien 16, p. 72. Yen 15.7a-b.

Ch'eng Wei, a Gentleman of the Yellow Gate, enjoyed the art of yellow and white.36 He married a girl from a family which possessed and understood prescriptions. Once when he was very upset at having to

participate in the Emperor's processions without wearing the clothes appropriate to the season, his wife said, "Let two pieces of taffeta appear." Immediately and from no source the taffeta appeared.

Ch'eng Wei's efforts to make gold by following the Chen-chung and Hung-pao [formulae] had been unsuccessful. 37 His wife went to watch him, and just at the moment when Wei was fanning the coals to heat a tube of mercury, 38 she said, "I would like to have a try at something." Then she took a drug from her pouch and put a bit of it into [the tube]. After the time span of a meal, they opened the tube to find perfect silver.

Greatly amazed, Wei said, "Why didn't you tell me before that the formula was as near to me as you are?" His wife replied, "One cannot have it unless one is destined. Then Wei tempted her day and night to give him the formula. He sold his land and buildings to give her the best food and clothing, but she still refused to tell him. Then Wei plotted with a friend to make her give in by beating her with bamboo.

When his wife found out, she told him, "The formula may only be passed on to the proper person. If the proper person were found--even if we met on the road--I would teach it to him. If, however, he were not the proper man--if his words were proper but his heart was not--the formula would not be forthcoming even though I were to be cut into bits and the limbs torn from my body." Wei kept up his pressure, however, until his wife finally went mad. Running away naked, she smeared herself with mud. Later, she died. 39

Previous translation: A Waley, "Notes to Johnson's A Study of Chinese Alchemy," pp. 4-5. H. H. Dubs, "The Beginnings of Alchemy," p. 78; see also Dubs, "The Origin of Alchemy," p. 31. J. R. Ware, Alchemy, pp. 264-65.

B TPYL 812.4b.

Yen 15.7a-b. Sun 24b.

[Ch'eng]Wei, a Gentleman Attendant at the Gate, 40 was fond of the matters of yellow and white. The wife he married was a strange girl. When [Ch'eng]Wei had no [proper] clothes, his wife made two rolls of silk appear. Later, she saw her husband just at the moment

when he was fanning coals to heat a tube of mercury. She took a drug from her [pouch]41 and put it into the tube. Her success was instantaneous. At once [Ch'eng] Wei tried to find out the formula, but he could not get it. She went mad and died.

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A TPYL 905.2b. 42

Yen 15.7b. Sun 25b (commentary).

When L\"u^{43} Chung-tzu's female slave died, she had a four-year old child. After she was buried, she returned several times to care for and cuddle it. She could also wash the child's head. Since this was much disliked by the people, they told a magician, 44 who said, "There is a dog. If you kill it, 45 then the female slave will not return."

The old woman of the Yang Chung-wen family 46 died. When her corpse had been dressed for burial but not yet buried, she suddenly rose, seated herself before the inner coffin and drank wine. When she had become drunk, the shape of a dog appeared, and it was killed.

B TPYL 885.8b.

Yen 15.7b. Sun 25b.

When Lü Chung-tzu's female slave died, she had a four-year old girl. She returned several times to wash the child's head and to rinse and wash [her robes]. The magician 47 said, "There is a green dog48 in the family which does this. If you kill it, [the affair] will come to an end.

Yang Chung 49 also said he knew a family where an old woman, who had died suddenly, rose, drank and ate. After she had become drunk, she sat down and sacrificed on the bed. After she had done this three or four times, the family became disgusted. Thereafter, whenever she became drunk, her form became ruined.50 But [the family] got an old dog and beat it to death. Later, an investigation revealed that the dog belonged to a local dealer's family.

Notes: CHAPTER 13

- 1. Chang Hua's <u>Po-wu chih</u>, Chapter 5, says, "Yang Hsiung also said, 'There is no such thing as the Way of the Immortals.' Huan T'an was of the same opinion."
- 2. See my article, "Huan Tan's Fu," p. 366.
- 3. Wang Ken. Cf. fragment 146B.
- 4. "A gentleman versed in the arts of magic" is a clumsy translation of the term fang-shih 方士. Since Hsi-men Chün-hui is identified in Han shu 99C, p. 5798, as a tao-shih 过士("gentleman of the Way"), Dubs concludes (HFHD III, p. 446, note 22.10) that tao shih does not refer only to Taoists. For the sake of simplicity, I generally translate both terms, as well as the term tao-jen 資人("man of the Way"), as "magician." See also fragment 149, note 11.
- 5. The ancient Chinese classified the tortoise in the same species as insects and reptiles (ch'ung 2)
- 6. Only <u>I lin</u> gives this part of the fragment, while the following section is found in both sources.
- 7. Shih kuei wu 使鬼物 ("those who command ghostly beings"). This term is not mentioned in PWYF or DKJ. It is found in Han shu 36, p. 3382, in connection with the books of Liu An (see fragment 157, note 37): "The books tell of the divine immortals' ways of causing ghostly beings to produce gold."
- 9. Instead of the \underline{i} \cancel{k} ("doubts") of the text, Yen gives $\underline{\text{ning}}$ \cancel{k} ("solidify"). The phrase would then read, "those who cast and solidify [metals]," or "alchemists."
- 10. Liu An, the King of Huai-nan, did not have a son named Sao; Sun does not give this character.

- ll. <u>Tao jen</u> 道 人 ("magician"); see 146A, note 4.
- 12. The text has only tzu chin yü kung 字金與公but, in accordance with Yen, I read ch'ien tzu chin yü kung 欽字金與公·
- 13. There are several versions of this story. Of Huan T'an's four fragments, two mention Lady Li (as does <u>Han shu</u>), and two mention Lady Wang (as does <u>Shih chi</u>). Other sources call the magician Shao-weng <u>Jan</u>, instead of Li Shao-chün. See, e.g., <u>Shih chi</u> 12, p. 11 or 28, p. 52 (Chavannes III, p. 470). <u>Shih chi</u> includes this anecdote in its history of the year 121 A.D. and gives much more detail on the shadow-play.
- 14. Sun, quoting <u>PTSC</u> 132, has a rather different version which Yen does not include.
- 15. Fragment 150A has shen for "spirit," while 150B has shen kuei 7 2 .
- 16. I \underline{H} ("imperial concubine"). For this term, see Dubs's detailed explanation in \underline{HFHD} I, p. 221, note 1.
- 17. This alludes to the beginning of the <u>Book of</u> the <u>Songs</u>; see Legge, p. 1, and the explanation on p. 3 where Yang Hsiung is quoted.
- 18. Fang shih 方士("magicians").
- 19. <u>Tao shih</u> <u>if</u> + ("a man of the Tao") probably means the same as <u>fang shih</u> (note 18). See fragment 146A, note 4.
- 20. The text has an unknown character, ** , while fragment 151B (as well as Yen and Sun) has hsün interchangeable with hsün ("smoking"). Huan T'an's biography in Hou Han shu 18, p. 1017, has mojan ("silent").
- 21. TPYL 22.4b differs from the text of Ch'u-hsueh chi 3.9b only in insignificant details. The TPYL 757.7b version has two points of difference: in the beginning it mentions Emperor Yuan, and in the end it does not mention "sweat."
- 22. Shih \$ (translated here as "wrongdoing") could mean "matter" or "case" in Han legal terminology;

- see, e.g., Hulsewé, Remnants I, pp. 48 and 51. In the present context, however, shih may mean "service," since so-called "Service Statutes" (shih lü **) were enacted during the Han; see Hulsewé, p. 29, and especially p. 65, note 24.
- 23. See the preceding note 22.
- 24. "Delusion" and "trickery" are, respectively, the Buddhist Mäyä and rddhi.
- 25. The Ching province is the territory of the former kingdom of Ch'u.
- 26. I read \underline{mu} 肖 ("eye"), instead of the \underline{tzu} 肖 ("self") of the \underline{text} .
- 27. See fragments 82C and 156B for other paragraphs from this essay by Ts'ao Chih. Ts'ao Chih's essay is quoted in Hou Wai-lu et al., "Wei Chin Nan-pei-ch'ao ssu-hsiang," p. 339.
- 28. The two subsequent sentences were probably added by Ts'ao Chih. The text continues as follows: "Even the highest spirit does not surpass Heaven and earth. He cannot allow the hibernating insects to hide in summer, nor can he produce the noise of thunder in the winter. If the time changes, then beings come into movement; if the breath shifts, then things respond to it. If Tung Chung-chün could restrain his breath within himself, change his body into a corpse, rot his skin, and let insects grow, is this anything to be surprised at?"
- 29. A very short "biography" of Tung Chung-chün in Ko Hung's Shen-hsien chuan 10.4a gives a short and less sober version of this fragment without attribution, mentioning that Tung Chung-chün's breath exercises kept him looking quite young at the age of one hundred.
- 30. This might have taken place in 3 B.C., when Huan T'an was an advisor to Fu Yen, the Marquis of K'ung-hsiang and the father of Empress Fu, who was the wife of Emperor Ai. Evidently the Empress listened to the magicians, since Huan T'an warned her father, "...per-haps she will send frantically for doctors and sorcerers, or summon magicians and wizards from outside the court." (Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 19, translating Huan T'an's biography in Hou Han shu 18A, p. 1012). See also fragment 206.

- 31. Pao-p'u tzu adds, "As though a divine prescription of this sort could be effected in a palace with all sorts of ordinary people in attendance! It is common knowledge that even dyers of silks do not wish to have all kinds of people watching them for fear their work will be spoiled. How much truer is this for the transforming of yellow and white!" (J. R. Ware's translation, pp. 266-67.)
- 32. Apparently the old gentleman was a "Gentleman of the Way," a tao shih 首士 or "magician."
- 33. This fragment is associated with fragment 84.
- 34. After a general introduction to his essay, Ts'ao Chih says, "Huan Chün-shan was one of the authors of substantial treatises during the restoration. There is much that is good in his writings and narrations. Liu Tzu-chün once asked whether a man could really avoid his decline and exhaustion by repressing his lust and desires, and by closing his ears and eyes? At that time an old elm grew in the courtyard. Huan Chün-shan pointed to it and said..."
- 35. Ts'ao Chih then comments, "Then Liu Tzu-chün said that he was wrong when he claimed that one could avoid decline and exhaustion. Huan Chün-shan's comparison with the elm is not quite correct. Why?" Ts'ao Chih then proceeds with Huan T'an's fragment 82C.
- 36. "The art of yellow and white" is alchemy or, more specifically, the artificial production of gold (yellow) and silver (white). The sixteenth chapter of Pao-p'u-tzu is devoted to this art.
- The Hung-pao and Chen-chung treatises are attributed to Liu An in Pao-p'u-tzu (2, p. 7; Ware, p. 51). Han Shu (25B, p. 2146) says that Liu Keng-sheng (i.e., Liu Hsiang) and others presented Emperor Hsüan with "Huai-nan's prescriptions Chen-chung ("In the Pillow"), Hung-pao ("Great Treasure") and Yüan-mi ("Secrets of the Garden")." Han shu (36, p. 3381) says that these books were also in Liu An's possession. Yen Shih-ku's commentary explains that the "Great Treasure" and the "Secrets of the Garden" are both titles of chapters in books of Taoist formulae which were hidden in a pillow (chen chung **). The works are mentioned neither by the Shih chi, nor by the bibliographical chapter of Han shu.

- 38. The term for "mercury" translated literally means "water-silver" or "liquid silver."
- 39. Shen-hsien chuan 7.2b-3a has a short version of this story entitled "The Wife of Ch'eng Wei." In that version, as is fitting in a treatise on immortals, the wife dies a supernatural death, leaves her body and becomes an immortal.
- 40. The title given here ("a Gentleman Attendant at the Gate") is also that used in <u>Shen-hsien chuan</u> 7.2b.
- 41. Sun has \underline{ssu} \mathfrak{J} ("box").
- 42. The text consists of two quotations which are actually two different stories, indicated here by two paragraphs. The text given in Sun's commentary has several variations.
- 43. The text has chan \not , which is not a Chinese surname. I read $\underline{L}\ddot{u}$ \not in accordance with fragment 158B.
- 44. Fang-shih 方士 ("magician"). See note 47 below.
- 45. The <u>hsiao</u> $\not \supset$ of the text makes no sense. Again I follow fragment 158B (as well as Yen and Sun) in reading <u>sha</u> $\not \in$ ("kill").
- 46. Generally, it is impossible to identify people associated with magicians in the dynastic histories, but this tale may refer to the Yang family of Hsin-tu in Szechwan (not to be confused with Wang Mang's Hsin-tu in Honan). One of its members, Yang Ch'un-ch'ing, a general who served Kung-sun Shu, was well versed in the ch'an texts. Even his great-grandson, Yang Hou, wrote a book which attempted to enhance the ch'an texts with the authority of Confucius. This was precisely what Huan T'an opposed: "Today all the artful and foxy, magicians of small talent and the soothsayers disseminate and multiply diagrams and documents, falsely praising the records of prognostications;" see fragment 210. For the Yang family, see Hou Han shu 30A, pp. 1100-01.
- 47. Here the word which I translate as "magician" is tao-shih 3 4, while the fragment 158A has fangshih 3 4. These different denominations for the same kind of magician corroborate H. H. Dubs's conclusion referred to above (fragment 146, note 4).

- 48. In the Han period the color green is associated with many animals, but I find no other reference to a green dog.
- 49. Both Yen and Sun have Yang Chung-wen; cf. 158A.
- 50. Both Yen and Sun have "[ch'i hou tsui] hsing huai yüan" 其後醉行壤垣 which makes no sense. I prefer the TPYL text, which has "[ch'i hou tsui] hsing huai. Tan" 形塊但 ("whenever she became drunk, her form became ruined. But...").

Chapter 14. Explaining Plans

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A The Chi-chieh commentary to Shih chi 56, p. 14.

Yen 15.7b-8a. Sun 10a-b.

Someone said, "It is said that Ch'en P'ing's raising of the siege of Emperor Kao at P'ing-ch'eng was such a secret affair that no one today knows exactly what happened. The job was done in a very adroit and excellent manner, so it remained hidden and was not spread about. Could you, perhaps, reflect upon and comprehend this matter?"

I answered, "To the contrary, the plan was mean and low, clumsy and bad. That is why it was kept secret and not disclosed.

"When Emperor Kao was besieged for seven days, Ch'en P'ing went to plead with the consort of the shan-yü. When she subsequently spoke to the shan-yü, he released the Han Emperor. From this we know the method Ch'en P'ing used to persuade her.

"The consort and [the shan-yü's] women had jealous natures and they certainly would have despised [the Han women]; therefore, they spurred the shan-yū to let the Han go. This explanation is simple and to the point. Once the ruse proved effective, [Ch'en P'ing] wished to present it as something mysterious, and therefore he kept it secret so it would not leak out."

When Liu Tzu-chün heard my words, he immediately praised them and expressed his agreement. 3

Previous translation: H. H. Dubs, $\underline{\text{HFHD}}$ I, pp. 116-17, note 2. Pokora, "The Life," II, p. $\overline{539}$.

B <u>TPYL</u> 381.3b.

Yen 15.7b-8a. Sun 10b (commentary).

Someone said, "Ch'en P'ing's [method of] raising the siege of Emperor Kao at P'ing-ch'eng remained hidden and was not spread about. Can you understand it?"

I said, "Ch'en P'ing won over the consort with the statement that the Han had marvelous women whose beauty was beyond compare in the entire world. He told her that the Emperor had sent messengers who were to rush back with the [women]; that the Emperor intended to offer them to the shan-yü; and that when the <a href="mailto:shan-yü saw these women, he would certainly love them. Then the consort spoke to the shan-yü and Emperor Kao was spared."

This text was analyzed in P. Pelliot, "Notes sur quelques artistes des Six dynasties et des T'ang," pp. 216-17 and note 3.

C Pai K'ung liu t'ieh 21.8a. Yen 15.7b-8a. Sun 10a. (commentary).

Besieged at P'ing-ch'eng, the Eminent Founder won over the [shan-yü's] consort by saying that the Han had beautiful women who were beyond compare in the entire world; that he was hurriedly offering them to the shan-yü; and that the shan-yü would surely love them deeply and his favor towards the consort would decline. This is called "a marvelous escape plan."

D IWLC 18.4a.

Yen 15.7b-8a. Sun 10b. (commentary).

Ch'en P'ing persuaded the shan-yü's consort by saying that the Han had excellent and beautiful women whose appearance was beyond compare in the entire world; that as soon as they were rushed over, they would be

offered to the $\underline{\text{shan-yu}};$ and that on seeing them, the $\underline{\text{shan-yu}}$ would surely love them deeply and neglect the consort.

NOTES: CHAPTER 14

- 2. The term tzu ("to spur") is given by the Ssu shih edition of the Shi chi (Shanghai, 1935, p. 352-53) and was adopted by both Yen and Sun. Takigawa Kametaro's edition, Shih chi hui-chu k'ao-cheng, has shih which Dubs (see note l above) translates as "she mixed [in the affairs]."
- P'ei Yin, the author of the Chi-chieh commentary, 3. adds that, in essence, Huan T'an's account agrees with Ying Shao's account in his Han shu yin-i; P'ei is not sure whether Ying Shao based his account entirely on Huan T'an or whether he also used other sources. Ying Shao's text is quoted by Yen Shih-ku in Han shu 1B, p. 77, and differs in some important details from Huan T'an's account. Ying Shao says, "Ch'en P'ing arranged to have some portraits of beautiful women painted and sent someone to give one to the [shan-yü's] consort. The man said, 'The Han have beautiful ladies like this. Now the Emperor, being besieged and in difficulty, intends to offer these [pictures to ten shan-yü].' The consort was afraid of losing favor, so she said to the shan-yü, 'The Han Son of Heaven also had his divinities and spirits. It would be absolutely impossible to get his territory.' Then the Hsiung-nu opened one corner, through which he could escape." Yen Shih-ku adds, "Ying Shao's explanation is based on Huan T'an's Hsin-lun. Apparently Huan T'an came to this conclusion on his own; the facts may well have been like that. This explanation is not found in the basic annals or in the memoirs."

We see that Huan T'an's account agrees with Ying Shao's in that it stresses the physical attractions of the Chinese women, but they disagree on which method was used to frighten the jealous wife of the barbarian chieftain with their attractions. Huan T'an simply says that the description was given verbally, while Ying Shao suggests that portraits were used.

Through this we may see how history is transformed into fiction: 1) Shih chi 8, p. 73 ("The Basic Annals of Emperor Kao") says only that the Hsiung-nu besieged the Emperor for seven days before retiring. (Chavannes, MH II, p. 390). 2) Shih chi 56, p. 14 ("The Hereditary House of Chancellor Ch'en") adds that "the exact plan used was secret, so no one today knows just what happened." (Watson, Records I, p. 161).
3) Shih chi 110, pp. 26-27 ("Memoir on the Hsiung-nu") gives a detailed account of the P'ing-ch'eng siege but says that the Emperor was saved because he sent a messenger bearing generous gifts to the consort. (Watson, Records II, pp. 165-66). Therefore, the tale of Ch'en P'ing's ruse can be found only in his own biography, which is hardly surprising. The ruse aroused interest among the literati, including Liu Hsin and Huan T'an. Huan tried, as was his wont, to reduce the inexplicable element, suggesting a deliberate misrepresentation made to the shan-yu's consort. However, because of Ying Shao's account, which has erroneously been associated with Huan T'an, it came to be believed that the first Chinese portrait was painted about this time, in 201 B.C. This theory has been refuted by P. Pelliot, "Notes sur quelques artistes des Six dynasties et des T'ang," pp. 213-18. Pelliot (on pp. 216-17) also analyzed the short version of Huan T'an's text found at TPYL 381.3b (159B). More recently, Max Loehr has discussed the early development of portraiture in general in "The Beginnings of Portrait Painting in China," pp. 210-14.

Chapter 15. Mourning for Friends

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The Chi-chieh commentary to Shih chi 83, p. 21.

Yen 15.8a. Sun 10b.

In his well-known letter from prison, written to King Hsiao of Liang, 1 which has also been included in the Wen hsüan (33:3), Tsou Yang mentions a proverb: "'Sometimes people who have lived together until their hair is white regard each other as new acquaintances, while those who meet on the road, halting their carriages, speak under inclined canopies and regard each other as old friends.' These words mean that it all depends on whether there is a basis within for mutual understanding. It does not matter whether the acquaintance is new or old."

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Li Hsien's commentary to Hou Han shu 1A, p. 5.

Yen 15.8a. Sun 12a.

Chuang Yu's style name was Po-shih.

Previous translation and explanation: H. Bielenstein, "The Restoration of the Han Dynasty," p. 112, note 1.

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<u>TPYL</u> 614.4a. <u>PTSC</u> 101.1a. 4 Yen 15.8a. Sun 15b.

Kao Chün-meng⁵ had a broad knowledge of the laws and regulations. He often bent over his desk writing texts. The Office of Gentlemen in Charge of Writings took pity on his advanced age and wished to do this for him. But he refused, saying, "By writing it myself I shall pay for the pain of having to proofread it ten times over."

A Li Hsien's commentary to <u>Hou Han shu</u> 59, pp. 2057-58. Hu San-hsing's commentary to <u>Tzu-chih t'ung-chien</u> 38, Han 30, pp. 1216-17.

Yen 15.8a-b. Sun 12a.

Yang Hsiung wrote the Classic on Mystery, believing that Heaven as well as the Way, were the Mystery. He said that the laws established by the sages and worthies, and the affairs which they administered, all take Heaven and the Way as their true clue and, accordingly, embrace under them all species, kingly government, human affairs, and laws and systems. Therefore, Fu Hsi calls it 'Change,'8 Lao Tzu calls it 'the Way,' Confucius calls it 'Origin,'9 and Yang Hsiung calls it 'Mystery." The Classic on Mystery consists of three chapters which record the Way of Heaven, of Earth and of Man. Three Substances are established—upper, middle and lower—similar to the Three Classes presented in "The Tribute of Yü."10

Three times three makes nine, and nine times nine makes eighty-one. Therefore, [the <u>Classic</u>] has eighty-one diagrams. It uses [the number] four to count [the lines of the diagrams], ll beginning with one and going up to four. [The diagrams] are repeated, connected, changed and alternated. In the end, when there are eighty-one, a new round follows. Nothing may be subtracted or added. For sorting out, thirty-fivel2 divining stalks of milfoil are used. The <u>Classic on Mystery</u> consists of more than five thousand words of text and twelvel3 chapters of commentary.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 545-46.

B Wang Ying-lin, <u>K'un-hsüeh chi-wen</u> 9.13a.

Yen 15.8a-b. Sun 12a (commentary).

Lao Tzu calls it 'Mystery;' Yang Tzu calls it 'Great Mystery.'

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A <u>Han shu</u> 87B, p. 5136.

Yen 15.8b.

At that time, the Grand Minister of Works, Wang I and the Communicator Yen Yul4 heard that Yang Hsiung had died. They said to Huan T'an, "You have always praised the writings of Yang Hsiung. Will they be sent down to future generations?"

Huan T'an said, "They will surely be sent down, but you and I shall not see it.15 People despise what is near and admire what is far.16 They saw for themselves Yang Tzu-yün's salary, position and appearance, none of which could move the people, so they scorned his writings."

Previous translation: Forke, <u>Geschichte der mittel</u>-alterlichen chinesischen Philosophie, pp. 81-82.

B TPYL 432.6b.

Yen 15.8b.

Someone 17 asked, "What kind of man was Yang Tzu-yün?"

My answer was, "He was gifted, wise, and possessed an open and penetrating mind. He could attain the Way of the sages. Since the founding of the Han dynasty, there has been no one like him."

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 551-52.

C TPYL 602.2a.

Yen 15.8b. Sun 21b. 18

Yang Tzu-yūn's brilliance, reputation and prominence surpassed that of the multitude. Since the founding of the Han dynasty there has been no one like him.

The State Master Liu Tzu-chü said, "What do you mean by these words?"

Huan T'an replied, "There are hundreds of people who had all-encompassing talents and were authors of works; only the Grand Historian [Ssu-ma Ch'ien] has

written a very great book. As for the rest, theirs are but small and fragmentary disquisitions,19 which cannot be compared with the Model Sayings and the Great Mystery20 created by Yang Tzu-yün. People admire what they hear and despise what they see; therefore, they underrate and slight these works. If the Great Mystery should be met by an Emperor who would take an interest in affairs, he would surely rank it next to the Five Classics."

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 551-52.

D <u>Lun-heng</u> 13:39, p. 608. Yen 15.8b.

Wang Kung-tzu²¹ asked Huan Chün-shan about Yang Tzu-yün. Chün-shan replied, "Since the founding of the Han dynasty there has been no one like him."

Previous translations: Forke, <u>Lun-heng</u> II, pp. 297-98; Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 551.

E Liu Chih-chi, Shih t'ung 10:36, p. 15a. 22

Yen 15.8b.

In the past, when Yang Hsiung's <u>Classic on</u>

Mystery was completed, Huan T'an believed that, even though it was despised by Yang's contemporaries, nevertheless, "after several hundred years this book will certainly be sent down [to later generations]."23

Previous translation: Byongik, "Zur Wertheorie in der chinesischen Historiographie auf Grund des Shih-T'ung des Liu Chih-Chi (661-721)," Oriens Extremus, Vol. 4 (1957), p. 132.

F Commentary to Wen hsüan 3.1b. Yen 15.8b. Sun 12b.

Today everyone reveres the ancient past and scorns present times, admires what he hears and despises what he sees.

G Commentary to Wen hsüan 47.43a.

Yen 15.8b.²⁴ Sun 14b.

Lao Tzu's heart is mysterious and remote, but it is in harmony with the Way.

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Shih Nung. 25

Yen 15.8b.

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Lin Pao, <u>Yüan-ho hsing tsuan</u>, p. 130. Shih Nung.²⁵

Yen 15.8a. Sun, preface 4a.

An intelligent man, acting in accordance with the rites proper to a son. 26

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A TPYL 619.6a.

Yen 15.9a. Sun 23b.

Liang Tzu-ch'u and Yang Tzu-lin, who held with me the office of a Gentleman, liked to study. They wrote some ten thousand scrolls until their heads turned white. They once sent me some hundred items which they could not understand.27 When I looked at their problems, I could generally understand them.

B Wang Ying-lin, <u>K'un-hsüeh chi-wen</u> 8.36a-b.

Sun, preface 4b.

[In the distant past, before books were printed from wooden blocks, those who liked to study suffered from the lack of books. Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u> mentions] Liang Tzu-ch'u and Yang Tzu-lin, who wrote ten thousand scrolls before their heads turned white.²⁸

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PTSC 68.4a-b.

Yen 15.9a. Sun 15a.²⁹

Chou Hu, the grandson of Chou Chih of Mou-ling, did not write rhyme-prose, odes or complimentary pieces. When he became a Department Head in the Grand Ministry Over the Masses, he was in charge of a multitude of affairs and responsible for establishing the meaning of the texts. 30

NOTES: CHAPTER 15

- 1. See, for example, Y. Hervouet, <u>Un poète de cour sous les Han</u>, p. 33. The letter has been translated by E. von Zach, <u>Die Chinesische Anthologie</u> II, pp. 722-27.
- 2. The term ch'ing-kai ("inclined canopies") occurs in K'ung-tzu chia-yü II, 8b, which is translated by R. P. Kramers as follows: "When Confucius went to T'an, he met Master Ch'eng on the way. Under the inclined canopies [of their carriages], they conversed the whole day very affectionately" (cf. K'ung-tzu chia-yü, pp. 237 and 333, for an explanation). It is not clear whether Tso Yang was alluding to the tradition used by the K'ung-tzu chia-yü.
- 3. Because Chuang was the taboo personal name of Emperor Ming, Wang Mang's general Chuang Yu is given as "Yen Yu" in <u>Hou Han shu</u> and other sources of that time. P. Pelliot studied the possible semantic relationship between the two words <u>chuang</u> and <u>yen</u> in a note in JA, Vol. 20 (1912), p. 168.
- 4. PTSC 101.1a has the same text as TPYL 614.4a, but it does not include the quote in the last sentence of the fragment.
- 5. This man cannot be identified, but the style name Chün-meng was quite common during the Former Han period. Sun gives only Kao Chün. Apparently Kao Chünmeng was a frustrated official with literary ambitions.
- 6. This is the biography of the famous astronomer Chang Heng. Li Hsien says that Chang Heng greatly admired Yang Hsiung's T'ai hsüan ching.
- 7. This should read "Yang Tzu-yün."
- 8. This statement reflects the theory that Fu-hsi was the author of the <u>Book of Changes</u>.
- 9. This statement reflects the theory that Confucius was the author of the Ch'un-ch'iu. The first word of the Ch'un-ch'iu is yūan 方, which could mean "origin" or "first" as in "first year" (yūan nien 方 千). There has been much speculation about its meaning; see J. Legge, The Ch'un Ts'ew, pp. 1 and 4. Tung Chung-shu, of course, did not ignore this problem;

- see O. Franke, Studien zur Geschichte, p. 301, note 1. Even Wang Ch'ung mentions the yuan principle of the Ch'un-ch'iu, associating it with Yang Hsiung's T'ai-hsuan; see Lun-heng 29:84, p. 1174 (with the detailed explanation by Huang Hui), and Forke, I, p. 88. During the Han period, the term yuan also played a certain role in calendrical computations, denoting an epochal cycle of 4617 years; see Sivin, "Cosmos and Computation in Early Chinese Mathematical Astronomy," p. 15.
- 10. These three classes of tribute were gold, silver, and copper, according to the <u>Book of Documents</u> III:I:VII: 52; Legge, p. 115. For a detailed explanation, see <u>ibid</u>., pp. 110-11, sub. 44.
- ll. This may refer to the four categories of the T'ai-hsüan ching, which consists of three fang, nine chou, twenty-seven pu, and eighty-one chia, or, according to Huan T'an, it may refer to four multiplications by 3, which total 81 (i.e., 1x3=3, 3x3=9, 9x3=27, 27x3=81). There are also 729 tsan in the T'ai-hsüan ching (729= 3^6).
- 12. The commentator Liu Pin (1022-1088) is quoted in the commentary to the <u>Tzu-chih t'ung-chien</u> 38 (5th year <u>t'ien feng</u>, p. 1217) as saying that there should be thirty-six stalks. The <u>T'ai-hsüan ching</u> itself sets the number at thirty-six, which is a multiple of the principal numbers three and four, (4x9-36, or 22x32-36).
- 13. Yen gives "thirteen chapters" instead of "twelve."
- 14. Yen Yu is really Chuang. See fragment 161, note 3.
- 15. Forke (Geschichte der mittelälterlichen chinesischen Philosophie, p. 81) believes that Huan T'an's statement ends here and that the remaining sentences express the ideas of the author of the Han Shu. But, see note 16 below, which indicates why I believe that the remaining sentences should also be attributed to Huan T'an.
- 16. Huan T'an's memorial to Emperor Kuang-wu expresses similar sentiments: "It is the character of all men to disregard the facts before their eyes and to value strange things learned from rumor;" see Hou Han shu 28A, p. 1015, and Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 29. See also fragment 164C and F.

- 17. Yen, apparently following 164D, adds the name of Wang Kung-tzu or Wang I. See also note 21 below.
- 18. Sun's quotation omits the introduction and begins with Liu Hsin's question.
- 19. P. Pelliot has carefully explained the meaning of ts'ui-ts'an (here translated as "small and fragmentary") in "Meou-tseu ou les doutes levés," p. 412, note 376.
- 20. Both Yen and Sun add ching ("classic"), which would make the title of Yang's work the Classic of Great Mystery.
- 21. Wang Kung-tzu is Wang I, the Grand Minister of Works; (see fragment 164A). Sun I-jang (quoted by Huang Hui, and by Liu P'an-sui, Lun-heng chi-chieh, p. 282) believes that Wang Kung (£) refers to Wang Mang and that the character tzu (f) is superfluous. Sun says, "Huan T'an served Wang Mang as an official. Therefore, the Hsin-lun often calls Wang Mang by the name Wang Weng (f) "venerable old Wang"). This Sir Wang (or Wang Kung f) is the same man as the 'venerable old Wang.' When the TPYL [432.6b; fragment 164B] quotes the Hsin-lun, it does not say who [see note 17 above] asked [about Yang Hsiung]. Thus, it is possible to correct the omission." Neither of the two modern editors of the Lun-heng, Huang Hui or Liu P'ansui, follow Sun I-jang's suggestion that it was Wang Mang who had this discussion with Huan T'an.
- 22. Chapter "Tzu-hsü" of the Shih t'ung is autobiographical. Liu Chih-chi says, "My talent is lower [than that of Yang Hsiung], but my bearing is like that of this earlier wise man. I recorded it in my heart and thus consoled myself. But, I fear that there is one point in which I differ from Yang Hsiung. Why?"
- 23. Liu Chih-chi continues, "Later Chang Heng and Lu Chi did indeed hold that it was incomparable, attaining [the level of the works of] the sages."
- 24. Properly speaking, fragment 164F does not fit the context of the other versions of the fragment. Yen says that he included it in fragment 164 because <u>Han shu</u> 87B (p. 5136; fragment 164A) mentions Lao Tzu. Of course, these are the words of Pan Ku; even Yen does not attribute them to Huan T'an.

- 25. The text has: "In Ch'i there was a worthy man, Shih Tzu, who wrote a book. See Mencius. Hsin-lun has Shih Nung." For Shih Tzu, see Mencius II:I $\overline{1}$:X: $\overline{3}$ - $\overline{5}$; Legge, pp. 226-27. In view of the following fragment, the Hsin-lun which is referred to is Huan T'an's.
- 26. This apparently refers to Shih Nung. The text quotes from Huan T'an's $\frac{\text{Hsin-lun}}{25}$. See also the foregoing fragment and note $\frac{1}{25}$.
- 27. Instead of <u>ch'ang</u> ("once"), both Yen and Sun have <u>ch'ang</u> 常 ("often").
- 28. This may mean that Liang and Yang spent a great deal of time copying out their own works.
- 29. Sun has a shorter version: "Chou Chih of Mouling."
- 30. Yen's word-order differs somewhat from that given in the text.

Chapter 16. The Way of the Zither

There are two or three different translations of the name of the musical instrument ching: it has been called a lute, a harp and a zither. R. H. van Gulik used the term "lute</br>," as can be seen from the title of his book devoted to the <a href="ching: ching: c

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Al I lin 3.10b.

Yen 15.9a. Sun 8b.

Shen Nung succeeded Fu Hsi as ruler of the Em-He made a ch'in from the wood of the t'ung tree. It was three ch'ih, six ts'un and six fen long, symbolizing the number of days in a full year. It was one eight-[tenths] ts'un thick, symbolizing the multiple of three and six. Above, it was circular and gathered in, following the model of Heaven; below, it was square and flat, following the model of earth. Above, it was broad, while below, it was narrow, following the model of the rituals² between superiors and inferiors. Ch'in means "to restrain." The sages and worthies of the ancient past played the zither to cultivate their hearts. In adversity, they would devote themselves to perfecting their own persons and would not lose their principles; therefore, a composition for [the zither] was called a ts'ao ["principle"].4 In success, they would devote themselves to perfecting the Empire, so that there would be nothing that would not reach and penetrate; therefore, a composition for the zither is called a ch'ang ("penetration"). The "Yao ch'ang" has been lost and is no longer preserved. The "Shun ts'ao" sounds clear and subtle. The "Viscount of Wei ts'ao" sounds clear and pure. The "Chi-tzu ts'ao" sounds pure and overflowing. 7

A2 TPYL 596.6b. Ch'u-hsüeh chi 16.4b.

Yen 15.9a. Sun 3b.

Shen Nung succeeded Fu Hsi as ruler of the Empire. Above, he looked for a model in Heaven; below, he took his model from the earth. From near, he took [his model] from his own person; from far, he took it from all beings. Then, for the first time, he made a ch'in of wood cut from the t'ung tree. He tied silk to create a string, thus attaining communion with Divine Virtue, and concord with the harmony of Heaven and earth.

Variations of this paragraph may be found in <u>IWLC</u> 44.2b-3a; <u>TPYL</u> 814.3a; Chang Ch'iao's commentary to Fu I's <u>Ch'in fu in Ku-wen yuan</u> 21, pp. 451-52; commentary to <u>Wen hsuan</u>, 13.19a and 28.28a; <u>TPYL</u> 956.6a; and <u>IWLC</u> 88.35a.

B Commentary to Wen hsüan 34.5a. Yen 15.9a. Sun 3a.

The decoration on the <u>ch'in</u> is forty-five <u>fen</u> long; 8 its length before the decoration is eight <u>fen</u>.

C TPYL 579.5b. Ch'u-hsüeh chi 16.4b.

Yen 15.9b. Sun 4b.

Shen Nung made a seven-stringed ch'in, which was sufficient to bring him into communion with the ten thousand beings, and [to allow him] to scrutinize and order chaos.

Dl TPYL 579.5b. Ch'u-hsüeh chi 16.4a.

Yen 15.9b. Sun 3b.

Among the eight sounds, 9 that of silk 10 [i.e., strings] is the finest; and [among silk instruments] the <u>ch'in</u> is supreme.

D2 Commentary to <u>Wen hsuan</u>, quoting Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u>.

Yen 15.9b. Sun 3a.

The eight sounds are broad and extensive. The virtue of the ch'in is most abundant.

E Ku Yeh-wang, <u>Yü p'ien</u> 16, p. 60, 2.

Yen 15.9b. Sun 3a.

[The <u>ch'in</u>] was created by Shen Nung. The meaning of <u>ch'in</u> is "to restrain." The superior man keeps to it in order to restrain himself.

F Commentary to Wen_hsüan_18.7b. Yen 15.9b. Sun 3a.

On [the composition of] the "Shun ts'ao:"
Shun's saintly virtue was mysterious and remote.ll
Then he rose to become the Son of Heaven. He sighed,
longing for his parents, [and thought that] the exalted
position of Lord on High was not worth keeping. He
drew forth his ch'in and composed the ts'ao.

Gl PTSC 109.5b.

Yen 15.9b. Sun 3b.

On [the composition of] the "Yü ts'ao:" In the past, in the Hsia period, there was a flood which surrounded the mountains and immersed the hills. Then Yü drew forth his ch'in and made a ts'ao. Its sound was clear and, at the same time, narrow,12 flowing like a small stream that wished to become a deep river.

G2 Commentary to Wen hsüan 12.1b. Sun 3b (commentary)

In the time of $Y\ddot{u}$ of the Hsia dynasty, the waters of this flood were singing.

Hl TPYL 916.9b. Commentary to Wen hsüan 18.6b.

Yen 15.9b. Sun 3a.

On [the composition of] the "Viscount of Weits'ao:" The Viscount of Weimourned the imminent end

of the Yin dynasty, but nothing could be done. Seeing the wild swans flying on high, he drew forth his ch'in and composed a ts'ao. Its music was clear and pure. 13

H2 Commentary to Wen hsüan 18.7a. Yen 15.9b (commentary). Sun 3a.

His performance was like the cry of a wailing wild $\operatorname{goose.}^{14}$

Il <u>TPYL</u> 84.5b.

Yen 15.9b-10a. Sun 4a-b.

On [the composition of] the "King Wen ts'ao:" In the time of King Wen, Chou Hsin was unprincipled. He melted metal and made a gridiron of and filled a pond with overflowing wine. The courtiers in the palace murdered one another until their bones and flesh became a mire. He had a jade room, as well as a jasper terrace. Many clouds appeared, shading the wind. The sound of his bells rose like thunder, shaking Heaven and earth.

King Wen himself abided by the laws and regulations, secretly practicing benevolence and righteousness. 18 He drew forth his $\underline{\text{ch'in}}$ and composed a $\underline{\text{ts'ao}}$. Therefore, its sound was tumultuous and agitated, with fearsome $\underline{\text{ch\"ueh}}$ notes and thunderous $\underline{\text{shang}}$ notes.

I2 PTSC 41.5b.

Yen 15.10a. Sun 4b (commentary).

Chou Hsin melted metal into a gridiron; he made a pond of overflowing wine. Bones and flesh became a mire.

Jl Commentary to Wen hsüan 11.5b-6a.

Yen 15.9b. Sun 2b.

Ch'in: There is the "ts'ao" ["principle of playing the ch'in"] of Po I. When he encountered an unusual situation, he devoted himself exclusively to perfecting his own person; therefore, [his playing of the ch'in] was called a ts'ao [or "principle"].

J2 Commentary to Wen hsüan 16.4b. (Sun 2b, commentary).

J3 Commentary to Wen hsüan 17.7a. Yen 15.10a (commentary).

Sun 2b (commentary).

Chin: There is the "Po I ts'ao."

J4 Commentary to Wen hsüan 18.2b. Yen 15.10a (commentary).
Sun 2b.

The "Po I $\underline{\text{ts'ao}}$ " is like the cry of a wild goose.20

K Commentary to Tu Yu's T'ung-tien 144.7b.

Yen 15.9a-b. Sun 3b.

The five strings: the first string is called the <u>kung</u> tone and thereafter follow the <u>shang</u>, <u>chüeh</u>, <u>chih</u>, and <u>yü</u> [strings]. Kings Wen and Wu each added one string to make the "smaller <u>kung</u>" and the "smaller <u>shang</u>" [strings].21

L Commentary to Wen hsüan 18.3b. Yen 15.9b. Sun 2b.

The lower chih: 22 The seven strings gather together this pivot of all things]. 23

M Commentary to Wen hsüan 18.10b. Yen 15.9b. Sun 3a.

[When the zither is] loud, it is not noisy, clamorous or reckless. 24 [When the zither is] soft, it does not sink and become inaudible. 25

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Li Hsien's commentary to <u>Hou Han shu</u> 36, pp. 1306-1307.²⁶ Yen 15.10a. Sun 4a.

Master K'uang of Chin was an expert in the study of tones. Duke Ling of Wei was about to visit Chin. At night he lodged on the shore of the river P'u, and during the night he heard some new music. He summoned Master Chüan and told him, "Listen to this and write it down for me."

[Master Chüan] replied, "I have it."

Afterwards they went to Chin, where Duke P'ing of Chin entertained them. When they became drunk with wine, Duke Ling said, "I have some new music which I would like to have performed before you." Then he ordered Master Chüan to play the ch'in. But before the end [of the performance], Master K'uang halted it, saying, "This is the music of a destroyed country."27

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A P'ei Sung-chih's commentary to <u>San-kuo chih</u>, Shu chih 12.17a-b. Yen 15.10a-lla. Sun la-2b.

Yung-men Chou, [summoned] because of his [skill in playing] the <u>ch'in</u>, paid a visit to the Lord of Meng-ch'ang, 28 who said, "Sir, you can play the <u>ch'in</u>. Can you also make me sad?" 29

"[You ask me]," Chou replied, "whom I can make sad. There are those who were at first exalted and later humbled; who were once rich and now are poor; and who, rejected and oppressed, dwell in poor alleys and have no intercourse with their neighbors. These cannot compare with those whose person and talents are noble and beautiful, who carry substance in their heart and embrace the truth, but who meet with slander and encounter calumny, and who are enmeshed by ill-feeling and cannot win trust. These cannot compare with those who love but, without a quarrel, are parted from their loved ones during their life; and who must leave for some distant and remote land, not knowing when they will see their loved ones again. These cannot compare with

those who, when young have no father or mother, who, full-grown, have no wife nor child, who, going out, are neighbor to the wild marsh and, coming in, dwell in a hole dug in the ground, and who are in want by day and by night and cannot borrow. Men such as these need only hear the cry of a flying bird or the sighing of the autumn wind through the branches to become sorrowful. As soon I draw forth my lute for them, they will heave long sighs and, without exception, grieve and weep.

"But you, Sir, live at present in large mansions and high halls, in inner rooms reached by doors leading to doors. Curtains are dropped; fresh breezes enter. Singers and performers stand before you. Flatterers and sycophants serve at your side. Musicians strike up dances from Ch'u. Concubines from Cheng sing songs to beguile your ears, while their practiced charms seduce your eyes. Playing on the water, you sail in dragon boats with feather banners hoisted. You drum and fish in fathomless pools. Or Roving in the wilderness, you climb above the plains and race in vast parks. Strong cross-bows bring down birds from on high. Valiant men roast wild game. Wine is served and you amuse yourself. You are drunk and forget to come home. At such a time you value Heaven and earth less than your finger. Even someone who is skilled at playing the zither could not move Your Highness."

The Lord of Meng-ch'ang replied, "It is indeed so." 34

Yung-men Chou said, "But I have observed, Sir, that there is a reason why you are incessantly sad. Sir, you are the man who fights for the position of Emperor and who has frustrated Ch'in. You are the one who aligned the Five Kingdoms to attack Ch'u, so the Empire is never at peace. There is [always] either a vertical or a horizontal alliance. If the vertical alliance succeeds, Ch'u will become King; if the horizontal alliance succeeds, Ch'in will be Emperor. Should the strength of Ch'in and Ch'u be used as a retribution against your weak Hsieh, it would be like grinding a billhook to attack the morning mushroom. 35 Among informed gentlemen, there are none who do not shiver on Your Highness' account.

"Constant prosperity is not the Way of Heaven. Cold and heat advance and retreat. One thousand autumns and ten thousand years from now, the spirits in your

ancestral temple will no longer be offered sacrifices. High towers will tumble down and curbed lakes fill up. Wild thorns will grow on your grave, 36 and foxes and wild cats will build their lairs there. Wandering children and herd-boys will shuffle their feet and sing on your grave. Is not the honor and dignity of the Lord of Meng-ch'ang also like this?"

Thereupon, the Lord of Meng-ch'ang heaved a long sigh. Tears came to his eyes but he did not weep. Yungmen Chou drew forth his <u>ch'in</u> and played it gently. He plucked the <u>kung</u> and <u>chih</u> tones and struck the <u>chüeh</u> and <u>yü</u> tones until a song was made. Sighing and sobbing, the Lord of Meng-ch'ang listened and said, "Master, when you play the <u>ch'in</u>, you instantly turn me into a man whose country has been destroyed."

B Li Shan's commentary to <u>Wen hsuan</u> quotes thirteen times from fragment 171A, with some unimportant textual variants. Yen gives these textual variations in his "complete" text, so I will merely list here those places in the commentary where they can be found. They are, in order of decreasing length: 46.1b, 23.22b, 41.1b, 39.32a, 37.3a, 21.25b, 18.32a, 30.28a, 43.24b, 60.29b, 35.26a, 42.13a, 31.4b, and 28.1b.

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A TPYL 248.7b.

Yen 15.11a-b.

Under Emperor Hsuan, during the <u>yuan-k'ang</u> and <u>shen-chueh</u> periods, 37 the Lieutenant Chancellor reported the names of those who could play court music on the <u>ch'in</u> and <u>se</u>. Chao Ting from Po-hai and Lung Te from the Kingdom of Liang were summoned to the Wen-shih Hall and appointed Gentlemen-in-Attendance.

B PTSC 71.3a.

Yen 15.11a-b.

Under Emperor Hsüan, during the <u>yüan-k'ang</u> and <u>shen-chüeh</u> periods, Chao Ting from Po-hai and Lung Te from the Kingdom of Liang were summoned to the Wen-shih Hall and appointed Gentlemen-in-Attendance. Both were familiar with books on the ch'in.

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Commentary to Wen hsüan 24.4b. Yen 15.11b. Sun 14a.

Among those instrumentalists ³⁸ at the Yellow Gates who were skilled at playing the ch'in, Jen Chench'ing and Yü Ch'ang-ch'ien could teach the number of intervals. Their excellent songs were tunes handed down from the ancient past.

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TPYL 581.5a.

Yen 15.11b. Sun 4b.

Ch'eng Shao-po, an instrumentalist, piped on the yü.39 When he saw Chang Tzu-hsia, the Marquis of An-ch'ang,40 playing the ch'in, he told him, "As far as musical tones41 are concerned, if you are not familiar with over a thousand songs, you cannot be considered an expert."

NOTES: CHAPTER 16

- 1. One ch'in consists of ten ts'un, or one hundred fen; the ch'in was 366 fen long, and 366 is the number of days in a leap year. A "Ch'in ts'ao" (composed, perhaps, by Ts'ai Yung), quoted in Ch'u-hsüeh chi 16.1a, asserts that it was Fu Hsi, rather than Shen Nung, who invented the ch'in. Nevertheless, Hsü Chien's appended commentary says that Shih pen, Shuo wen and Huan T'an's Hsin-lun all agree in giving the credit to Shen Nung.
- 2. Sun gives <u>t'i</u> 體 ("form"), instead of <u>li</u> 禮 ("rituals").
- The editors of \underline{I} lin found the character chin illegible, but it is clear in fragment 169E.
- 4. Ts'ao or "principle." The bibliographical chapters of the T'ang dynastic histories call Huan T'an's study on the ch'in, "Ch'in ts'ao," instead of the original "Ch'in tao;" see T'ang shu ching-chi i-wen ho chih, p. 31. Ts'ai Yung's work on the same theme is called Ch'in ts'ao. Semantically, there is no great difference between the meanings of tao ("way") and ts'ao. Tung-ch'ang if ("reach and penetrate") indicates that everything will, unimpeded, attain self-fulfillment.
- 5. This sentence is quoted in the commentary to Wen hsüan 18.6b.
- The commentary to Wen hsuan 18.6b has Yao ch'ang i ("The 'Yao ch'ang' is lost"). But Sun has yao ch'ang ching i ("the 'Yao ch'ang classic' is lost"). The word ch'ang, which is a musical term associated with the ch'in, has been analyzed by E. Chavannes in MH II, pp. 160-61, note 3. Chavannes shows that there are two different characters and the meaning of the first is "s'étendre, penétrer." Jao Tsung-i (in the study cited in note 29 to fragment 171A also interprets the term ch'ang (t'ung ch'ang the hand on the use of the ch'in during the Handynasty is that by Nakajima Chiaki, "Gakin no ongaku shisō ni tsuite."
- 7. 溢 ("overflowing"). Sun has <u>chi</u> 激 ("agi-tated").

- 8. One fen is 0.231 cm.
- 9. The "eight sounds" refers to the eight kinds of instruments, which are, respectively, made of silk, bamboo, metal, stone, wood, earthenware, leather, and gourd.
- 10. The text of the <u>Ch'u-hsüeh chi</u> 16.4a is somewhat different: "that of string [is most?]..."
- 11. PTSC 7.3a quotes this sentence from Huan-tzu.
- 12. The text has ai ("a pass," "narrow"), Sun has i ("growing"), and Yen has another i ("overflowing"). See note 7 above.
- 13. This last statement can also be found near the end of fragment 169Al. It is not included in the version found in the commentary to Wen hsüan 18.6b.
- 14. See fragment 169J4.
- 15. The story of Chou Hsin is told in <u>Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu</u> 23:4, p. 301; Wilhelm, p. 410. Apparently, accused men were forced to walk on the glowing gridiron and were burned by the coals when they fell, much to Chou Hsin's delight.
- 16. These precious stones, among others, are mentioned in <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u> 8, p. 118. Kao Yu, who has commented on both the <u>Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu</u> and the <u>Huai-nan-tzu</u>, believes that <u>hsüan</u> ("jade") and <u>yao</u> ("revolving") and <u>yao</u> ("swaying"), which would be translated as a "revolving room" and a "swaying terrace." His theory is corroborated by <u>Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu</u> (cf. note 15 above), which also mentions a leaning palace.
- 17. See <u>Li chi</u>, "Yüeh chi," XVII:III:15; Legge II, p. 120.
- 18. The fact that King Wen did this "himself" and "secretly" shows his integrity. His respect for law and his practice of benevolence were not a mere public display.
- 19. Compare fragments 169Jl and 2 with 169Al.
- 20. See 169H2.

- 21. Sun adds, "These explanations are not consistent. As for the original creator of the ch'in, some say it was Fu Hsi, while others say Shen Nung. None of the different authors' explanations can be verified." Sun thought the statements in fragment 169K are exclusively those of Huan T'an, but Yen correctly points out that the last part was added by Tu Yu. See also note 1 above.
- 22. The meaning of the phrase "the lower chih" is obscure.
- 23. Shu Yao ("pivot") is also the name of the North Star or Polar Star, which was believed to be the pivot of Heaven.
- 24. The term <u>liu-man</u> 流漫(or 慢) ("reckless") associated with the new music, is found in Hsün Tzu's treatise on music, 14:20:5, p. 253; Dubs, p. 251. See also <u>Shih chi</u> 87, p. 32; Bodde, <u>China's First Unifier</u>, pp. 41-42.
- 25. This passage may explain fragment 169D1, which asserts that the <u>ch'in</u> is supreme among stringed instruments.
- 26. This commentary from the <u>Hsin-lun</u> is appended to the <u>Hou Han Shu</u>'s account of Fan Sheng's fervent refusal to acknowledge the <u>Tso chuan</u> as a Classic.
- 27. This is a short version of a well-known story related in Shih chi 24, pp. 72-74; Chavannes, MH III, pp. 287-88. Gimm (Das Yüeh-fu, pp 96-101) discusses it in great detail.
- 28. The Lord of Meng-ch'ang was T'ien Wen. A more elaborate version of this story can be found in Shuo yüan 11.8a-lla.
- 29. Jao Tsung-yi has made two studies which shed light on this text: "The Relation between Principles of Literary Criticisms in the Wei and Tsin Dynasties and Music--Illustration of Literature through Music," and "Lu Chi Wen-fu li-lun yü yin-yüeh chih kuan-hsi." The principle of sadness is mentioned by Lu Chi in \$87 of his Wen fu; A. Fang, "Rhyme-prose on Literature," p. 541.
- 30. Shuo yuan 11.10a has, "...you drum and pipe in fathomless pools."

- 31. This refers to hunting, as Shuo yüan, ibid., makes clear.
- 32. The term ko 格 ("roast") is explained in Lü-shih ch'un-ch'iu 23:4, p. 301; Wilhelm, p. 410. A slightly different explanation is given by Yen Shih-ku in his commentary to Han shu 85, p. 5001. See fragment 169I1, note 15.
- 73. This alludes to Mencius VI:I:XIV, 4-5, where Mencius explains that all the parts of the body must be properly nourished. In his translation, Legge (p. 417) says, "He who nourishes one of his fingers, neglecting his shoulders or his back, without knowing that he is doing so, is a man who resembles a hurried wolf. A man who only eats and drinks is counted mean by others—because he nourishes what is little to the neglect of what is great."
- 34. In Shuo yüan 11.1a, T'ien Wen totally rejects Yung-men Chou's conclusion.
- 75. This alludes to <u>Chuang-tzu</u> I:I:I:2; Legge, p. 166. <u>Chao-chün</u> 朝 (here translated as "morning mushroom") is also the name of an insect which, like the morning mushroom, lives only for a very short time.
- 36. For the thorns, <u>ching</u> and <u>chi</u>, see fragment 38, note 19.
- 37. The <u>yüan-k'ang</u> period was from 65 B.C. to 62 B.C., and the <u>shen-chüeh</u> period, from 61 B.C. to 58 B.C.
- 38. <u>Kung エ ("instrumentalists")</u>. Gimm (<u>Das Yüeh-fu</u>, p. 120, sub 426) translates <u>kung-jen エ人as "Instrumentalisten."</u> See also fragment 119, note 47.
- 39. Gimm (<u>Das Yüeh-fu</u>, pp. 126-27, sub 2-3) translates this as "Mundorgel."
- 40. Chang Tzu-hsia appears to be Chang Hung, who, according to <u>Han shu</u> 19B, p. 1329, was promoted to Colonel of the Elite Cavalry in 2 B.C., from the post of Grand Master of Ceremonies. His father, Chang Yü (died in 6 B.C.), was an expert on the <u>Book of the Changes</u> and was regarded as a connoisseur of music (Han shu 81, p. 4889).
- 41. Yin a (here translated as "musical tone"); for a more complete definition, see Gimm, Das Yüeh-fu, p. 550, sub 13.

Table I
Comparative Tables of the Fragments with the Editions
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14 15 16 17 18 19		13.4a 13.4a 13.4a 13.4a 13.4a 13.4a	9a 15a 15a 14a 14a 5a
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28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	,	13.5a-6a 13.6a 13.6a 13.6a	5b 5b
32 33 34	4	13.6b-7a 13.7a 13.7a	15b 15b
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Table II

Comparative Tables of the Fragments with the

Editions by Yen K'o-chun and Sun P'ing-i

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17a	13.8b	42B	
17a	13.8b	44	
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17b	13.5a	25A	
17b	15.2a	112B	
18a	15.2a	112A	
18a	13.2b	5	
18a	14.9b	93A	
18a	15.2b	117	
18a	14.5b	75	
	13.7b	36	
18b	15.4a	134	
18b-19a	15.2a-b	115B	
19b	15.2a	114A	
19b	15.4a	133	
19b	15.4b	136A	
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20b	15.5a	125	
20b-21a	14.9a	91	
21a	15.6b-7a	155	
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2la	<u>14.5</u> b	76	
21a	13.3a	10	
21b	15.8b	164B	
21b	15.8b	164C	
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21b	15.6b	153	
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22a	13.8b	43	
22b	13.8a-b	40	
22b	14.3a	56	
22b	14.11a	104	
23a	15.3a	122	
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New Fragments from the <u>Hsin-lun</u>
Not Included by Yen K'o-chün and Sun P'ing-i

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The Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu 明堂大道錄 includes three quotations from the Hsin-lun.

The authorship of this book has caused considerable debate, but I believe it is correctly attributed to Hui Tung (1697-1758 A.D.). This attribution is accepted, for instance, by Hummel's Eminent Chinese of the Ch'ing Period I, p. 358; and H. Maspero's study of the Hall of Light, "Le Ming-t'ang," p. 30, note 1. On p. 60, note 4, Maspero says that the work is by one Hui Tien. This appears to be a misprint; the work was published posthumously, and the references were not verified (p. 2, note 1).

W. E. Soothill, however, who based his book, The Hall of Light: A Study of Early Chinese Kingship, in large part on the Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu, believes that it "was composed by Hui Tung-hsia, who is identified somewhat imperfectly with the celebrated historical and astronomical writer, Hui Shih-ch'i of Kiangsu, A. D. 1670-1741." Hui Shih-ch'i was the father of Hui Tung, but Hummel (p. 357) does not give the style name "Tung-hsia" for either him or his son.

The Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu, which had become quite scarce (Soothill, p. 14), was later included in the well-known collection of reprints, Ts'ung-shu chi-ch'eng. This collection includes two other works on the same subject, the Ming-t'ang wen by Mao Ch'i-ling (1623-1716 A.D.), and the Ming-t'ang k'ao by an unknown author, probably of the Ch'ing dynasty, judging by his style of textual criticism. The Ssu-po ts'ung-k'an edition of the Ming-t'ang kao was reprinted from an earlier edition in the Wen-ching t'ang ts'ung-shu, which was edited, with the help of the famous scholar Sun Hsing-yen, by Sun P'ing-i, who also compiled Huan-tzu Hsin-lun. In an omission unusual for the Wen-ching t'ang ts'ung-shu, neither the author nor the editor of the Ming-t'ang k'ao is named, but Hsiao I-shan believes that it was in fact Sun P'ing-i who edited the text. 2 It is hard to believe that Sun, who, as the editor of

Ming-t'ang k'ao would be familiar with the quotations therein which are attributed to Huan T'an, would include in the Huan-tzu Hsin-lum only those quotations which could be verified in original sources.

Mao Ch'i-ling's Ming-t'ang wen, probably the oldest of the three works, is primarily a polemic against Cheng Hsüan and does not include any fragments from Huan T'an. This may be partially explained by Mao's failure to give much attention to the opinions of previous scholars, a fault for which he was chided by the reviewer of his book in Ssu-ku chüan-shu tsungmu t'i-yao I, p. 501. Mao even fails to refer to those fragments which had been incorporated into the Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu and Ming-t'ang k'ao. It should be pointed out that the authors of all these books suspected the reliability of the texts attributed to Huan T'an. 3

In fact, the contemporary historian Ku Chiehkang sharply criticized the Confucian literati, including the eminent scholar Juan Yüan (1768-1849 A.D.), for their uncritical and unhistorical acceptance of any information on the Ming-t'ang, which was not mentioned earlier than the Mencius. According to Ku Chieh-kang, traditional scholars tried to prove that many ancient buildings used for government and cultural purposes were in fact the famous Ming-t'ang, even if there was no historical support for their arguments. See his study, "Juan Yüan Ming-t'ang lun" (On Juan Yüan's Treatise "Ming-t'ang lun"), Kuo-li ti-i Chung-shan ta-hsüeh yü-yen li-shih yen-chiu-so chou-k'an (1930), pp. 4735-36.

A Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu 2, p. 45.

Shen Nung sacrificed in the Hall of Light, which had a roof but did not have the four directions. The Yellow Emperor's [Hall of Light was called] the "Joint Palace." Yao's was called the "Five Fu Store" [i.e., "houses"]. "Fu" means "to collect," so it is said that the spirits of the Five Emperors assembled there. The Shang people called the Great Apartment the "Two-storied House." The sons of the Shang, 5 Yü, and the Hsia eliminated some of the ornaments, but they added two eaves and four pillars. Therefore, the name ["Two-storied House"] was adopted.

B Ming-t'ang k'ao, p. 2.6

Shen Nung sacrificed in the Hall of Light which had a roof but did not have the four directions.

- C Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu 2, p. 51, and Ming-T'ang k'ao, p. 5,7 quote, essentially, sentences three and four of fragment 175A.
- D Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu 2, pp. 55-56, and Ming-t'ang k'ao, p. 7.8 quote, essentially, sentences five, six, and seven of fragment 175A.

E Ming-t'ang k'ao, p. 20.

Thus was created a hall with four sides, each of which followed its own color, imitating the model of the four directions.9

F <u>Ming-t'ang k'ao</u>, pp. 13 and 17, gives the two quotations on the nine chambers, thirty-six doors and seventy-two lattice windows which can be found in fragment 93D. The commentator of the <u>Ming-t'ang k'ao</u> points out that the <u>Po-hu t'ung</u> corroborates the information.

I have made no attempt to analyze the reliability of these quotations by comparing them with the large body of literature which discusses the Hall of Light. Such an analysis may be helpful for a history of the building, but it is not critical to a study of Huan T'an. Therefore, I will merely make a short summary of what has been said in the introduction and notes: Mao Ch'i-ling, apparently the first of the three authors, quotes nothing from Huan T'an. Hui Tung, who may have written the Ming-t'ang ta-tao lu, is puzzled by some of Huan T'an's information, while the unknown author of the Ming-t'ang k'ao is openly critical of it.

176-187

The following fragments 176-87 are taken from the Ch'i-kuo k'ao (Study of the Seven Kingdoms) by Tung

Yüeh (1620-1676 A.D.). 10 Fragment 176 has been discussed thoroughly in my study, "The Canon of Laws by Li K'uei."11 I have not translated three quotations on pp. 72, 233, and 275 of the Ch'i-kuo k'ao. The first of these is a short version of fragment 82D, while the other two are versions of fragment 40; see also, "The Canon," pp. 111-12.

In the above study, as well as in another article, 12 I have demonstrated the unreliability of fragment 176. I also suspect the authenticity of fragments 177-87, because they, too, are not corroborated by any fragment of Huan T'an's writings.

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Ch'i-kuo k'ao, pp. 366-67 (Chapter 12, "The Penal Law of Wei"). Source: Huan T'an, Hsin-shu.

Li K'uei, the tutor of Marquis Wen of Wei, wrote The Canon of Laws. As he felt that nothing was more urgent for a kingly government than [the problem of] robbers and bandits, his laws started with "Robbers" and "Bandits." Since robbers and bandits must be charged and arrested, he wrote two sections on "Imprisonment" and "Arrests." 13 He compiled [the regulations of such crimes] as "frivolity and craftiness," "crossing city walls," "gambling and wild games," 14 "dishonesty in borrowing and lending," "falling from purity" and "vile luxury," into one section, "Mixed Statutes." Moreover, in the "Criminal Statutes" he set forth [the rules for] the increase and diminishment [of punishment]. Hence, his writings amounted to a mere six sections in all.

Wei Yang 15 took these with him when he became Chancellor of Ch'in.16 Hence, the two states of Ch'in and Wei share the penetrating formulation and the great severity of their laws.

The Regular Statutes ¹⁷ say, roughly, "He who kills a man will be executed, and his horse and property will be confiscated; this punishment will also apply to the clan of his chief wife. If he kills two men, the forfeiture will also extend to the clan of his mother. Prominent robbers will be sent to the frontier to serve as sentries; repeaters will be executed. Spies in the palace will be punished by having their knee-cap cut

off, and those who pick up lost items will be punished by having their ribs cut, for such activities are said to indicate an intent to steal."

His Mixed Statutes say, roughly, "If a man has a chief wife and two concubines, his punishment will be the cutting of his flesh, 18 but the punishment for having two chief wives is execution. If a chief wife commits adultery, she will be banished to secluded quarters. 19 This is called 'prohibiting lewdness.'

"He who steals a [tiger] tally will be executed and his house and property confiscated. He who steals the great [official] seal will be executed. He who criticizes the laws and ordinances of the State will be executed; his house and his property will be confiscated and this forfeiture will extend to the clan of his chief wife. This is called 'prohibiting craftiness.' If a man crosses the city walls, he will be executed, but if more than ten men, do this, their villages and clans will be exterminated.²⁰ This is called 'prohibiting the crossing of the city walls.'

"Gambling and wild games bring a fine of three pinches21 of gold. If the Crown-Prince is guilty of this, he will be beaten with bamboo. If he does not desist, he will be subjected to a special beating with bamboo, and if he again refuses to desist, another will be installed as Prince. This is called 'prohibiting wanton]amusements.'

"If the [ruler's] many assistants do no work for a period of more than one day, they will be interrogated. [If they continue to do] nothing through a third, fourth or fifth day, they will be executed. This is called 'prohibiting idleness.' If the chancellor accepts a bribe of gold, all his close subordinates will be put to death.22 If officials [of ranks] lower than that of 'rhinoceros head' (or "general")23 accept bribes of gold, they will be executed. However, if they have accepted less than one i,24 they will merely be fined, not executed. This is called 'prohibiting the taking of gold.' If, in his houses, a high dignitary has more than one object [which is appropriate only for one of the rank] of marquis, he will be executed, along will all his relatives."

His Statutes on the Diminishment[of Punishment] say, roughly, "If the criminal is under fifteen years

of age, the high punishments shall be diminished by three degrees and the lower punishments by one degree. If he is over sixty years of age, the small punishments will be diminished according to the circumstances and the great ones according to the principles." Since [the reign of] Marquis Wu, this was observed as law.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Canon of Laws", pp. 101-102.

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Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 370 (Chapter 12, "The Penal Law of Wei"). Source: Huan T'an, Hsin-lun.

An ordinance of Wei: "Those who are unfilial or who do not show proper respect to their elder brothers will be banished to the Eastern Desert."

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Canon of Laws," p. 102.

178

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 347 (Chapter 12, "The Penal Law of Ch'in"). Source: Huan T'an.

When King Hui-wen of Ch'in cut open the stomach of worthy men, [his system of]penal law began to collapse.

179

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 354 (Chapter 12, "The Penal Law of Ch'in"). Source: Huan T'an.

The emphasis which the Ch'in dynasty placed on the law was even greater than the emphasis which the Three Dynasties placed on ritual and music.

180

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 357 (Chapter 12, "The Penal Law of

Ch'i"). Source: Huan T'an, Hsin-Lun.

King Hsüan of Ch'i implemented the law of the metal blade. 25

181

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 99 (Chapter 2, "The Economy of Wei").

Source: Huan-tze, Hsin-lun.

In Wei, during the sacrifices on the height in the third month, the agricultural official reads a rule which says, "If the edges²⁶ of the plough are incomplete, the hoe will not mire the way. All the spring fields are level, as if they were straight. The summer fields are [as irregular] as wild ducks. The autumn fields trouble [your heart], for the coming of thieves cannot be foreseen. When the best fields give the lowest yield the women are fined. When the worst field gives the highest yield, the women are rewarded."

182

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, pp. 192-93 (Chapter 5, "Place Names of Chao"). Source: Huan Tze, Hsin-lun.

When the King was crowned in Han-tan, [people bearing] presents came with empty hands.

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Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 192 (Chapter 5, "Place Names of Ch'u").

Source: Huan tze, Hsin-lun.

The King of Ying liked slender waists, and the people in the palace went hungry. $^{\mbox{27}}$

184

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 246 (Chapter 8, "Implements of Ch'u").

Source: Huan T'an, Hsin-Lun.

King Chuang had a carriage built with sharp points above and steep²⁸ points below. It was called "the carriage of Ch'u."

185

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 181 (Chapter 4, "The Palaces of Wei").

Source: Huan T'an.

The King of Wei built an azure fishpond.

186

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 214 (Chapter 6, "Social Customs of Chao"). Source: Huan T'an, Hsin-lun.

Roaming through Ta-ling, Marquis Hsiao rode out by the Deer Gate. Ta-wu Wu 29 held back his horse and said, "Now is a critical time for the ploughing. If we miss work for one day, we shall not eat for one hundred days!" Marquis Hsiao got down from his carriage, confessed his error 30 and awarded Ta-wu Wu one hundred i of gold. 31

187

Ch'i-kuo k'ao, p. 234 (Chapter 7, "Music of Ch'u").

Source: Huan T'an, Hsin-lun.

In the music of the lands along the Hsiao and Hsiang [Rivers], square musical stones are..."32

188

Introduction to the novel, <u>Fei-yen wai-chuan</u> (The Un-official Biography of Chao Fei-yen), in Shuo fu 32.25a.

The Shuo fu collection, the printed editions of which are not very reliable, has been studied by P. Pelliot, 33 who shares the view of some scholars that the Fei-yen wai-chuan, the earliest specimen of the ch'uan-chi genre, 34 was written during the sixth century. The novel itself has been studied and translated by W. Eichhorn. 35

Chao Fei-yen was made the consort of Emperor Ch'eng (chao hou 16 %) on July 12, 16 B.C. By its title (wai-chuan, rather than pieh-chuan), the Fei-yen wai-chuan purports to be about this historical personality, but it is obviously fiction. To support his pretense of historical accuracy, the author uses a kind of historicization which is quite common in post-Han literature and which has been excellently documented by Y. Hervouet.36

According to the introduction to Fei-yen wai-chuan, the author, Ling Hsüan, 37 was a contemporary of Yang Hsiung and would know the stories about Chao Fei-yen from his wife, who was the niece of a court lady. Both the novel and its reputed author are highly suspect: the name Ling Hsüan is unusual and cannot be found in Han sources, and the style of the novel contains anachronisms which are not appropriate to the Han period. 38

One of the devices by which the author attempts to establish the historical authenticity of the text is a reference to oral (yūn \$\frac{1}{20}\$) testimony by Huan T'an. This is quoted in the introduction as follows: "During the reign of Wang Mang, Pien Li from Mou-ling, who held no office at that time, taught people calendric time according to the Hsia-hou Shang version of the Book of Documents. The keng-shih years, 40 when the Red Eyebrows marched through Mou-ling, Pien Li left his library behind and hid it in the mountains. When Liu Kung entered his hut, he found Ling Hsüan's book. In the second year of chien-wu, 41 Chia Tzu-i showed me the book and said, 'Pien Li was taught to play the zither by Ling Hsüan'..."

Previous translation: W. Eichhorn, "Das Fei-yen wai-chuan," p. 124.

189

Commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 31.12a, quoting Huan-tzu <u>Hsin-lun</u>.

Now, the authors of the <u>hsiao-shuo</u> represent [those who make] only small and <u>fragmentary</u> 42 utterings. The authors make these short books 43 by clothing their messages in comparisons with things close at hand. 44 But they contain words 45 worth heeding on the subjects of self-control and the regulation 46 of one's family. 47

190

Liu Chün (or Liu Hsiao-piao 462-521), "Kuang Chüeh-chiao lun" (Extension of the Treatise on the Breaking of Friendship), in <u>Wen hsüan</u> 55.12a-b. 48

All the five meanings [of friendship] are like buying and selling. 49 Thus, Huan T'an compared it 50 to a "market gate, "51 while Lin Hui52 used the metaphor53 of sweet must. 54

Li Shan, whose commentary to the Wen hsuan was written between 656 and 660 A.D., notes that no simile to the market (shih 市) can be found in the Hsin-lun, or in Huan T'an's literary works (T'an chi). For the significance of the market's relationship to chiao 交 ("friend-ship"), Li Shan quotes the ancient text, Chan-kuo ts'e ("Ch'i ts'e" 4:4; the following translation is of Li Shan's short version): "T'an Shih-tzu said to T'ien Wen, Lord of Meng-ch'ang, 'Can I fail to blame the officials and dignitaries of Ch'i?' The Lord of Mengch'ang said, 'Yes!' T'an Shih-tzu said, 'If one is wealthy and noble, people draw near; if one is poor and lowly, people stay away. Allow me to use the metaphor of a market. The market is full in the morning and empty in the evening. This is not because people like it in the morning or dislike it in the evening. They are seeking something that is there, so they go. When that something is no longer there, they leave. You, Sir, should not blame anyone.'"

Li Shan adds his own opinion: "I wonder whether, in this metaphor comparing friendship to the market, the character shih [of the name, T'an Shih-tzu [2] [3]] was not compared with Huan [2]." In other words, Li Shan suggests that the characters reconstructed by Liu Chün from the Chan-kuo ts'e as "Huan T'an" had previously read "T'an Huan-tzu" instead of "T'an Shih-tzu." This is not a particularly strong argument since the two characters T'an and Huan would have had to have been transposed and the third character, tzu, omitted. Nevertheless, Lü Hsiang's commentary (see note 54 below) also suggests that there is some mistake in Liu Chün's text since no appropriate simile can be found in Huan T'an's works.

The fact that Li Shan and Lü Hsiang found no such text in Huan T'an's writings is not conclusive, for there is no evidence that they had access to all of Huan T'an's original works. Chu Mu, who was born some seventy years after Huan T'an's death, may have had more accurate source material, but his treatise has been lost.

Moreover, there is some additional evidence to support Liu Chün's reference. In his "Treatise on Destiny" ("Pien-ming lun") in Wen hsüan (54.16a-b), Liu Chün compares his own unsuccessful career with Huan T'an's. In my study, "Once More the Dates of Huan T'an" (pp. 655-57), I demonstrate that Liu Chün was "both deeply learned and interested in the Han period in general, as well as in Huan T'an in particular" (p. 656), and that Liu Chün had access to many Han books collected by Emperor Wen of the Northern Wei dynasty. In short, we have no reason to doubt the reliability of Liu Chün's information. Moreover, it is true that Huan T'an was fond of similes; see for example, fragments 84A, 116, 189, and 199.

There is still another, rather conclusive argument. About one hundred years after Liu Chün, the well-known poet Wu Yün briefly mentioned that "Huan T'an did not sell his friendship" (see fragment 200 for details). Thus, in Wu Yün's poem, Huan T'an is again associated with the mingling of the idea of trade and the character chiao 文. Wu Yün was a historian, as well as a poet, and he wrote a commentary on ninety chapters of Fan Yeh's Hou Han shu, which includes Huan T'an's biography.

191

Commentary to Wen hsuan 53.13b, quoting Huan-tzu's Hsin-lun.

If his principles were to be cut off, his fate would depend on Heaven. $\,$

192

<u>Cheng-i</u> commentary to <u>Shih chi</u> 96, p. 4165, quoting Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u>.

Introductory note: Emperor Kao had eight sons. The second, whose mother was Empress Lü, became Emperor Hui; the third was Liu Ju-i, son of Lady Ch'i. At one time Emperor Kao, because of his love for Lady Ch'i, wanted to remove the boy who was then heir apparent and make Ju-i the new heir apparent in his place. Of course, his intention created enmity between the mothers, Empress Lü and Lady Ch'i. Eventually Ju-i became King of Chao. To protect the boy-king, who was only ten years old, the Emperor appointed the reliable high court official Chou Ch'ang as Chancellor of Chao, but Ju-i was poisoned in 193 B.C. Knowing this, Huan T'an suggested, some two hundred years later, another method by which Ju-i could have been protected.

Instead of appointing Chou Ch'ang Chancellor of Chao, it would have been better to marry some girl from Empress Lü's family to Ju-i and have Lady Ch'i serve the Empress Lü well. Then Ju-i would not have died a violent death.55

193

TPYL 54.6b, quoting Huan Tzu.

Upon entering a valley, Duke Huan of Ch'i asked an elderly man, "What valley is this?"

The answer was, "They say that your servant is foolish and calls it the Valley of the Foolish Old Man." 56

194

Wen-hsin tiao-lung 3:13, p. 35.2.

[All of Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju's mourning⁵⁷ for Erhshih⁵⁸ took the form of a rhyme-prose.⁵⁹ Huan T'an described it:] "Its words, full of compassion⁶⁰ and sadness, ⁶¹ move the reader to sighs of pity."⁶²

Previous translation: V.Y.C. Shih, <u>The Literary Mind</u>, p. 71.

195

Wen-hsin tiao-lung 6:29, p. 77.

[Huan Chun-shan said,] "When I read the elegant works of the men with us,63 they are beautiful, but I would not choose them. But, when I read the works of Liu and Yang,64 I often profit from them."

Previous translation: Shih, <u>The Literary Mind</u>, p. 167. F. Tökei, <u>Genre Theory in China in the 3rd-6th Centuries</u>, Budapest, 1971, p. 147.

196

Wen-hsin tiao-lung 6:30, p. 78, quoting Huan T'an's statement.

Each man of letters has his own taste. Some like the superficial and flowery style, having no knowledge of substance and depth; some praise profusion, having no vision of the trenchant and sparer.

Previous translation: Shih, The Literary Mind, p. 172.

197

Commentary to <u>Wen-hsin tiao-lung</u> 5:22, p. 62.1, quoting Huan T'an's Hsin-lun.

Fragment 197 is quoted in the commentary to Chapter 22 of Wen-hsin tiao-lung, a chapter devoted to the explanation of two characters, chang and piao (Shih, p. 126, "Memorial, Part I: 'The Chang and the Piao'"). Liu Hsieh explains that in a literary context, chang means "to make clear or articulate" and that piao means "to express one's own feelings" (Shih's translation, p. 127; for chang, see note 65 below). Hsieh also points out that another meaning of piao is "to point," used in connection with measurement of time by means of a pointer's shadow cast by the sun on a sundial. The instrument piao ("pointer"), and its relationship to the table of measurement, $\underline{\mathtt{kuei}}$ $\underline{\mathtt{t}}$, was described in detail by Kao P'ing-tzu, in "Kuei piao ts'e-ching lun," pp. 293-306, especially p. 293. The kuei was laid horizontally on the earth (see note 66 below), while the piao was a post or rod made of wood, or later, during the Han dynasty, of bronze. Although the texts by Huan T'an and Liu Hsieh both turn on these two words, their meaning is rather different. Huan T'an's short text of only two lines is somewhat enigmatic, playing, as does Liu Hsieh, on the double meaning of the two characters in the philosophical and material contexts. Apparently Huan T'an wished to suggest that even invisible forces can and should be measured by objective criteria. For the shadow, see fragment 113.

The greatness of the two powers [Heaven and earth, or <u>vin</u> and <u>vang</u>] can be estimated by calendrical [chang] computation [ch'eng].⁶⁵ The movement of the three bonds [between the ruler and his minister, the father and his son, and the husband and his wife] can be estimated by a table [kuei] measuring the shadow of a pointer [piao].⁶⁶

198

K'ung P'ing-chung, $\underline{\text{Heng-huang Hsin-lun}}$ 3, p. 31, quoting Huan T'an's $\underline{\text{Hsin-lun}}$.

Yang Tzu-yün [or Yang Hsiung] was always poor and distressed when he lived in Ch'ang-an. Particularly during this year [his condition] was extreme. When he lost his two sons, 68 he sorrowed and mourned them excessively. Both sons were sent back to Shu to be buried, exhausting [Yang's] funds. When [Yang] Hsiung was a Palace Grandee Without Specific Appointment, he fell

ill and died. He was so poor that there were no resources left to arrange for his funeral. Because of his poverty he was buried at Ch'ang-an. His wife⁶⁹ left his grave and returned to Shu in the West. [Yang] Hsiung's wrong lay in his disregard for possessions. This was the blindness of an intelligent man.⁷⁰

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, pp. 556-57 (see also notes 131-136).

199

P'ei-wen yün-fu, p. 479.2, quoting Hsin-lun.

Duke Ling of Wei, when sitting with his Lady, heard the noise of a rumbling vehicle which stopped at the palace gate. The noise reappeared after passing through the gate. The Duke asked the Lady if she knew who had descended from the vehicle. She replied, "Chü Po-yü!"

We do not know whether this quotation belongs to Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u> or to a <u>Hsin-lun</u> written by some other author. The story is found almost word for word in <u>Lieh-nű chuan</u> 3.4a, which attributes it, apparently correctly, to Liu Hsiang, whom Huan T'an frequently used for a source. Both Duke Ling and Chü Po-yü are mentioned elsewhere in Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u> (fragments 170 and 89, respectively), but this does not necessarily mean that the present quotation was also written by Huan T'an.

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Wu Yün, Ch'u chih shou ch'un tso 初至壽春作, Chang P'u (1602-1640 A.D.), ed., <u>Han Wei Liu-ch'ao i-pai san-chia chi</u>, Vol. 81: "Liang Wu Chao-ch'ing chi," p. 27b.

Huan T'an did not sell his friendship.

For the context, see fragment 190, especially the end of the accompanying note.

Wang Pao, "Ling-t'an pei," <u>Han Wei Liu-ch'ao i-pai san-chia chi</u>, Vol. 95: Pei Chou, "Wang Ssu-k'ung chi" [On the inscriptions on gravestones], p. 14b.

In his memorial, Ku Yung 71 used the image of a floating wind 72 which would not strike. Huan T'an wrote a treatise in which he made clear that it is difficult to sail on weak water. 73

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Shuo-fu 59.4a and <u>Ku-chin shuo-pu ts'ung-shu</u>, Part I, Vol. 5.1b, quoting Huan T'an's Hsin-lun.

In the Latter Han, when Chu Yu⁷⁵ was first studying in Ch'ang-an, the future Emperor [Kuang-wu] left to confer upon him the title of Marquis.⁷⁵ Chu Yu improperly ascended the parlor before the Emperor himself. Later, the Emperor himself went to Chu's state apartment and laughed, "I wonder if my host will be able to reject my parlor?"⁷⁶ But Chu Yu continued to enjoy his favor as before and, on several occasions, received rewards and affection.

<u>Ku-chin shuo-pu ts'ung-shu</u>, the preface of which is dated 1910, adapted this fragment from <u>Shuo-fu</u>. It is the only fragment from Huan T'an's <u>Hsin-lun</u> in <u>Shuo-fu</u> 59--fragment 188 belongs to <u>Shuo-fu</u> 32--which is not paralleled by a fragment in Yen.

Chu Yu 大佐 may be identified as Chu Yu 大右 (died 47 A.D.), a general and a Confucianist who belonged to a powerful clan in Wan (Bielenstein, Restoration I, p. 101) and was a chief follower of Kuang-wu (ibid., p. 26, No. 25). The graphical difference between the two names is slight, and Bielenstein (p. 27, note 1) demonstrates that the name of the general has been written in many different ways (on this point, see also the chiao-pu commentary to Hou Han shu, p. 833).

Chu Yu's biography, Hou Han shu 22, is short but gives a balanced account of his life. At the very

end it includes the anecdote translated above, the text of which is practically identical to that of the Hsin-lun. The only significant difference is in the Emper-or's speech, he is quoted as saying, "I wonder if my host will be able to put away my parlance." The Hou Han shu version is better, since it preserves the pun on "parlor" (chiang-she) and "parlance" (chiang

Still another version of this anecdote is preserved in <u>Tung-kuan Han chi</u>, quoted in the commentary to <u>Wen hsüan 38.7b</u>:

When the future Emperor [Kuang-wu] was first studying in Ch'ang-an, he visited Chu Yu, who often restrained the Emperor with "You need a parlor [I read she "parlor" for ching "], only then will you be able to speak." After the Emperor ascended the throne, he went by himself to Chu Yu's state apartment and asked, "I wonder if my host will do away with my parlance?" Chu Yu said, "I would not dare do that!"

This last version clearly states that the two allusions to the Emperor's speech ("parlance") belong to two different occasions, separated by ten years or more. For the quotation from the <u>Wen hsüan</u> commentary, see also the chiao-pu commentary, p. 833.

Li Hsien's commentary to Chu Yu's biography in Hou Han shu quotes still a different anecdote, which is somewhat out of place:

When the Emperor lived in Ch'ang-an, he and Chu Yu bought honey and mixed drugs. When the Emperor remembered this occasion, he gave Chu Yu a gallon of white honey. The Emperor asked if he remembered how they bought honey together in Ch'ang-an. Their intimacy was that sincere!

These various anecdotes about Kuang-wu and Chu Yu raise some problems, such as, why the version attributed to Huan T'an is identical to that of the <u>Hou Han shu</u> rather than to that of <u>Tung-kuan Han chi</u>, which is much older and is the source of the <u>Hou Han shu</u> version; also, why is Huan T'an acknowledged as a source only by the late, 14th century <u>Shuo fu</u> and not by the earlier

texts? Moreover, although the <u>Hsin-lun</u> mentions some events which happened after the fall of Wang Mang, in no other extant fragment does Huan T'an refer to persons living at that time.

Although I cannot offer conclusive proof, I believe that this fragment is as unreliable as fragment 188. The anecdote related in <u>Hou Han shu</u> was probably attributed to Huan T'an in order to enhance its reliability. No doubt, Huan T'an could have authored such an anecdote, since he must have known Chu Yu, his younger contemporary, who acquired great authority and wealth. I feel, however, that it was precisely the fact that he could have written such an anecdote which led someone in the 5th century or later to attribute it to Huan T'an.

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K'ung Ying-ta, <u>Ch'un-ch'iu cheng-i</u> 4.4b (<u>SPTK</u>), quoting Huan T'an.

Both Tso Chuan (Wen, 1st year, 625 B.C.; Legge, pp. 228-230) and Lun-heng (21:63, pp. 890-92; Forke, I, pp. 207-208) report that King Ch'eng of Ch'u, after his strangulation, would not close his eyes when he was given the unrespectable posthumous name of Ling. He closed them only after he was given a more honorable epithet, Ch'eng. Wang Ch'ung says that this was explained as the act of the dead king's soul, but he suggests another, more rational theory; that is, the king's eyes remained open immediately after his death because his "vital fluid" was still abundant and closed naturally as the fluid gradually disappeared. Thus, Wang Ch'ung argues that the posthumous epithet had no connection with the closing of the King's eyes. Undoubtedly, Wang Ch'ung based his opinion on Huan T'an's text:

After he strangled and died, his eyes would not close. They closed [only] when the corpse became cold. This had nothing to do with the rule on conferring posthumous names—be they good or bad.

Tu Yü, <u>Ch'un-ch'iu ching-chuan chi-chieh</u> 16.4b, quoting Huan T'an. Given in the <u>Kuo-hsieh chi-yao</u> reprint of the 1720 edition of Feng Li-hua (Ming dynasty), <u>Tso hsiu</u>, p. 1160.

Once more, both <u>Tso chuan</u> (Hsiang, 19th year, 553 B.C.; Legge, pp. 480, 482) and <u>Lun-heng</u> (21:63, pp. 891-92; Forke, I, pp. 206-208) tell the story of Officer Hsün Yen of Chin. After his death, his eyes protruded and his lips were shut so tightly that the traditional rite of putting a gem into his mouth could not be performed. Both these strange phenomena disappeared only when the corpse was told that his mission against Ch'i would be carried on despite his death. Again, both Wang Ch'ung and Huan T'an attempt to give rational explanations. Huan T'an said:

Hsün Yen fell ill, and his eyes protruded. Immediately after he died, his eyes would not close, but they did close when the corpse became cold. This was not caused by his knowledge [of the continuation of his mission].78

Wang Ch'ung quotes and explains two similar stories from <u>Tso chuan</u> in his chapter, "False Reports about the Dead." Wang failed to attribute his analysis to Huan T'an, as was his habit, but elsewhere he has only unrestricted praise for Huan T'an. Huan T'an's opinion is cited by two commentators to the <u>Tso chuan</u>, Tu Yü of the third century A.D. and K'ung Ying-ta/9 of the seventh century. Huang Hui, the modern commentator to the <u>Lun-heng</u>, quotes both quotations (<u>Lun-heng chiao-shih</u>, pp. 891-92), and they are explained in an excellent, if short, article by Chung Chao-p'eng, "Huan T'an ho Wang Ch'ung," p. 41.

In his rhyme-prose, "Grief for the Provinces South of the Yang-tzu" ("Ai chiang-nan fu" 哀江南),80 the influential poet Yü Hsin compares Huan T'an and Tu Yü:

There was Huan Chün-shan, a man of moral integrity and Tu Yüan-k'ai, whose life was well regulated; they both wrote books⁸¹ to which they were able to append postfaces.⁸²

NOTES: NEW FRAGMENTS FROM THE HSIN-LUN

- 1. W. E. Soothill, The Hall of Light: A Study of Early Chinese Kingship, eds. Lady Hosie and G. F. Hudson, (London: 1951), p. 14.
- 2. Hsiao I-shan, Ch'ing-tai t'ung shih, Vol. 5, Sixth Appendix: Table of the Works of Ch'ing Scholars, (Taipei: 1963), p. 503.
- 3. See notes 6, 7, and 8 below.
- 4. Fang 3 ("directions") is added here, in accordance with fragment 175B. In his commentary, Hui Tung says that ssu \$\omega\$ ("four") refers to the ssu-ta \$\omega\$ ("four extremities").
- 5. The text has Shang yü \hbar f , but instead of yü, the Ming-t'ang k'ao, p. 7, gives tzu f ("sons").
- 6. The Yü-lan, i.e., the T'ai-p'ing yü-lan, is given as the source of this passage, but no more specific information is provided. The TPYL chapter devoted to the Hall of Light is number 533, which does include a different quotation from Huan T'an's Hsin-lun (8b); see fragment 93A. The commentator, apparently the unknown author of the Ming-t'ang k'ao, says that the term Ming-t'ang was used first by the Chou philosophers and that the Yellow Emperor of the mythical past named the building Ho Kung
- 7. Again, (see note 6 above) Ming-t'ang k'ao attributes this fragment to the T'ai-p'ing yū-lan. The author comments, "The term 'Five Fu' was first used during the reign of T'ang (i.e., T'ang Yü, or Yao). One certainly could not imitate the model of the Five Forces in one's sacrifices to the Five Supreme Rulers if the sacrifices were made in a four-cornered building." Hui Tung comments, "Huan T'an did not read the ch'an prognostication texts, but he, too, says that Yao had Five Fu. This means that he venerated the words of the ancient documents above all others. The wei prognostication books from the reigns of the Emperors Ch'eng and Ai cannot compare with them." Hui Tung, referring to Huan T'an's assertion to Emperor Kuang-wu that he would not read the ch'an texts, apparently believes that such an eminent scholar must have had access to original documents, rather than obtaining his information from the proscribed wei prognostication texts.

- 8. The commentator to the $\underline{\text{Ming-t'ang k'ao}}$ does not accept the story of the Two-storied House and says flatly that the information on the additions is wrong.
- 9. The Ming-t'ang k'ao says that the source of this statement is the Ch'u-hsüeh chi, but again (see note 6 above) gives no specific reference. A passage by Huan T'an on the subject of the Ming-t'ang is indeed quoted by Ch'u-hsüeh chi 13.18b (93A), but it is not the present fragment. In fact, this fragment is, with some slight differences, part of the quotation from IWLC 38.24b. See fragment 93C.
- 10. Tung Yüeh, <u>Ch'i-ku'o k'ao</u> (Study of the Seven Kingdoms), (Peking: <u>Chung-hua shu-chü</u>, 1956).
- 11. T. Pokora, "The Canon of Laws by Li K'uei--A Double Falsification?"
- 12. T. Pokora, "Two Answers to Professor Moriya Mitsuo: Part II, <u>Fa ching</u> and <u>Hsin-lun</u>." See Bibliography IIB21.
- 13. The first part of the text of the <u>Canon of Laws</u> is almost identical to the "Treatise on Law" (<u>hsing-fachih</u>) in Chin shu 30.5a-b (see note 16 below). To some extent, I have followed Hulsewe's translation of this text in <u>Remnants I</u>, pp. 28-29, in order to demonstrate the variances. For instance, the <u>Chin shu</u> here uses the titles "Nets" and "Arrests."
- 14. Po-hsi to the translated as "gambling and wild games") became, in the Han period, the name of a kind of military play.
- 15. Wei Yang, i.e., Kung-sun Yang of Wei, is generally known as Shang Yang or Yang, the Lord of Shang.
- 16. The text has $\underline{ju} \ \lambda$ which would read "when he entered the Chancellorship of Ch'in." I prefer the Chin Shu, which gives $\underline{i} \ \not\!\!\! y \ \!\!\! \lambda$ ("when he became Chancellor of Ch'in"). From this point on, the texts of Chin shu and Tung Yüeh differ.
- 17. For the translation of <u>cheng-lü</u> **其** # as "Regular Statutes," see Hulsewé, <u>Remnants</u> I, p. 68, note 66.

- 18. On p. 368, Tung Yüeh says that the unknown character 版 may be a mistake for kuo 成 ("to cut off the ear").
- 20. Tung Yüeh (p. 369) says that laws such as this did not exist in other kingdoms during this period and that the laws of Wei were, in fact, even more cruel than those of Ch'in.
- 21. Following Yang K'uan's suggestion, I read <u>lo</u> ("pinch") instead of <u>shih</u>, which makes no sense.
- 22. Apparently the Chancellor does not share his subordinates' unfortunate fate, as Tung Yüeh (p. 367) points out.

- 25. Tung Yüeh, quoting <u>Kuo yü</u>, <u>Ch'i yü</u> says that the law allowed a criminal to atone for his offense by offering a metal sword.
- 26. Yü 例 ("feathers") is interchangeable with shih 失 ("arrow"); I believe that this refers to the sharpness of a point and have translated it as "edges."
- 27. This well-known story about King Ling of Ch'u is found in many texts, including Hsün-tzu, Han Fei-tzu, and the Hou Han shu. A more elaborate version is given in the Hsin-lun by Liu Chou; see Liu-tzu Hsin-lun 3:13 3:13.3a (Han Wei ts'ung-shu edition).

- 28. Instead of the \underline{tou} \Rightarrow of the text, I read \underline{tou} ("steep").
- 29. <u>Wu</u> \mathcal{N} may also be read <u>ch'eng</u> \mathcal{N} , as Takigawa Kametarō suggests (see the following note). Ta-wu Wu, or Ta-ch'eng Wu, was Chancellor of Chao.
- 30. This story can be found in Shih chi 43 (p. 44; Chavannes, MH V, p. 63, and also p. 57), although Tung Yüeh does not give this source. Only the last seven characters, corresponding to the heading of the paragraph, are added to the Shih chi version. The attribution of the story to Huan T'an is highly suspect, since none of the many commentators to the Shih chi refer to Huan as its source. It is odd that the well-read Tung Yüeh did not refer to its inclusion in the Shih chi.
- 31. For the measure \underline{i} and for the explanation of gold see fragment 176, note 24.
- 32. A character is missing in the text. Both rivers are in Hunan; the Hsiao is a tributary of the Hsiang.
- 33. P. Pelliot, "Quelques remarques sur le Chouo Fou," $\underline{\text{TP}}$, pp. 163-220.
- 34. <u>Ibid.</u>, p. 192.
- 35. W. Eichhorn, "Das Fei-yen wai-chuan."
- 36. Y. Hervouet, <u>Un poète de cour sous les Han--</u>Sseu-ma Hsiang-jou.
- 37. Ling Hsüan 伶玄, or Ling Yüan 伶元, whose style name was Tzu-yü 子子. His name, Ling, may also be interpreted as ling, or "Actor," Hsüan; see chapter 126 of the Shih chi, which discusses the actors, or yuling 俊伶, Meng 孟 and Chan 旃.
- 38. See Eichhorn, pp. 123-24.
- 39. <u>Hsia-hou Shang shu</u> **夏 疾 尚 書** ("the Hsia-hou Shang version of the Book of Documents"); Eich-horn (p. 124) translates, "...mit Hilfe des von Hsia-hou Sheng redigierten Shu-ching (das heisst des Kapitels Hung-fan) für die Leute die Kalenderzeiten festlegte."
- 40. 23-24 A.D.

- 41. 26 A.D.
- 42. For an explanation of ts'ung ts'an 義 模 ("small and fragmentary"), see fragment 164C, note 19. Ts'an ("fragmentary") is a derogatory adjective.
- 43. Tuan-shu 12 (translated here as "short books") is also used in fragment 2B and by Wang Ch'ung (Lun-heng 12:36, p. 560; Forke, II, p. 78, translates it as "trivial books"). The Classics were written on large bamboo tablets, which were, according to Wang Ch'ung, two feet and four inches long. Other, less important books were written on much smaller tablets. See Forke, Lun-heng II, p. 77, note 6, and, especially Tsien Tsuen-hsuin, Written on Bamboo and Silk, pp. 104-107. This traditional difference in size was later reflected in the derogatory evaluation of the ideas presented in "short" books; thus, in this sense tuanshu might be translated as "deficient books." See Hou Wai-lu et al. (see note 47 below) who read tuan p'ien
- 44. The whole text of this fragment with three textual variations, is quoted in the introduction to Hsü Chen-ngo, Han Wei Liu-ch'ao hsiao-shuo hsüan. The first variation: instead of the p'i-lun ("comparisons") of the text, Hsü gives ("comparisons")
- 45. Hsü's second variation: instead of the tz'u ("words") of the text, Hsü has ts'e ("strategy").
- 46. Hsü's third variation: instead of the <u>chih</u> 治("regulation") of the text, Hsü has <u>li</u> 理 (also "regulation").
- 47. Hou Wai-lu et al. (Chung-kuo ssu-hsiang t'ung-shih, Vol. 2, p. 204) quote this fragment in their analysis of the famous catalogue by Liu Hsiang and Liu Hsin.
- 48. Liu Chün (462-521 A.D.) is a well-known author, as well as the commentator to the Shih-shuo hsin-yū by Liu I-ch'ing (403-444 A.D.). His essay extends to an earlier essay written by Chu Mu (100-163 A.D.), i.e., Chüeh-chiao lun, which is mentioned in Chu's biography in Hou Han shu 43, p. 1575, and in TPYL 410.6b. Liu Chün's text was translated by E. von Zach in Die Chinesische Anthologie: Ubersetzungen aus dem Wen hsüan II, p. 962.

- 49. The character chiao 交 means both "to barter, to bargain" and "intimacy, friendship."
- 50. The term $\underline{p'i}$ $\overset{\bullet}{\cancel{4}}$ ("compare") is also used in fragment 189. See note 44.
- 51. Instead of $\frac{\sinh \phi}{h}$ ("market"), Liu Chün uses $\frac{\mathrm{Huan}\ k'\mathrm{uei}}{h}$ $\frac{\mathrm{Huan}\ k'\mathrm{uei}}{h}$ $\frac{\mathrm{Huan}\ k'\mathrm{uei}}{h}$
- 52. Lin Hui is mentioned in <u>Chuang-tzu</u> II:20. His story about must, a substance so sweet that it only pleases the senses for a short period of time, is given there in more detail.
- 53. Yü in should be read as $y\ddot{u}$ in ("metaphor") as in fragment 189, note 44, or in \underline{PWYF} , p. 1445:2, which quotes the present fragment.
- 54. Lü Hsiang (ca. 720 A.D.), who wrote a commentary on Wen hsüan, says that must is sweet and therefore quickly spoils. See also note 52 above.
- 55. Watson, Records I, pp. 260-61. After being murdered by Empress Lü in a most barbarous way, Lady Ch'i became an object of popular pity and a figure of fiction. See, for example, Hsi ching tsa chi 3.4a.
- 56. The reliability of the quotation is supported by the fact that it is based on the account in Shuo yüan 7.3a which was one of Huan T'an's favorite sources. The Shuo yüan version is more elaborate: "Duke Huan of Ch'i, when out hunting, chased a deer into a mountain valley. He asked an old gentleman whom he saw there, 'What kind of valley is this?'"

The gentleman answered, 'It is the valley of a stupid gentleman.'"

Duke Huan inquired further and was told, 'It has my name.'"

- 57. The thirteenth chapter of Wen-hsin tiao-lung is devoted to two terms, ai & ("lament") and tiao β ("mourning" or "condolence").
- 58. Erh-shih is Hu-hai, the second emperor of the Ch'in dynasty.

- 59. The text of "Tiao Er-shih" is given in Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju's biography in Shih chi 117; Watson, Records II, pp. 331-32.
- 60. For the word ts'e (here translated as "compassion"), see fragment 84A, note 28.
- 61. For the word ts'ang ("sadness"), see fragment 134, note 84.
- 62. The power of music to arouse sadness has also been described by Huan T'an in fragment 171 (see note 29). This was exactly the point which interested Liu Hsieh, the author of Wen-hsin tiao-lung. Huan T'an and Yang Hsiung were greatly interested in Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju's fu, as may be seen from Yang Hsiung's letter translated in note 12 to fragment 80C.
- 63. For <u>hsin chin</u> 新 進 ("new writers," "novices"), see fragment 80C, note 6.
- 64. "Yang" clearly refers to Yang Hsiung; "Liu" might be Liu Hsin, but more probably refers to Liu Hsiang, whose Shuo yüan was one of Huan T'an's favorite sources (see note 56 to fragment 193). It is, however, odd that these two men are not designated by their style names, i.e., Tzu-yün for Yang Hsiung and Tzu-chün for Liu Hsin. This may indicate either that "Liu" refers to both Liu Hsiang and Liu Hsin, or, more improbably, that the original text was modified by Liu Hsieh.
- 66. Couvreur (<u>Dictionnaire classique</u>, p. 165), following Cheng Hsüan's commentary to the <u>Chou li</u>, translates [t'u] <u>Kuei ± ±</u> as "tablette des mesures." Couvreur continues, "...elle avait quinze ts'uen <u>fits'un</u>-T.P.] de long, se plaçait horizontalement dans la direction du nord au sud, et recevoit à midi l'ombre de gnomon <u>fits'un</u>-T.P.] dressé à

- son extremité au sud...Au moyen de la tablette des mesures, on mesure l'étendue de la terre, détermine la longuer de l'ombre au soleil, et cherche ainsi le milieu de la surface de la terre."
- 67. K'ung P'ing-chung was a poet who lived ca. 1040-1105 A.D. This reference could establish that the <u>Hsin-lun</u> was still extant in his time, after the fall of the T'ang; however, most of this information may be also found in fragment 104 (TPYL) which undoubtedly was written before the T'ang dynasty.
- 68. Nan 男 ("sons"). His sons were probably fully grown adults at the time of their deaths.
- 69. The text has tzu f ("son"); however, the original appears to have had ch'i-tzu f, since Pi Yüan quotes this term in his commentary to Ch'ang-an chik 13.11b. Unfortunately, the term ch'i tzu may mean either "wife" or "son"; for an explanation, see Ku Yenwu, Jih chih lu chi shih, p. 44. Since, according to this fragment, Yang Hsiung's sons had already died, the translation "wife" is more consistent.
- 70. K'ung P'ing-chung adds, "This was Huan T'an's opinion."
- 71. Ku Yung (died 8 or 7 B.C.) was an eminent officer, as well as a scholar who specialized in portents. He belonged to the group around the Tu family (Tu Ch'in and Tu Yeh; see fragment 84A, note 24), and his memorials, written in an exquisite style, were very influential.
- 72. <u>Liu-feng</u> Â A ("floating wind"), is a pun upon Mencius' use of the term in the sense of "auspicious emanating influence;" see <u>Mencius</u> (I I:I:8; Legge, p. 182).

In Han times, the River Jo became an object of a legend; in the 4th century, Kuo P'o stated that "its water cannot support goose-down." See Shan-hai ching, Chapter 16, translated and explained by H. H. Dubs in

- "An Ancient Chinese Mystery Cult," p. 226, and notes 11 and 13. The connection of this legend with Han mythology is established by the text's reference to the goddess Hsi-wang-mu, whose cult was formed in 3 B.C.
- 74. This time designation must have been added later and cannot belong to Huan T'an's text, nor to the other versions.
- 75. According to his biography in Hou Han shu 22 (pp. 809-11), Chu Yu received his first marquisate ca. 24 A.D., his second in 26 A.D., and a third in 37 A.D.
- 76. See the analysis above for an explanation of this jibe.
- 77. Given in the Kuo-hsieh chi-yao reprint (T'aipei: 1968) of the 1720 edition of Feng Li-hua (Ming dynasty), Tso hsiu, p. 1160.
- 78. Tu Yü (or Huan T'an?) adds, "The <u>Tso chuan</u> follows his strange appearance and notes it."
- 79. K'ung Ying-ta's book is entitled either <u>Ch'un-ch'iu cheng-i</u> or <u>Ch'un-ch'iu Tso-shih-chuan cheng-i</u>.
- 80. See Yü Hsin, <u>Yü Tzu-shan chi</u>, I (Shanghai: 1945), p. 65.
- 81. Tu Yü was a very prolific writer, more than twenty of his works have now been identified.
- 82. With the exception of "Wang hsien fu" (fragment 205), no postface (hsü) to Huan T'an's works is known.

III. Other Writings by Huan T'an

It is not always easy to determine what was written by Huan T'an and what was written by some other author (see, for example, note 1 to fragment 8). Similarly, we cannot always say what was part of the Hsinlum and what comes from Huan T'an's other writings (see, for example, note 13 to fragment 205). In what follows I present each fragment from his other works separately, just as Yen K'o-chün has done. At the same time, I relate the fragments to each other through the notes. The problem of authorship is treated separately.

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Rhyme-prose on Looking for Immortals (Wang hsien fu).

<u>I-wen lei-chü</u> 78.16b. <u>Pei-t'ang shu-ch'ao</u> 102.4a.

Yen 12.7b. Preface:²

Being a Gentleman, in my youth I accompanied Emperor Hsiao-ch'eng to his sacrifices at Kan-ch'üan Palace and Ho-tung commandery. First, the sacrifices were arranged in the Palace of Assembled Spirits at Hua-yin. This palace, situated under Mount Hua, was built by Emperor Wu. In the palace the Emperor wished to reflect upon and gather together immortals, such as Wang Ch'iao and Ch'ih Sung Tzu; 10 therefore, the hall was called the "Hall of Immortals." The upright gate which faces the mountain from the south was called "Looking-for-Immortals Gates." There I lived. I I dared to take delight in lofty and beautiful thoughts, so I wrote a small fu on the wall: 13

Behold Wang Ch'iao and Ch'ih Sung!
Exhaling, they expel old [breath]; contracting, they bring in fresh [breath].14
They bend and stretch, guiding their breath15 through their arteries; they collect the breath and conserve the original.16
Their spirit circulates and nourishes their body, flowing through every hindrance;
They ascend, rising through Emptiness and Nothingness17 to reach an understanding of darkness and

light. 18 Everything is visible to them. The Jade Woman 19 is at their side.

Now that they have attained the Way of Immortality, they are welcomed by spiritual and divine beings. Then they mount a car drawn by blue dragons and red horses. 20

Coming over the high and sharp black stone, 21 they soar like the female phoenix and her male,

Flying and coming together in the region of purest air²² at the terrace of T'ai-shan. They breath in the juice of jade²³ and eat the splendid iris.²⁴
They rinse their mouths with jade liquid²⁵ and drink the wine of gold.

Leaving the universe behind, they float with the clouds.

Sprinkling a light vapor, they cross sloping cliffs. Looking on vast26 streams, they rise to the Gate of Heaven. 27

Riding a white deer, they keep company with unicorns. In all directions they inspect the eight28 extremities and return to the altar of Yen-hua.²⁹ Oh, like vast waters, how overflowing!³⁰ With Heaven they revolve,

Enjoying their non-striving.

Their longevity approaches that of Heaven and earth.

Previous translation: Pokora, "Huan T'an's Fu," pp. 363-65.

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Discussion with Fu Yen.

Hou Han shu 18A, pp. 1011-12.

Huan T'an is said to have conversed with Fu Yen, the Marquis of K'ung-hsiang in 3 B.C. Huan T'an advised him on how to handle the difficult situation which arose when Emperor Ai began to show more interest in the sister of Tung Hsien³¹ than in his own Empress, Fu Yen's daughter. Although Huan T'an's advice is presented in the form of a discussion between the two men, there is no doubt that the historian Fan Yeh based his account on a written source. It is also probable that

the source was Huan T'an himself because, among other things, both the Empresses née Ch'en and Wei Tzu-fu are mentioned in the present text, as well as in fragment 102 (see also fragment 62). Since the original text was probably written by Huan T'an, I include it here.

[Huan T'an came forward and advised Fu Yen:]

"In the past, when Emperor Wu wished to make Wei Tzu-fu his Empress, he secretly inquired into errors committed by the Empress nee Ch'en. 32 In the end, the Empress nee Ch'en was finally dismissed, 33 and Wei Tzu-fu was eventually established in her place. 34 Now, Tung Hsien enjoys the highest affection, and his younger sister is even more favored. Another Wei Tzu-fu incident seems imminent. 35 How can one fail to be disturbed?"

Fu Yen, greatly frightened, said, "But what can we do about it?"

Huan T'an replied, "An innocent person cannot be punished; wickedness cannot prevail over an upright man. A gentleman courts his ruler with his talent and his knowledge; a woman woos her lord with her beguiling ways. The Empress is young and has rarely experienced trouble. Perhaps she will send frantically for doctors and sorcerers, 36 or summon magicians and wizards from outside the court. 37 You must be prepared for such things.

"Moreover, Lord Marquis, as father of the Empress, you are high and mighty and associate with many retainers. 38 Surely you will use them to strengthen your position, 39 thereby inviting criticism and gossip. It would be better to dismiss your followers courteously. You must make every effort to be humble and earnest. This is the way to cultivate oneself, to set right one's family, and to avoid calamity."

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, pp. 18-20.

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Huan T'an's Letter to Tung Hsien.

<u>Hou Han shu</u> 18A, p. 1012.

[When Tung Hsien 40 became Commander-in-Chief, he heard of Huan T'an's fame and wished to become friends41 with him. But first Huan T'an sent a letter to Tung Hsien in which he advised him on:]

The art of assisting in the governing of the state and of preserving oneself.

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 20.

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Proposal on Regulation Projects

Han shu 29, p. 3085.

The last part of the <u>Han shu</u> chapter on drains and ditches (<u>Han shu</u> 29) is probably based on Huan T'an's account in the <u>Hsin-lun</u>. The main argument for this suggestion is that Chapter 29 mentions many personalities which also appear in the <u>Hsin-lun</u>. Moreover, the principal commentary to the <u>Han shu</u>, by the T'ang scholar Yen Shih-ku, frequently quotes from the <u>Hsin-lun</u> (see, e.g., fragments 107, 108, and 109), elaborating on the information provided by Pan Ku, the chief author of the <u>Han shu</u>. H. Bielenstein convincingly demonstrates that the Yellow River changed its course sometime between 2 and 5 A.D., although this is not expressly mentioned in the <u>Han shu</u>. 42 On this occasion many different proposals were submitted on how to deal with the situation. 43 Although Emperor P'ing was still nominally on the throne, all important matters of the state were directed by Wang Mang.

The <u>Han shu</u> says, "When Huan T'an, from the P'ei commandery, became Division Head of the Grand Ministry of Works, he was put in charge of the proposals and said to Chen Feng: 44

"'These many proposals certainly contain some valid points. We should study them in detail. Everything may be prepared in advance and fixed according to plan; then we can launch our action. The expenditure will not exceed several milliards. 45 We should employ the labor of people who live from hand to mouth and have neither occupation nor property. Whether they

are idle or employed, they must be clothed and fed all the same. If they are clothed and fed by the Imperial government, 46 and at the same time are employed by it, two birds will be killed with one stone. Thus, above we can continue the achievement of Yü, while below the people's distress can be removed.'

"In the time of Wang Mang, there was mere veneration of empty words, but no one put them into action."47

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, p. 51.

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Statement on the Duties of Contemporary Government

Hou Han shu 28A, pp. 1013-15.

Yen 12.8a-9a.

Your servant has heard that the fall and rise of a country depend upon its political affairs. 48 Success or failure in political affairs depends upon one's counsellors. 49 If one's counsellors are wise and clear-sighted, then talented men will fill the court, and their principles will meet the demands of contemporary problems. If the counsellors are not clear-sighted, then the problems which they discuss will not correspond to contemporary needs and the actions which they take will be full of error.

All rulers who possess kingdoms wish to promote culture and establish the good.⁵⁰ But if they have not yet put their ways of governing into order, then what they call wise is strange.

Once King Chuang of Ch'u⁵¹ said to Sun Shu-ao, ⁵² "I do not know any method by which to put my country into proper order."

Sun Shu-ao said, "If the country is hated by everyone, even when it is in 'proper order,' I am a-fraid, my King, that you will not be able to manage it."

The King asked, "Does this unmanageability depend only on the ruler or does it also depend on the minister?"

Sun Shu-ao replied, "When a lord treats his ministers with arrogance,53 saying, 'Without me, there is no way for my minister to become rich and noble,' and a minister treats his lord with arrogance, saying, 'Without me, there is no way for my lord to be safe and secure,' then the lord of men may even lose his country without realizing why, and the minister may even become hungry and cold, not advancing in his career. If there is no harmony between ruler and minister, the affairs of the country cannot be settled."

King Chuang said, "I approve. I would like you, Chancellor, to work with the Grandees to settle the affairs of the country." 54

One who is well-versed in government observes the ways of the people and spreads moral instruction accordingly, examines mistakes and sets up preventive measures accordingly. Might and virtue alternately hold sway, civil and military methods are each employed in turn. Only then will government be in tune with the times and impetuous men 55 be stilled.

In the past Tung Chung-shu said, "The ordering of a country is like a ch'in (zither) or a \underline{se} (zither). When these are out of tune, they must be unstrung and strung anew."56 It is difficult to carry out this restringing, and whoever thwarts the multitude will perish. This is why Chia I was expelled for his talent,57 and Ch'ao Ts'o was made to die for his wisdom.58 Even if men of outstanding ability are present, in the end no one will dare to speak out because everyone will be intimidated by examples from the past.

Moreover, with respect to establishing laws and prohibitions, one cannot completely stop up the evil in the world, but it is enough if the laws and prohibitions meet the wishes of the multitude and, in general, a policy is adopted which is most convenient to the country and profitable to government affairs.

Offices are established and civil servants nominated in order to manage the people.59 Rewards are offered 60 and fines instituted in order to differentiate between the good and the bad. When evil men are punished and hurt, good men are blessed with happiness.

But now, the people kill and hurt one another. Even if their quarrels are settled by the law,61 they

form private grudges and feuds, ⁶² and their sons and grandsons take revenge on one another. In this way, the later hatred becomes deeper than the earlier hatred and can even result in the extermination of families and the destruction of careers. Yet the people commonly call this heroism! So, even if people are timid and weak, they force themselves to act in this way. This amounts to allowing people⁶³ to take matters into their own hands, so laws and prohibitions no longer exist.

Now, we should repeatedly explain ⁶⁴ the old ordinances.⁶⁵ If official punishment has been meted out after a quarrel, but later, injury or death is brought about through private revenge, then, even if the offender should escape, his entire family should be banished to the border. The normal punishment of the one who has caused injury should be increased by two degrees, and he should not be allowed to hire anyone to redeem his punishment for him.⁶⁶ In this way, hatred and anger⁶⁷ will disappear of themselves, and robbery and thievery will be curbed.

The way to put a country into order is to promote the basic occupation and to suppress extraneous profits. Therefore, the emperors of earlier times prohibited one person from practicing two professions and forbade traders and merchants from serving as officials. By these methods, they prevented the accumulation and acquisition of the fields of the poor by the rich and powerful and promoted a sense of modesty and shame. The same of the poor by the same of the poor by the process of the process of the process of the poor by the process of the process of

Now, rich traders and great merchants accumulate land and goods.72 The young people of families of the intermediate rank serve as guarantors73 for them and scurry on their behalf with the diligence of servants and slaves.74 Meanwhile, the ground tax75 [levied by merchants] yields an income comparable to that of the enfeoffed rulers.76 As a result, the masses follow their example,77 try to eat without ploughing and often gain access to luxuries78 with which they indulge their ears and eyes.

Therefore, all traders and merchants should be ordered to watch and report on one another. If something could have been gained through their own effort [but was gained in some other way], their illicit profit should be given to the informer.79 In this way,

they will concentrate on serving their own needs and will not dare to give goods to others [in trade]. When their affairs have diminished and their power weakened, then their efforts will certainly revert to the fields. Once the fields are cultivated, the harvest of grain will be large, and the potential of the land will be fully exploited. 80

Furthermore, I have seen that when laws and ordinances are invoked to decide matters, they are not uniform in their lightness or severity; that is, for one matter there are varying laws, and for the same crime, different judgments. Consequently, villainous officials can avail themselves of this⁸¹ to do business—they produce arguments to allow those whom they want to save to live, while they apply judicial precedents⁸² [to condemn to death] those whom they want to damn. This means that the law opens two gates.⁸³

Now, an order should be issued that persons who thoroughly understand the principles of justice and are well versed in the laws and statutes should revise and fix the rulings and judicial precedents⁸⁴ so as to unify the legal rules, to circulate them to the commanderies and kingdoms below, and to abolish antiquated stipulations.⁸⁵ In this way, the Empire will know the proper direction,⁸⁶ and in lawsuits there will produce neither grievances nor abuse."

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, pp. 23-29.

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On Repressing the Ch'an Texts and Increasing Rewards.

Hou Han shu 28A, pp. 1015-17.

Yen 12.9a-b.

Huan T'an's biography says that his second memorial (translated above in fragment 209) was reported to the Emperor but was not examined. Fan Yeh continues, "At this particular time the Emperor believed in prognostications, which he often used to decide and settle doubtful matters. 87 Also, rewards granted by the Emperor were small and miserly, and the Empire was not pacified by the expected time. Huan T'an submitted another memorial which said:"

"Earlier your servant presented his humble opinions, but he has not yet been blessed by being summoned to report. Overcome with bitterness and anguish, I risk death to make another plea.⁸⁸ When the stupid man makes plans, the only ones that are of benefit to government policy are those that are in harmony with the mind of the people and have a grasp of the real state of affairs. It is the character of all men89 to disregard the facts before their eyes and to value strange things learned from rumor. 90 From the records of the early kings, we see that they all took humanity, righteousness and the correct Way as their base and had no room for strange, empty and boastful things. As for the Way of Heaven, nature, and human fate, even the sages found it difficult to speak of it. From Tzu-kung on down they are not heard from on these matters. 91 How much less can these matters be understood by shallow scholars of later ages?

"Today all the artful and foxy, magicians of small talent, as well as the soothsayers92 disseminate and reproduce diagrams and documents,93 falsely praising the records of prognostication. By deception and misinformation,94 by greed and dishonesty, they lead the ruler astray.95 How can we fail to suppress and banish such things?96

"Your subject, T'an, ventures to say that he has heard that Your Majesty deeply despises 97 the practices of magicians who try to make gold and silver. This is very wise indeed! But how mistaken you are when you want to believe in and listen to the apocryphal records! Even if their predictions were to occasionally correspond with the facts, their practices are of the same class as divination by oracle bones 98 and numerology with odd and even numbers. 99

"It befits Your Majesty to deign to judge with clear vision, 100 to manifest your sagely will, to reject the distorted theories of the many mean men, to hand down the correct meaning of the Five Classics, to put vulgar, hearsay 101 opinions into order, 102 and to examine carefully the correct proposals of the learned men. 103

"Moreover, your servant has heard that masters of magical practices are esteemed during periods of security and peace, but that, during times of crisis, armored and helmeted subjects are honored.104 If,

although your sacred court has now begun to restore the ancestral line of succession 105 and you have become the ruler of men, the robbers and thieves in the four directions have not yet completely surrendered, it is because you do not have the right schemes and plans.

"Your servant, T'an, humbly observes that, since those who were forced to surrender during Your Majesty's military operations received no great rewards to entice them by favors and were even captured as enemies106 and robbed of their property, the commanders of the regular troops and the chieftains of the rebels have become suspicious of each other.107 Cliques and groups108 form and do not dissolve for years and months. The people of the ancient past used to say, 'Everyone in the Empire knows that one takes in order to get, but no one knows that one gives in order to get, but no one knows that one gives in order to get.'109 If Your Majesty is really able to lighten the ranks,110 increase the rewards, and share dignities, then there will be none who will not come at your bidding and none whom you cannot persuade. There will be no direction which will not open to you and no military expedition which will not be victorious. In this way, you can make the narrow wide, speed the slow, revive the extinct, and regain the lost."

Huan T'an's biography goes on to discuss this memorial:

Upon examining the memorial, the Emperor [Kuang-wu] was even more displeased. Later, he summoned a council to deliberate upon a site for the Spiritual Tower.lll The Emperor said to Huan T'an, "I want to decide thisl2 according to prognostication.ll3 What do you think?"

T'an remained silent for a long time, finally replying, "Your servant does not read prognostications."114

The Emperor asked for an explanation. Once more T'anl15 strongly condemned prognostications as being contradictory to the canonical books.116 The Emperor, infuriated, said, "Huan T'an opposes the teachings of the sages and disowns the law.117 Take him below and behead him!"

Huan T'an kotowed for such a long time that blood flowed from his head. He was pardoned only much later. 118 Sent from the capital to be an Assistant Administrator in the commandery of Liu-an, 119 he was full of sorrow. 120 On the way he fell ill and died. He was over seventy 121 years old. 122

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," I, pp. 29-33.

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Commentary to <u>Wen hsüan</u> 3.41a, quoting Huan T'an, "Shang pien-i" 上便宜 (Memorial on What is Advantageous).

Yen 12.9b.

Kuan Chung was Duke Huan's guide.

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Commentary to Wen hsüan 30.20a and 56.30a, quoting Huan T'an, "Ch'en pien-i" 陳 使宜 (Statement on What is Advantageous). Yen 12.9b.

By "the achievement of the hegemons" we mean a state in which the law is clear and straight, in which the bureaucracy is disciplined and ordered, and in which the stern authority of ordinances prevails.

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<u>Ch'i-shih</u> 答事 (Notice). Quoted by Yen without attribution.

All officials with an income of two thousand piculs, who wear plain jackets and sheep garments, and use ordinary wooden cups for eating and drinking are

deceiving, false and cunning. They merely want to gain a reputation and seek after fame.

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Commentaries to Wen hsuan (45.24b, 43.30b, 56, 34b), quoting Huan T'an, "Ta Yang Hsiung shu" 担 譯答揚雄書 ("A Letter in Reply to Yang Hsiung"). Yen 12.10a.

Tzu-yūn, (you) have diligently tasted the choice meat of the Way.123

Previous translation: Pokora, "The Life," II, p. 533.

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TPYL 763.7a, quoting Huan T'an, "Shang shih" 上事 (Esteeming Affairs).

Confucius asked a butcher about to slaughter a cow if there was a particular method 124 used in slaughtering? The answer was, "A cut must be exactly in the middle in order to open up (the cow) and butcher it. An examination of the sinews 125 must be arranged in the middle. Only then is the final conclusion taken before the cow is struck." 126

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The So-yin commentary to Shih chi 47, p. 25.

Lun-yü XVII:5 tells the story of Kung-shan Fu-jao (known in the Shih chi as Kung-shan Pu-niu), who, in 502 or 501 B.C., rebelled in Lu, seized the fortified city of Pi, and invited Confucius to come to him. The story is repeated in Shih chi 47, p. 25 ("The Hereditary House of Confucius"). Confucius himself was inclined to accept the invitation, but Tzu-lu tried to disuade him. At this point in the anecdote, Ssu-ma

Ch'ien puts seventeen characters into the mouth of Confucius which cannot be found in any other source, including the vast compendium of Confucian lore, the K'ung-tzu chia-yu: "Wen and Wu of the Chou rose from Feng and Hao, respectively, to become kings. Although Pi is now but a small place, might it not play the same role?"

Such a statement was, at least for the later orthodoxy, definitely sacrilegious, since it implied that Kung-shan Fu-jao, a military upstart of somewhat dubious character, might seize the throne of the Chou. Moreover, it indicated that Confucius would be willing to rise with the rebel, or even become the king himself, thus breaking his loyalty to the rulers of Lu and Perhaps, since the source of Ssu-ma Ch'ien's addition is unknown, we may conclude that the Han historian was attempting to criticize Confucius in a bitter and scandalizing way, besmirching his impeccable reputation. H. G. Creel's negative opinion of Chapter 47 of the Shih chi in his Confucius and the Chinese Way (pp. 244-48) might conform to this suggestion, but B. Watson takes the opposite approach in Ssu-ma Ch'ien: Grand Historian of China (pp. 167-74). For details of the affair itself, see Creel (pp. 35-36, and note 13 on p. 299) which discusses the attempts of modern scholars to prove that the incident did not happen at all. A T'ang scholar not mentioned by Creel, Ssu-ma Cheng (8th century A.D.), comments:

"If we examine the <code>[K'ung-tzu]</code> chia-yu and the writings of Confucius, these words are nowhere to be found. Therefore, Huan T'an, too, believed that this was a false accusation."

Of course, because of Ssu-ma Cheng's Confucian bias, it is to be expected that he would try to disprove "the false accusation" and affirm Confucius' loyalty; however, this does not in itself invalidate his commentary. However, it is clear from fragment 137 that Ssu-ma Cheng was not a reliable historian; he clearly misinterpreted Huan T'an's statement on Tungfang Shuo. It is possible that, in this particular case, he was misusing the authority of Huan T'an, an eminent Han scholar, to prove that Confucius could have not been impeached.

NOTES: OTHER WRITINGS BY HUAN T'AN

- 1. PTSC 102.4a, IWLC 78.16b and Yen 12.7b give the name as "Hsien fu," while PTSC 12.4a quotes "Hsien wang [fu]," which is probably a mistake for "Wang hsien [fu]" Y AH K . K'ung Kuang t'ao's edition of PTSC, published in 1888, uses the latter, preferable form. It corresponds to the name "Looking-for-Immortals Gate" and to Huan T'an's feelings as described in the last sentence of his preface. Furthermore, names composed of two characters were commonly used as titles for rhyme-prose (fu).
- 2. PTSC 102.4a only quotes the preface (hsu β , which may also be translated as "postface," since it is frequently placed at the end of a work) which is not mentioned by any other source.
- 3. IWLC 78.16b has chung-lang P ("Gentleman of the Household"). PTSC 102.4a has two different quotations. The first, which is attributed to Huan T'an's Hsin-lun (fragment 142), has feng-ch'e lang P ("Gentleman of the Imperial Carriages"), while the second, from "Hsien fu" has only lang P ("Gentleman"). Although the title chung-lang existed in Huan T'an's time, Huan T'an himself did not use it. The title feng-ch'e lang is also given to Huan T'an by TPYL 215.9a (see fragment 125, note 60); Huan T'an attained this rank when he was only seventeen years old (sixteen by European computation; see fragment 125, note 59). The short form, lang ("Gentleman"), which I adopt, may be an abbreviation of one of those titles; it is given in Huan T'an's biography in Hou Han shu 28A, p. 1011.
- 4. IWLC 78.16b has chiao $\sqrt[3]{6}$ ("sacrifice"), while PTSC 102.4a has pu $\rightarrow 6$ ("subordinate"). Yen hesitated between the two. In the modern edition of PTSC (see note 1 above) he originally used chiao, but Ku Ch'ienli changed it to pu, and Yen later accepted this modification. The IWLC cannot be lightly dismissed, since it is in accord with the account in Han shu 10 (see HFHD II, p. 407). See also note 6 below.
- 5. Ho-tung commandery was in western Shansi near the Yellow River.
- 6. Following the reading pu (see note 4 above),

another acceptable translation may be; "The subordinate [officials] first..."

- 7. The town of Hua-yin can still be found between the Wei River and Mount Hua-shan in eastern Shensi on the railroad from Lo-yang to Sian. However, Hua-yin is also an old name for Mount Hua-shan itself; M. Kaltenmark, Le Lie-sien tchouan, p. 160, note 1.
- 8. <u>Han shu</u> 28A (p. 2489) confirms this but gives no date for the building of the palace. Its construction is not mentioned in the "Annals of Emperor Wu."
- 9. PTSC 102.4a has a fuller version, chi-ling-kung huai hsien-cho 集 文 水 本 which is more intelligible and thus preferable: "In the Palace of Assembled Spirits the Emperor wished to reflect on immortals such as..."

Both immortals are discussed by Pan Piao in his "Lan-hai fu" (Yen, Ch'üan Hou Han wen 23.4b), and by the poet Hsi K'ang (see Holzman, La vie et la pensée de Hi K'ang, pp. 20 and 139, 23 and 140). Hsi K'ang also refers to Huan T'an directly (Holzman, pp. 114, 172) and indirectly, when speaking of Mister Tou (fragment 82D, note 21; Holzman, pp. 106, 169). The first of the above quotations from Hsi K'ang is important for an understanding of Huan T'an's reaction to the Taoist practices. See note 16 below for the Taoist practices.

- ll. The text has hu 戶, but I follow Yen in reading chü 后 ("to live"). The four characters of this last short sentence are not found in IWLC 78.16b.
- 12. Instead of the $\underline{\text{miao}}$ $\cancel{\text{My}}$ ("beautiful") of the text, Yen reads another $\underline{\text{miao}}$ $\cancel{\text{My}}$ ("subtle").
- 13. This is the last character of the quotation from "Hsien fu hsü" A in PTSC 102.4a. Another, similar quotation on the same page comes from the Hsin-lun, not from this rhyme-prose. It seems hardly possible that "Rhyme-prose on Looking for Immortals" was part of the Hsin-lun; more likely, it was part of Huan's literary works (chi ; see the commentary to fragment 190).

The quotation from <u>Hsin-lun</u> was shortened by Huan T'an or some later editor. Yen included it in his reconstructed 12th chapter, "Tao fu" (see fragment 142). Sun 15b (fragment 142, note 11) attributes his quote to the same source; his text, however, is substantially different and cannot be found in <u>PTSC</u>. It reads as follows: "In my youth, when I was a Gentleman of the Imperial Carriages, Emperor Hsiao-ch'eng favored Kan-ch'üan Palace. I wished to write on the wall; therefore, I wrote a <u>fu</u> to eulogize and praise the behavior of the two Immortals. I received a command to write a "Rhyme-prose on the Immortals" (<u>Hsien fu</u>) on the wall of Kan-ch'üan Palace."

Yen includes three characters, <u>i sung-mei</u> 以類 ("To eulogize and praise"), which cannot be found in the <u>PTSC</u> 102.4a version of the "Hsien fu hsü" (preface) but are included in Sun's version of the <u>Hsin-lun</u> quote, translated above. In fact, Yen's version makes little sense since he did not also add the four characters "the behaviour of the Immortals."

- 15. The character yin = 3 ("to guide") is here connected with the compound tao-yin = 3 ("gymnas-tics").

- 16. Yuan ch'i 1 1 ("the original breath") is translated by Maspero in "Les procédés de 'nourrir le principe vital' dans la réligion taoïste ancienne," p. 206, as "Souffle Originel." A theory on this "original" or "primal" breath was not fully developed until the T'ang dynasty, which considered it to be a kind of "personal" breath. Taoist breath exercises were closely connected with gymnastics (tao-yin). Ch'ih Sung Tzu and Wang Ch'iao were each identified with a system of gymnastics. A description of these two systems, which is crucial to understanding this rhyme-prose, is given by Maspero, pp. 415-17, 422-23.
- 17. For the expression hsu wu 虚無 ("Emptiness and Nothingness"), see P. Pelliot, "Meou-tseu ou les doutes levés," TP, No. 19 (1920), pp. 397-98, note 324.
- 18. Yu ming 幽明 (translated as "darkness and light") could mean "death and life."
- 19. A character referred to as early as the Book of Songs, yū-nū £ -\$\pi\$ ("Jade Woman") became one of the Taoist goddesses (Yen Shih-ku, commentary to Han shu 87A, p. 5078). According to Shen-i ching la (attributed rather arbitrarily to Tung-fang Shuo), she lived in a mountain in the Eastern desert (for Tung-huang or "Eastern Desert," see fragment 177). Lieh-hsien chuan 44 refers to the "sanctuary of the Jade Woman" (Kaltenmark, p. 178; see also Han shu 25B, p. 2145), and Yang Hsiung, in his "Kan-ch'üan fu" (Wen hsüan 7.4a; Han shu 87A, p. 5078; von Zach, Die Chinesische Anthologie, I, p. 97), associates her with the other Taoist deities Hsi-wang-mu and Fu-fei. Chang Heng, in his "Ssu-hsüan fu" (Wen hsüan 15.5b; von Zach, I, p. 224), makes the same association and also says that the Jade Woman comes from Mount T'ai-hua (or Hua-shan), also called Hua-yin (see note 7 above). See also Y. Hervouet, Sseu-ma Siang-jou, pp. 299-300, 315, and E. H. Schafer, TP, Vol. 50 (1963), p. 261, note 1.

In his commentary to Wen hsüan 15.5b, Li Shan identifies the Jade Woman with the Hairy Woman (Mao-nü 美士) from Lieh-hsien chuan 54. Pao-p'u-tzu (11.13a; Monumenta Serica, Vol. II, 1946, pp. 24-25; and Kaltenmark, Le Lie-sien tchouan, p. 160, note 4) says that, during the reign of Emperor Ch'eng, this Hairy Woman was found by hunters in the Chung-nan Mountain. Her style name was Jade Lady (Yü-chiang ***). Li Shan's

identification, if correct, would explain why the Jade Woman is unknown in earlier Taoism, since she would represent a feature peculiar to Hsien-Taoism. Neither Maspero ("Les procédés," p. 377, note 1) nor W. Eichhorn ("Eine Erzählung aus dem Wen-chien hou-lu", p. 173, note 24) recognized this possibility.

Thus, the Jade Woman is a Taoist goddess associated with Hua-shan. She bears a certain resemblance to the Mysterious Woman (Hsüan nü 玄女). Although of Taoist origin, she was later identified with Kundalini of the Yoga system; see J. Filliozat, "Taoïsme et Yoga," Dan Việt-Nam, Vol. 3 (1949), p. 119.

- 20. <u>K'ang-hsi tzu-tien</u> quotes a commentary to the "Yüeh ling" chapter of the <u>Li chi</u>, which says that <u>t'eng</u> designates draft animals (Legge I, p. 266). The term <u>ch'ing-lung</u> ("blue dragon") can also be found there (Legge, I, p. 251) in connection with the Emperor's carriage. Pan Piao uses similar terms in his "Lan-hai fu" (Yen, <u>Ch'üan Hou Han wen</u> 23.4b). For "blue dragon," see also E. H. Schafer, <u>TP</u>, Vol. 50 (1963), p. 261, note 1.
- 21. The reference to the black stone calls to mind the "Tzu-hsü fu" by Ssu-ma Hsiang-ju (Wen_hsüan 7.7b).
- 22. Yang Hsiung frequently mentions "the region of purest air" in e.g., his "Kan-ch'üan fu" (Wen hsüan 7.1b, Han shu 87A, p. 5068). The two characters chiao and ko may also be interpreted as referring to the Chiao Mountain, in Shantung, and Mount Ko-hsien, in Chekiang; the latter is famous as a home of immortals.
- 23. Maspero translates Yü-i £ 次 ("the juice of jade") as "la liquer du Jade" ("Le Taoïsme," in Mélanges posthumes, II, p. 107). He describes the substance in detail in a paragraph on the absorption of the saliva ("Les procédés," p. 362): "L'absorption de la salive ...accompagne ordinairement les pratiques du Souffle; on profite de ce que la bouche est fermée pour recueillir la Liquer du Jade, c'est-à-dire la salive en abondance sous la langue, en remplir la bouche et, en penchant la tête, l'avaler pour qu'elle aille en haut réparer le cerveaux et en bas baigner les cinq viscères." See also Kaltenmark, Le Lie-sien tchuan, p. 37, and P. Pelliot, in "Meou-tseu ou les doutes levés," p. 381, note 266.

- 24. Hua-chih # ("splendid iris") is also mentioned in "Kan-ch'üan fu" (Wen hsüan 7.1b; Han shu 87A, p. 5069; von Zach, I, p. 94). Fu Ch'ien's commentary says it is a hua-kai , an umbrella with the emblem of a splendid iris which is used on the Emperor's carriages.
- 25. Yü-chiang £ \$\frac{1}{2}\$ ("jade liquid") is translated by Maspero as "le Bouillon de Jade" ("Le Taoisme," p. 113); the term also means "saliva." The saliva is not to be absorbed, as note 23 shows, but plays an important role in the absorption of breath. The first step of the Taoist procedure was to hold the breath for a long period of time. In the following difficult step one must "close up the breath" (pi ch'i \$\frac{1}{2}\$ and avoid passing it out through the mouth, nose, or any other orifice. The "jade liquid" must fill the mouth to prevent the breath from leaking out.
- 26. In accordance with Yen, I read ts'ang 流 ("vast") for the ts'ang 点 ("hurried, flurried") of the text.
- 27. This probably refers to the Gate of Heaven on T'ai-shan.
- 28. In accordance with Yen, I read pa / ("eight"), instead of the graphically similar character, ju / ("to reach"). Pa is also used in Pan Piao's "Lan-hai fu" (see note 20 above).
- 29. "The altar of Yen-hua" may refer to Yen-tzu, a mountain near T'ien-shui in Kansu. The sun is said to sink into a cave on Mount Yen-tzu every night.
- 30. The second hu $\frac{4}{7}$ is not given by <u>IWLC</u> and was correctly added by Yen. The term comes from Mencius (III:I:IV:7; Legge, p. 250).
- 31. See fragment 207, note 40.
- 52. Li Hsien's commentary presents a brief survey of these events, which are described in detail in <u>Han shu</u> 97A, pp. 5568-71. For more than ten years the <u>Empress</u> née Ch'en had been the legal wife of Emperor Wu, but she had not borne a son by him. The Emperor fell in love with Wei Tzu-fu, whose career has been vividly described by M. Wilbur, <u>Slavery in China during the Former Han Dynasty</u>, pp. 298-99. Her younger brother was the famous general, Wei Ch'ing.

- 33. According to $\underline{\text{HFHD}}$, II, p. 41, the Empress née Ch'en was dismissed on August 20, 131 B.C.
- 34. According to <u>HFHD</u>, II, p. 49, the Empress née Wei was established on April 30, 128 B.C., only after she gave birth to a son, Liu Chü. She had previously borne three daughters. See also note 32 above.
- 55. The <u>Ssu-pu pei-yao</u> edition of <u>Hou Han shu</u> has the wrong character <u>fu</u> ("man") instead of the <u>pien</u> ("transformation") of Wang Hsien-ch'ien's edition.
- 36. The Empress née Ch'en attempted to regain the love of her husband, Emperor Wu, by means of a love potion produced by black magic. Unfortunately, the result was the reverse of what she had hoped; the Empress was executed, together with over three hundred people who were accused of taking part in these magical practices. See HFHD, II, pp. 17-19, and other literature quoted in note 25 to fragment 102. Huan T'an had every reason to believe that the neglected Empress née Fu, also estranged from her husband, would resort to the same remedy in her despair, thereby courting a fate like that of the Empress née Ch'en.
- 37. The Empress was indeed interested in magicians and in their art of "yellow and white," the production of gold.
- 38. Pin-k'o ("retainers"). At this time numerous memorials were presented to the Emperor criticizing the ownership of large numbers of slaves, and proposals were made to limit their acquisition. These criticisms were apparently directed against retainers as well. In some cases the position of the retainers may have been very similar to that of the slaves.
- 39. In accordance with $\underline{Tz'u\ hai}$, I prefer \underline{shih} 梦 ("position") to the \underline{i} 女 ("skill") of the text.
- 40. Tung Hsien was a young and powerful protégé of Emperor Ai. He became Commander-in-Chief in July of the year 1 B.C. and was deposed a few weeks later, on August 16, when Emperor Ai died.
- 41. For an explanation of chiao 交 ("friends"), see the commentary to fragment 190.

- 42. Bielenstein, The Restoration, I, pp. 145-51 and 153; see also The Life, I, p. 53.
- 43. The proposals are translated in <u>The Life</u>, I, pp. 48-51.
- 44. Chen Feng was a high dignitary who gained his first post in 8 B.C. (Han shu 19B, p. 1311) and became a close collaborator of Wang Mang. In 2 A.D., he became the Grand Minister of Works (ibid., p. 1330), a post which he filled until January 15, 9 A.D. (HFHD, III, p. 263). In December of the year 10 A.D. or in January of 11 A.D., Chen Feng committed suicide, in part because of the intrigues of his own son (HFHD, III, pp. 308-10). Chen Feng's successor in the office of the Grand Minister of Works was Wang I, who is also mentioned in the Hsin-lun (see fragment 164A, note 17 to fragment 164B, and note 21 to fragment 164D).
- bers: 100,000; 1,000,000; 10,000,000; or even 100,000,000. <u>I-wan</u> is, simply, an immense number (see <u>Dai Kanwa jiten</u>, <u>I</u>, pp. 944-45, and No. 1178.30). However, since Huan T'an speaks of "several <u>i-wan</u>," he is clearly referring to a specific number. A similar large number, ch'ien-wan + (possibly 10,000,000), was examined by M. Wilbur in Slavery, p. 281, note 6: "This might be read 'several thousand up to a myriad [cash],' wan being the terminal figure. Certainly, the term ch'ien-wan at times means thousand times myriad (see Couvreur, Dictionaire classique, p. 106), and it must mean that here, for several thousand or a myriad is not a large figure for money in Han times." In a letter of October 22, 1965, Professor L. S. Yang writes, "I suggest that <u>i-wan</u> as a real number was the same as <u>wan-wan</u> or <u>i</u> (100,000,000) in Han times. <u>Hou Han shu</u> 64.13a-b [i.e., 24, p. 1246--T.P.] refers to the wealth of Shihsun Fen, which amounted to i-i ch'i-ch'ien wan 一億之 f g, or 170,000,000. Hou Han shu 81.5a [i.e., 41, p. 1823-T.P.] states that the government owed people debts amounting to several tens of i-wan, which must have been a real number too." This means that Huan T'an's estimate of several i-wan represented approximately one-tenth of what would be the government debt one hundred years later (in 110 A.D.) and thus could have been quite realistic.

Incidentally, it is significant that the immensely rich Shih-sun Fen does not have a biography in Hou Han shu. Moreover, he is mentioned only once in the large dynastic history and even then in relation to an affair which actually happened some twenty years later, under the Emperor Shun.

- 46. The meaning of the term <u>hsien-kuan</u> 操信(here translated as "Imperial government") is also ambiguous. H. H. Dubs (HFHD, I, p. 311, note 3.5, and II, p. 64) translates it as "government" or "imperial government." N. L. Swann (Food and Money in Ancient China, p. 167, note 192) suggests that the "reference may be to the county official himself," while A. F. P. Hulsewe, (Remnants, I, p. 381, note 176) treats the problem exhaustively, saying that "it is not always easy to make a decision" and that hien-kuan in the term hien tao kuan ("offices of the prefectures and marches") definitely does not indicate the central government, but the prefecture and nothing else." B. Watson reflects this ambiguity; in his translation from Shih chi 122, pp. 17-18, he translates the term twice as "district officials" and once as "the government" (Records, II, p. 430). Perhaps we should accept the opinion of L. S. Yang (see note 45 above): "I wonder whether it is always necessary to make a distinction between central government and local government, because, after all, the prefects and magistrates were all agents of the imperial government.'
- 47. The last sentence appears to belong to Huan T'an, because Pan Ku's evaluation (or eulogy) is found in the following sentence. Moreover, since Huan T'an's conclusion clearly is not part of his dialogue with Chen Feng, I believe that the entire text was copied by Pan Ku from the Hsin-lum.
- 48. In translating cheng-shih to as "political affairs," I follow H. H. Dubs, The Works of Hsüntze, p. 36. Legge, in Confucian Analects (XI:II:2; pp. 237-38), has "administrative talents;" in the Works of Mencius (VII:II:XII:3; p. 483), Legge has "[the great principles] of government and their various business."
- 49. "The Counsellors" (<u>Fu-tso</u> 輔佐) is the title of Chapter 5 of Chia I's <u>Hsin-shu</u>.
- 50. A similar sentence is found in a memorial by Huan T'an's contemporary, Ts'ai Mao, which is quoted in Hou Han shu 28, p. 960.

- 51. King Chuang of Ch'u reigned from 613 to 591 B.C. and is traditionally regarded as one of the Five Hegemons.
- 52. Sun Shu-ao was a Chancellor of Ch'u. His biography is found in <u>Shih chi</u> 119, pp. 2-4. He is frequently mentioned in early literature, as, for example, in <u>Tso chuan</u> (Legge, p. 318) and in <u>Mencius</u> (Legge, p. 446.
- 53. For an example of such an arrogant lord, see Su Ch'in's biography in Shih chi 69, p. 47. The term chiao chün the chapter of Lu Chia!s Hsin-yū. The title of the chapter, "Pien-huo" the chapter, "Pien-huo" the chapter of Huan T'an's Hsin-lun.
- 54. The story of King Chuang and Sun Shu-ao may be found in the collection of anecdotes, $\underline{\text{Hsin hsü}}$ (2, p. 12), generally attributed to Liu Hsiang. Huan T'an did not quote this story verbatim but adapted and shortened it. Liu Hsiang's version shows that Sun Shu-ao was extremely critical of his ruler. Another story about Sun Shu-ao, the second of the three included by Ssu-ma Ch'ien in Chapter 126 of the Shih chi, shows a "Sun Shu-ao redivivus." After Sun Shu-ao's death, an ironical critic ($\underline{\text{ku-chi}}$), Meng, imitates his behavior so convincingly that the same King Chuang is forced to promise to give more care to Sun Shu-ao's wife and children, who had become destitute after the death of the eminent and selfless chancellor.
- 55. The term tsao jen ("impetuous men") alludes to the I Ching, "Hsi-tz'u chuan." R. Wilhelm (I Ging: Das Buch der Wandlungen, p. 272) translates it as "Aufgeregte Menschen machen viele Worte," while Couvreur (Dictionnaire classique, p. 901) has "un homme d'un caractère ardent (multiplie les paroles)." Hui Tung, in his commentary quoted by Wang Hsien-ch'ien, says that the term means "people who privately deliberate on the government of the country." In the last, autobiographical chapter of his Lun-heng, Wang Ch'ung alludes to this line in the I Ching, saying that some people call him a man of many words because of the great size of his book (30:85, p. 1193; Forke, I, p. 77).

- This is a quote from Tung Chung-shu's first memorial to Emperor Wu, given in <u>Han shu</u> 56, p. 4001, with some variations. The text has been translated by W. Seufert, "Urkunden zur staatlichen Neuordnung unter der Han-Dynastie," MSOS, Vols. 23-25 (1922), p. 26. A similar text is found in the "Treatise on the Rules for Ceremonious Behaviour and on Music," in Han shu 22, p. 1911, translated by Hulsewé (Remnants, I, p. 435): "I [would beg] to liken it to a lute or a zithern. When these are very much out of tune, they have to be unstrung, and strung anew; then they can be strummed. When, in carrying out an administrative [policy], this is not enacted to a serious extent, it must be changed and transformed anew; then there can be order." The text of Pan Ku's Han shu is based upon Huan T'an; a similar adaptation is noted by Hulsewé, Remnants, I, p. 312. Of course, both texts were originally derived by Huan T'an from Tung Chung-shu, but his reasoning is significantly different from that of Tung Chung-shu. Tung Chung-shu stresses the necessity of administrative reforms, while Huan T'an uses the same anecdotes as examples of persons who suffered greatly because they were not understood by their contemporaries. This is, in a slightly different form, Wang Ch'ung's constantly recurring theme of the frustration of ministers and officials.
- 57. Chia I lived ca. 201-169 B.C. At the age of twenty, he was appointed a Scholar of Erudite Learning (po-shih) by Emperor Wen, and only a year later he became a Grand Palace Grandee. However, before long Chia I was banished to Ch'ang-sha because of the slanders of envious courtiers who feared his wisdom and growing power.
- 58. Ch'ao Ts'o was an eminent politician and scholar during the reigns of Emperors Wen and Ching. He correctly recognized the danger which the existence of large fiefs not administered by the Emperor's officials created for the stability of the dynasty. Therefore, in 154 B.C., he proposed to liquidate these fiefs according to the system practiced by the Ch'in dynasty. This proposal, of course, was strongly opposed by the holders of these fiefs. It led directly to the rebellion of the Seven Kingdoms in the same year; to save the situation, the Emperor sacrificed Ch'ao Ts'o. Apparently Huan T'an compared the conflicts in his own official career with Ch'ao Tso's death, a "reward" for his meritorious work on behalf of the Han dynasty. The stories of Chia I and Ch'ao Ts'o may be found in Han shu 48, pp. 3687-3740, and 49, pp. 3751-78, respectively.

- 59. <u>Dai Kan Wa Jiten</u> 9812.238 quotes both this line and a similar, less realistic statement from the <u>Po-hutung</u> 7.31a: "Therefore, the division of the land into principalities is not for the sake of the Feudal Lords; neither is the institution of administrative offices and bureaus for the sake of the Ministers and great officers. It is all for the benefit of the people." (Translation by Tjan Tjoe Som, II, p. 416.)
- 60. <u>Dai Kan Wa Jiten</u> 27784.57 quotes this, preferring <u>hsüan-shang</u> ("rewards are offered") to <u>hsien-shang</u> 点
- 61. The term <u>fu-fa</u> 状法 (here translated as "settled by the law") is translated by B. Watson as "to fall before the law" (in his translation of <u>Han shu</u> 62, p. 4266; Ssu-ma Ch'ien, <u>Grand Historian of China</u>, p. 63) and by A. Forke as "[to suffer death] according to the law" (<u>Lun-heng</u>, I, p. 157; <u>Lun-heng</u> 6.20, p. 255).
- 62. See note 67 below.
- 63. Perhaps jen /注 ("to allow") should be read for jen 人 ("people"), as in the biography of Hsieh Hsüan, the well-known jurist and elder contemporary of Huan T'an (Han shu 83, p. 4928). If we accept jen /注 , it would be synonymous with t'ing 读 ("to allow, to permit") and would not change the translation in any way. Dai Kan Wa Jiten 29211.100 translates t'ing-jen 表 /注 as "makaseru" ("to leave anything to another's care," "to leave a person do anything").
- 65. Hui Tung quotes from commentaries to several ancient texts by Wang Pao and Cheng Chung in order to prove that such an ordinance really did exist in the

- Han period. No such ordinance is listed in Hulsewé, Remnants, I, pp. 42-47, where Hulsewé discusses all the ordinances of which we now have knowledge. However, J. L. Kroll does convincingly demonstrate that at least one ordinance not listed by Hulsewé did exist; see his "Notes on Han Law." Huan T'an's text on revenge (or vendetta) was quoted and translated by Masabuchi Tatsuo in "The Yu Hsia [済 水] and the Social Order in the Han Period," 3, p. 94. There is a more thorough treatment of the vendetta in Han times in Makino Tatsumi, Shina Kazoku kenkyū, p. 417-87. Explaining blood revenge in Chinese law, Ch'u T'ung-tsu also translated Huan T'an's passage, emphasizing its importance, since "we do not know exactly when the taking of revenge became illegal and punishable by the law." Huan T'an's memorial "seems to imply that revenge was prohibited, at least at the end of the Former Han Dynasty, and that Huan T'an was merely asking Emperor Kuang-wu to implement a law already in existence" (Law and Society in Traditional China, p. 80).
- 66. <u>Ku-shan</u> 角山 (here translated "to redeem his punishment for him") literally means "a hired mountain." Li Hsien's commentary to <u>Hou Han shu</u> lA, p. 34, explains the term as a redemption which can be made by hiring people to fell trees in the mountains. See also the detailed explanation in Dubs, <u>HFHD</u>, III, pp. 69-70, note 4.5.
- 67. Ch'ou-yüan 水 ("hatred and anger") is identical with yüan-ch'ou ccurs, among other places, in Shih-chi 55, p. 19; W. Bauer ("Der Fürst von Liu," p. 169) translates, "[Leute welche Sie zeitlebens] aufs bitterste gehasst haben," but the same text paraphrased in Liu Hsiang's Hsin-hsü l0.9b (chapter Shan, mou B) gives yüan-ch'ou. Yüan-ch'ou is identified by Dai Kan Wa Jiten 10479.13 with yüan-ch'ou 是 像 , which is also used in this memorial; see the text to note 62 above.
- 68. The "root" or "basic" occupation is, of course, agriculture, while extraneous profits are those acquired by trade.
- 69. Li Hsien's commentary mentions the laws of the first Han Emperor Kao which prohibited the sons and the grandsons of merchants from becoming officials. This ordinance is also mentioned by Hulsewé (Remnants, I, p. 151, note 159), who says that his source is Huan

T'an's memorial, written about 30 A.D. Hulsewé is probably referring to Huan T'an's memorial as quoted in the Tung-kuan Han chi; see note 79 below and the order by Emperor Kao which Dubs translates in HFHD, I, p. 120. See also the following note 70 and Ying-shih Yü, Trade, p. 18, note 32.

70. The term ping-chien if ("the accumulation and acquisition of the fields of the poor by the rich and powerful") is found in Chung-ch'ang T'ung's Ch'angyen, in Chapter Sun-i (quoted in Hou Han shu 49, p. 1780) and in Chapter Li-luan (ibid., p. 1776), where it is used to characterize the ruling methods of the Ch'in. The same term is used again, in the same context, in Hou Han shu 80A, p. 2855, by Fan Yeh. Li Hsien (Chapter 19, p. 729; see also 26, p. 966) comments, "Ping-chien means that the powerful and rich, by means of their wealth and influence, unite and secure (ping-ch'ü is) the fields of the poor and take and possess (chien-yu in them" (translation by H. H. Dubs, in HFHD, II, p. 68, note 17.2).

In order to understand properly these two characters, it is also necessary to analyze the reversed binom, chien-ping. The new dictionary, Chung-wen tatz'u-tien (Vol. II, 9379.24) says that ping-chien is the same as chien-ping and quotes several sources, such as Kuan-tzu, Shih chi 6, Han shu 24, Mo-tzu, Hsin-shu, and the "Wang-tao" Chapter of Tung Chung-shu's Ch'un ch'iu fan lu in support of its suggestion. Wen Ying, whose commentary is quoted in Han shu 5, sixth year yüan-shou, and translated by Dubs, says, "Those who had taken concurrently (chien-ping)' were the families who enjoyed official salaries; They were not permitted to rule their estates and concurrently (chien) to take the advantages (given to) unimportant common people. Although the merchants might be rich, they were not, again concurrently (chien) to hold fields and residences, to have guest-(retainers), or to plow and farm" (HFHD II, p. 68, note 17.2).

H. H. Dubs resumes, "Wen Ying seems to imply that there were three classes: (1) officials and nobility, who might possess fields and residences and entertain guest retainers, (2) farmers, and (3) merchants. Farmers were granted many privileges by the Ch'in and Han dynasties; Emperor Wu tried to keep the officials and merchants from claiming the advantages granted to farmers by prohibiting merchants from owning farm land."

The term chien-ping is also used in the treatise on economy in Han shu 24, which is translated by N. L. Swann: "That is why tradespeople absorb (rights of) farmers, and farmers therefore are drifting from place to place." The author comments further (note 187): "...Here...occurs the term translated 'absorb,' or 'to take possession of' [i.e., chien ping--T.P.]. It is used only once in the treatise, whereas the two parts reversed, ping-chien, is a term with a different meaning, that is 'to monopolize,' 'to tyrannize.'" See N. L. Swann, Food and Money in Ancient China, p. 156 and note 187.

Still another interpretation is offered by A. F. P. Hulsewé in Remnants, I, p. 90: "...'harsh officials' turned against members of their own 'gentry' class...the locally prominent...are accused again and again of 'encroaching,' i.e., of extending their power at the expense of the lesser folk, especially by dispossessing them of their land."

- 71. A "sense of modesty and shame" is one of the basic Confucian virtues.
- 72. The text has fang t'ien huo 故田貨 (here translated as "accumulate land and goods") which may mean "sell land and goods" (see Dai Kan Wa Jiten, 13133.62, under fang-huo). Nevertheless, Huan T'an apparently had the merchants who bought the land of poor peasants in mind. Wang Hsien-ch'ien points out that the Palace edition reads ch'ien-huo 致 ("money and goods"), while our text of the Hou Han shu is corroborated by the Tung-kuan Han chi. Wang is correct, but the significant variation is in the Tung-kuan Han chi, which has shou t'ien-huo 故田貨 , rather than fang t'ien-huo (Chapter 4, p. 20b, in the edition by Yao Chih-yin, Hou Han shu pu-i, or in the edition Ssupu pei-yao of the Tung-kuan Han chi 19, p. 69b). The two characters fang and shou are graphically similar; I prefer shou.

speakers to refer to themselves as a polite form of modesty when speaking to persons of higher rank. The use of the term in the Han period may have been archaic. This suggestion is reinforced by its use in <u>Han shu</u> (73, p. 4647), which discusses ancient times. However, neither of these suggestions adequately explains its use in this text.

- "Ground tax" is the translation of the term shui given by N. L. Swann, <u>Food and Money</u>, p. 371. For a systematic study of the term, see R. C. Blue, "The Argumentation of the 'Shih-huo chih' Chapters of the Han, Wei, and Sui Dynastic Histories," pp. 108-10. On page 110, the author translates a commentary by Yen Shih-ku: "Shui means collecting the income from their arable fields..." Chavannes (MH, III, p. 542, note 6) says that the term shui "désigne le redevance du quinzième prélevé sur toutes les productions du sol et de l'industrie." Huan T'an was probably referring to the landrent, but Li Hsien's commentary explains the term shoushui 收 說 as describing the levying of interest from loans. The Tung-kuan Han chi, quoted by Li Hsien, says, "The sons of families of intermediate rank serve as guarantors, receive the accounts, and report to the throne. They scurry, bow and prostrate themselves like servants and slaves. [The merchants] just sit and divide the profit." Huan T'an's criticism goes even further. For "families of intermediate rank," see note 73 above; for rich merchants, see the following note 76.
- 76. Several of Huan T'an's observations are similar to those made by Ssu-ma Ch'ien in his chapter on the money-makers, Shih chi 129.
- 77. I prefer mu ("to follow," "an example") for the original mu ("to desire," "to long for"), a preference shared by Dubs, HFHD, II, p. 409, and by Wilbur, Slavery, p. 422. When commenting on Dubs's translation of the term mu-i , C. S. Goodrich explains the word mu: "The word is used not so much of actions as of feelings, and here probably indicates an alleged desire or yearning on the part of the barbarians to conform with the Chinese principles. 'To yearn for'...or even 'to desire to imitate'...comes, I think, closer to representing the specific meaning of the Chinese expression;" see Goodrich's "Professor Dubs's Translation of the Biography of Wang Mang," p. 115, and also note 65.

- 78. See Dubs and Wilbur, quoted in the note above.
- 79. For the translation of tsang as "illicit profit," see Hulsewé, Remnants, I, pp. 178-79. The more detailed account of the Tung-kuan Han chi is quoted by Li Hsien: "The merchants frequently have access to extravagant and lavish things, like white gauze, openwork variegated and embroidered silk, colors and toys, thus indulging people's ears and eyes and utterly exhausting their wealth. This plants extravagance in the lower classes and establishes the root of poverty. Then, how is it possible to make people thrifty and austere, wealthy and content? Customs are difficult to change abruptly, and people cannot be reformed quickly. It is necessary to suppress the channels [by which they grow extravagant] and let bad customs gradually wither of themselves." The style of Huan T'an's memorial, as quoted in the Tung-kuan Han chi, differs radically from the version in Hou Han shu. Tung-kuan Han chi appears to be quoting from an imperial edict; there are certain similarities with the edict by Emperor Ch'eng, published in 13 B.C. and translated in HFHD, II, pp. 408-09.

Huan T'an's proposal that the informer be rewarded with the money gained through illegal withdrawal of taxes or other machinations which he reported was not an original idea. For example, the treatise on economy in Han shu 24B says, "If anyone fails to make his estimate [and pay his tax or] makes an incomplete report, he should be sent out to serve on a frontier post for one year, and his strings of cash [that is, his fortune] should be confiscated. He who could be able to accuse in law another [of breaking these regulations], to him would be given one half [of the culprit's fortune]." (Translation by Swann, Food and Money, p. 282.) It is quite probable that, as in the case of his suggestion on revenge (see the text to note 66 above), Huan T'an was merely proposing that the new Emperor revive the old regulation.

- 80. <u>Chin ti-li</u> 支地力 (here translated "fully exploited") was translated by J. J. L. Duyvendak (<u>The Book of the Lord Shang</u>, p. 51) as the name of the agricultural school of "intensive culture."
- 81. The term yin-yüan 囚緣 ("to avail one-self") is defined in Li Hsien's commentary to the Hou Han shu 46, p. 1662, as <u>i-fu i sheng ch'ing-chung</u> 放 时以生輕重, which is, in turn, explained by the

- $\underline{\text{Tz'u hai}}$ (under $\underline{\text{yin-yuan}}$) as "profiting from the law by the misuse of official documents."
- 82. Pi the may also be translated as "comparison;" see Hulsewé, Remnants, I, pp. 51 or 60.
- 83. The greater part of this passage has been translated by Hulsewé, Remnants, I, p. 338, p. 389 (note 199) and p. 421 (note 343). My translation differs in only a few respects. As Hulsewé correctly points out, there are interesting similarities between Huan T'an's memorial and Pan Ku's treatise on law in Han shu 23, p. 1997. The Han shu text is translated by Hulsewé in Remnants, I, p. 349; "...the law will no [longer] have two applications; the lightness or severity [of the punishments] will correspond to the [gravity of the] crimes and the lives of the people will remain intact."
- 84. The four characters ming-hsi lü-ling 用程序 are used in Han shu 23, p. 1987; see Hulsewé, Remnants, I, p. 340. The term chiao-ting 校 ("revise and settle") is quoted by Dai Kan Wa Jiten 14713.72 and by Chung-wen ta-tz'u-tien 15043.21 as having been first used by Huan T'an. Both dictionaries identify it with a later binome, chiao-ting 校 : Liu Hsiang collated (chiao 校) the books in the private library of the Palace, but he did not settle (ting 定) them. (Han shu 10, p. 316; HFHD II, p. 386 and note 6.1. See also Han shu 36, p. 3401). Ting 定 means to "fix" or "settle" something, such as a literary text or an obligatory norm.
- 85. Most of this sentence has been translated by Hulsewé in Remnants, I, pp. 59-60, note 40.
- 86. The text has fang-chih 方 知 ("direction"); Li Hsien's commentary prefers fa 法 ("law") for fang. Wang Hsien-ch'ien and Ch'ien Ta-chao, quoted in the chiao-pu commentary, point out that the Palace edition has chih-fang (p. 1035). The term is from Lun yü XI: 25:4 (Legge, p. 247). See also Hulsewé, Remnants, I, p. 358, note 49.
- 87. For an early use of the term hsien-i 妹 疑 ("doubtful matters"), see, for example, Hsün-tzu 15:21, p. 267, translated by Dubs, p. 271. See also Shih chi 130, p. 22, translated in Watson, Ssu-ma Ch'ien, p. 51. Dai Kan Wa Jiten 6618.8 points out that hsien-i is also a legal term referring to the investigation of the facts of a crime.

- 88. The method of addressing the Emperor is studied by Dubs in <u>HFHD</u>, I, pp. 99-100, note 2. Similar terms, such as, "stupid opinion...deserving ten thousand deaths," can be found in a memorial by Ku Yung (<u>Han shu</u> 85, p. 5005; see fragment 201, note 71), who was famous for his sharp remonstrances with Emperor Ch'eng.
- 89. A summary of this last part of Huan T'an's biography is given in L. Wieger, <u>Rudiments: Textes historiques</u>, Vol. 2 (1904), pp. 800-01.
- 90. For similar statements by Huan T'an, see fragment 164C.
- 91. <u>Lun-yü</u> V:12, translated by Legge, pp. 177-78: "Tsze-kung said, 'The Master's personal display of his principles and ordinary descriptions of them may be heard. His discourses about man's nature, and the way of Heaven, cannot be heard.'"
- 92. I translate shu translation "statistical methods," referring to numerical speculations in The Book of the Lord Shang, pp. 96 and 205. See also E. M. Gale, Discourses on Salt and Iron, p. 18, note 4. A detailed explanation of the term shu, based on a study by Ch'en P'an, is given by Hulsewe in Remnants, I, p. 360, note 71. Ch'en Chung-fan, in the commentary to this text found in his Han-Wei Liu-ch'ao san-wen hsüan (Shanghai: 1956), p. 154, explains the term shu-shu as "the officials of the Ming t'ang, Hsi and Ho, of astrology and divinity."
- 93. T'u ("diagrams") and shu ("documents") are tools of prognostication (ch'an), as has been shown by Ch'en P'an (see note 92 above), who published several studies on them. See also note 113 below and, for a more detailed bibliography, The Life, II, p. 526, note 22. The two terms t'u and shu appear to be short forms of Ho-t'u ("the Chart of the Yellow River") and Lo-shu ("the Writing of the River Lo"). A thorough condemnation of prognostications, falsely attributed to Confucius, can be found in Huan T'an's fragment 68. About half a millenium later, the famous literary critic Liu Hsieh also strongly denounced prognostications, to which he devoted a chapter of his Wen-hsin tiao-lung (1.4, "Cheng wei;" Shih, The Literary Mind, pp. 21-25). Liu Hsieh believes that the apocrypha appeared during the reigns of Emperor Ai and P'ing. He mentions Emperor

- Kuang-wu's great infatuation with them, as well as Huan T'an's opposition (Shih, p. 24). For Ch'en P'an, see also fragment 68, note 3.
- 94. The term <u>ch'i-huo</u> 欺 怠 ("deception and mis-information" occurs earlier in <u>Hsün-tzu</u> 3.6, p. 57; Dubs, p. 78.
- 95. The heroism displayed in this passage has been pointed out by, among others, Hang Shih-chün (1696-1773 A.D.), in his Chu-shih jang-i, p. 2. For Liu Hsieh's comment, see note 93 above. See also note 114 below. In his commentary to Hou Han shu (1B, p. 46), Li Hsien says that, according to the Shuo-wen, the meaning of the character kua ("to deceive, mislead") is identical with that of ku ("to impede, mistake").
- 96. Again, similar terms on "suppressing and banishing arrogant and envious favorites" may be found in $\underline{\text{Han}}$ $\underline{\text{shu}}$ 85, p. 5010 (see note 88 above).
- 97. According to Dai Kan Wa Jiten 25593.160, the term ch'iung-che ("deeply despises") occurs only in Huan T'an's biography.
- 98. In the chiao-pu to a commentary (p. 1035), Wang Hsien-ch'ien calls attention to the fact that, according to Ch'ien Ta-chao, most editions have the character pu ("to foretell"), but that the edition of Mao Chin has shih ("ten"), while the Fu-chien edition has hsiao ("small"). The translation following these variations, would be: "...like divining from ten (or, "from a small group of") even and odd numbers."
- 99. Li Hsien's commentary explains the text as "to hit the mark by chance" (ou-chung 水 中), but Hui Tung refutes his explanation. A version of this passage in modern Chinese is given in Ku Chieh-kang, Han-tai hsüeh-shu shih-lüeh (Shanghai: 1948), p. 204.
- 100. The last three characters, ch'ui ming t'ing ("to condescend to judge with clear sight") are also used in Han shu 23, p. 1986, and translated by Hulsewé in Remnants, I, p. 339.
- 101. The expression lei-t'ung
 ("hearsay")
 originates in Li chi I: T: TIT: 3: 11. Legge (I, p. 75)
 translates, "Let him not appropriate [to himself] the
 words [of others], nor [repeat them] as [the echo does
 the] thunder." See fragment 28, note 31.

- 102. I prefer the character <u>lüeh</u> ("to put into order"), given by the <u>Ssu-pu pei-yao</u> (or Palace) edition, for Wang Hsien-ch'ien's <u>chao</u> g ("to display").
- 103. T'ung-jen 通人 ("learned men"). Wang Ch'ung, displaying his typical ironical attitude towards the literati, defines t'ung-jen, as well as other categories of scholars: "Whoever is able to explain one Classic is a scholar (ju-sheng 像文). Those well-versed in ancient and modern literature are learned (t'ung-jen); those who collect books and records and present memorials to the throne are men of letters (wen-jen 文人); and those never in need of ingenious thoughts to compose themselves, joining paragraphs and chapters, are eminent scholars (hung-ju 天)." (Lun-heng 13:39, p. 607; Forke, II, p. 296.) Huan T'an may not have shared Wang Ch'ung's taste for ironical distinctions and probably was referring to intelligent men in general.
- 104. Huan T'an may be alluding to a similar sentence in the biography of Han Fei-tzu, in Shih chi 63, p. 15: "When there is urgent need, soldiers with armor and helmets are used." In fact, Chang Shou-chieh's commentary to this Shih chi text and Li Hsien's commentary to the Hou Han shu are identical.
- 105. Emperor Kuang-wu is praised in similar terms in a memorial of 39 A.D.: "The virtue of Your Majesty unites Heaven and earth. You have restored the unity of our ancestors" ($\underbrace{\text{Hou Han shu}}_{\text{Han shu}}$ 1B, p. 62). Huan T'an's text has $\underbrace{\text{tsu}}_{\text{A}}$ for "ancestor," while the $\underbrace{\text{Hou Han shu}}_{\text{Han shu}}$ has $\underbrace{\text{tsung}}_{\text{A}}$?
- 106. The term \underline{lu} $\mathbf{\mathring{g}}$ ("captured as enemies") is discussed in great detail in Wilbur, Slavery in China, pp. 99-100, note 2.
- 107. For the explanation of the term $\underline{\text{hu-i}}$ $\underbrace{\text{M}}$ (literally, "suspicious as a fox"), see $\underline{\text{HFHD}}$, I, p. 238, note 4, or Chavannes, $\underline{\text{MH}}$, II, p. 458, note 2.
- 108. The term tang-pei ("cliques and groups") is also used in the fifth chapter of Lu Chia's Hsin-yü (see fragment 209, note 53).
- 109. This alludes to Tao te ching 36.

- 356-57). We should also take note of a very similar sentence in Hsün-tzu (8:12, p. 159), which reads kuei-ch'üeh ch'ung-shang increase rewards").
- lll. In my article, "Once More the Dates of Huan T'an" (pp. 654-55), I have demonstrated that this council was held in 28 A.D. at the Cloud-Terrace (Yün-t'ai) and that the main subject of discussion was the recognition of the Tso chuan and Fei Chih's Book of Changes. The imprecise information given by this Hou Han shu text has caused much misunderstanding among later scholars, as shown in my article, "The Dates of Huan T'an."
- 112. The <u>chiao-pu</u> commentary (p. 1035) notes that the Fu-chien edition, as well as several other texts, adds the character <u>i</u> 以: <u>wu yü i ch'an chüeh chih</u> 音欲以識決之, an addition which has no significant effect on the meaning of the line.
- 113. For the term <u>ch'an</u> I have adopted the translation "prognostication," suggested by D. Bodde in his translation of Fung Yu-lan, <u>A History</u>, II, p. 89ff.
- 114. <u>Tung-kuan Han chi</u> (16, p. 69b) puts more emphasis on Huan T'an's refusal: "Never in my life have I studied prognostications." Of course, Huan T'an's answer was only a polite refusal to give his opinion. Certainly he was familiar with prognostications, as was everyone of that time. Moreover, we have evidence of his knowledge from the Hsin-lun and other sources (see for example, note 93 above). Huan T'an's reply to Kuang-wu became a symbol of heroism and has been frequently quoted as such. For instance, the well-known T'ang writer, Han Yü, mentions it in his <u>Lien-chü, Han</u> Ch'ang-li ch'uan chi 104a. Han Yu also had a good opinion of Wang Ch'ung whom he ranked, together with Wang Fu and Chung-ch'ang T'ung, as one of the three worthy men of the Latter Han. See Hou Han san-hsien tsan sanshou, in his Han Ch'ang-li wen-chi (chia-chu), 1. p. 33; ed. Chung-kuo hsüeh-shu ming-chu, Wen-hsüeh ming-chu 3, 1, Taipei, 1960. Chang Ping-lin and Liang Ch'i-ch'ao even considered Huan T'an's Hou Han shu biography important enough to include in their collection of important literary texts, Chung-kuo hsueh-shu lun-chu chiyao (1930), pp. 137-40. See also note 95 above.
- 115. The word "once more" probably refers to Huan T'an's third and last memorial.

- 116. At this point Wang Hsien-ch'ien adds his own opinion: "The prognostications did in fact contradict the classical books. But Kuang-wu had gained the throne by means of prognostications, as everyone in the Empire knew. Even if this [argument by Huan T'an] could not compare with the other affair [i.e., Kuang-wu's gaining the throne], it would, nevertheless, have been advisable to conceal [his opinion] somewhat." Kuang-wu became furious because he regarded Huan T'an's opposition to the prognostications as tantamount to disloyalty to his restored dynasty.
- 117. The Emperor is not referring to the "law" in a judicial sense but to the "law" ruling the upper strata of Han society. Hui Tung quotes a similar passage from Hsiao ching XI: "...when the authority of the Sage is disallowed, that is the disowning of (all) law." (Legge, The Hsiao King, p. 481). Of course, the concepts of law and morality were closely related, as may be seen from the term for one of the most heinous crimes, pu-tao ("impious"). Later, the term fei-sheng wu-fa ("to oppose the teachings of the sages and disown the law") became very common; see, for example, J. R. Levenson, Liang Ch'i-ch'ao and the Mind of Modern China (1959), p. 37, note 7.
- 118. <u>Tung-kuan Han chi</u> (p. 69b) says, "Because of this, Huan T'an lost the Emperor's confidence. He was never called back and never restored [to his previous place]."
- 119. Liu-an is now in west Anhweiprovince. On the changes in the administrative status of Liu-an, see Pokora, "The Dates of Huan T'an," pp. 672-74, as well as the articles by Chiang Liang-fu, pp. 47-49, and Moriya Mitsuo, pp. 677-83, quoted, respectively, in Ar. Or., No. 33 (1965), p. 79, and No. 34 (1966), p. 494. See also the bibliography below (II:12:13). The post of Assistant Administrator was not a low position, although it was a serious demotion.
- 120. The term <u>hu-hu</u> **% %** (here translated as "full of sorrow") has many meanings. For example, B. Watson, in his translation of Ssu-ma Ch'ien's letter to Jen An (<u>Han shu 62</u>, p. 4271), translates it literally as "befuddled" (<u>Ssu-ma Ch'ien</u>, p. 66).

- 121. A. Forke (Geschichte der mittelälterlichen chinesischen Philosophie, p. 102) says that Huan T'an died at the age of 69. Apparently, Forke overlooked the term yü (more") and subtracted one year from the seventy, according to the Chinese system of calculating age. Hsieh Ch'eng, Hou Han shu 4a (Yao Chih-yin, ed., Hou Han shu pu-i) and Pei-t'ang shu-ch'ao 102.3b give Huan T'an's age as seventy years.
- 122. The last two paragraphs are also found in the <u>Tung-kuan Han chi</u> 16, p. 69b, in a shorter form, but, with the exception of the first sentence, in essentially the same wording.
- 123. A letter sent by Yang Hsiung to Huan T'an is quoted in note 12 to fragment 80C. The commentary to Wen hsuan 46.35b quotes another fragment from this or another letter: "Looking towards the wind (i.e., the virtuous influence of the king or sage), the shadows (of the people) follow, and instruction is accomplished of itself (i.e., without the king or sage uttering instructions)."
- 124. <u>Tao</u> 道 ("a way" or "the Way").
- 125. Instead of the chu 節 ("chopsticks") of the text I read chin 節 ("sinews").
- 126. I could find no source for this fragment.

 TPYL 828.1a-3a quotes many texts on slaughtering, but none of them casts any light on the present text.

ADDENDA

- p. 33, to the note 1: It is probable that Huan T'an followed Chia I who in his memorial <u>Ch'en cheng shih</u> ("Statement on Government Affairs") used this term; cf. Han shu 48, p. 3716.
- p. 38, commentary to fragment 45: Sung Chung-weng is evidently identical with Sung Hung (died ca. 35 A.D.) whose courtesy name was Chung-tzu, "the second son;" Chung-weng, "the second venerable old man" might have been a polite form used by Huan T'an. (For Wang Weng = Wang Mang see fragment 11, note 7).
- p. 70, add to the note 16: Both instruments are mentioned in the chapter on music in the <u>Li chi</u> XVII, 14 as exhortating to practice the virtue. Cf. also <u>Hsun-tzu</u> 14, 20, 11, p. 255 (Köster, p. 267) and Tjan Tjoe Som, <u>Po Hu T'ung</u>, p. 405, note 122 (different character for the instruments).
- p. 102, add to the note 38: The term "wonderful treatises" (ch'i-lun 奇論) may also be found in the Lun-heng 11, 56, p. 811; it is translated by A. Forke (I, p. 477) as "modern writings."
- p. 212, Commentary to fragment 189: Previous superficial translation by Yang Hsien-i and Gladys Yang in <u>Lu Hsün</u>, A <u>Brief History of Chinese Fiction</u>, Peking, 1959, p. 1.

Bibliographies

I. Editions of Hsin-lun

There are only two complete, published reconstructions of the <u>Hsin-lun</u>. A third reconstruction has been compiled but has never been published.

The earliest editor was Sun P'ing-i (Sun Feng-i?), whose style name was either Feng-pu (according to Ssu-pu pei-yao shu-mu ts'ung-shu, tzu-pu 33b and DKJ 6987.428) or Feng-ch'ing (according to Huang I-chou 6a and Takeuchi, p. 371; cf. below 11A 3 and 4). We have no information on the dates of his life other than the fact that he edited the large collection, Wen-ching-t'ang ts'ung-shu, which was published between 1797 and 1802 A.D. (Hummel, ECCP II, p. 737). In the colophon to his Huan-tzu Hsin-lum (see I l below), Sun says he is from Shen-yang the shumu ts'ung-shu, instead gives Ch'eng-te the hile Hsiao I-shan (Ch'ing tai t'ung-shih, Vol. 5, p. 503) places him in Cho-chou in Chihli province. All of these places are in Northern China (or Manchuria). Sun compiled twenty texts in his Wen-ching t'ang ts'ung-shu, including the Huan-tzu Hsin-lum and Ming-t'ang k'ao.

The most well-known compiler of the <u>Hsin-lun</u> is Yen K'o-chün (1762-1843 A.D.), to whom Tu Lien-che devoted (in Hummel, <u>ECCP</u> II, pp. 910-12) three large pages. Frustrated by being refused admission to the staffs of the official compilation projects, Yen compiled one large work including quotations from 3,495 authors. This undertaking took twenty-seven years (1808-1836 A.D.). According to Tu Lien-che, the first part of this collection, which is called <u>Ch'üan shangku San-tai Ch'in Han San-kuo Liu-ch'ao wen</u>, contained prosaic texts from Han through Sui and was to be printed in 1815. Unfortunately, the project did not materialize (see, however, the information below I 2) and it was only during 1887-93 that Yen's work was finally printed. This does not, of course, mean that the unpublished collection was unknown before this time.

Huang I-chou 責以周 (1828-1899 A.D.), a less well-known scholar, also took an interest in Huan T'an. We know from his own account (see below IIA 3) that at first he only had access to the edition by Sun P'ing-i.

Only later did he gain access to Yen K'o-chün's edition, although he was acquainted with the short description of the reconstructed Hsin-lun found in Yen's T'ien-ch'iao man-kao (see below IIA 2). Huang I-chou relied on Sun's edition, adding new fragments from Ch'ün-shu chih-yao and re-ordering it according to the substantive relationships between fragments. Sun P'ing-i had merely reproduced the fragments as found in different books. Consequently, different versions of the same fragment are given in several places of his reconstruction without any cross-reference. Unlike Sun, both Huang and Yen tried to reconstruct the lost original system of the Hsin-lun. Huang's reconstruction was not published during his lifetime, nor was it later published by Hsü Tseng (1842-1903 A.D.) to whom Huang had bequeathed his manuscript. It first appeared in 1912 in the published edition by Takeuchi (see below IIA 4).

Other editions include:

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- 2. Yen K'o-chün 最可均,<u>Huan-tzu Hsin-lun</u>. In <u>Ch'üan Hou Han wen</u>, Chapter 12.7a-10a and Chapters 13-15 of the collection <u>Ch'üan shang-ku San-</u> tai ch'in Han San-kuo Liu-ch'ao wen 全上古三代秦

漢三國六朝文, published in <u>Chia-ch'ing</u> 25 (1815 A.D.). The entire collection has been republished many times. Yen's reconstruction is much larger than Sun's because it includes the important fragment 84A from <u>Hung-ming chi</u> (see also I 6 and IIA 8 and 10 below) and fifteen fragments from Wei Cheng's <u>Ch'ün-shu chih-yao</u> (see below IIIA 11), which were rediscovered in Japan; detailed information is given in P. Pelliot, "Notes de Bibliographie Chinoise I., Le <u>Kou Yi Ts'ong Chou</u>," <u>BEFEO</u>, No. 2 (1902), pp. 315-40. For Yen K'o-ch'ün, see also IIA 2.

The collection Chih-hai \$\frac{1}{2}\$, published in 1843 by Ch'ien Hsi-tso (ca. 1801-1844 A.D.), the famous owner of the Shou-shan ko library, also includes in part 13, Huan-tzu Hsin-lun. It includes quotations from the Ch'ün-shu chih-yao, but it is difficult to say what its relation to the edition by Yen K'o-chün was. In any case, the edition in Chih-hai is better than Sun's but inferior to Yen's. University Library in Cambridge FB 55. 88. 13.

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- 4. The Ming print of the Shuo-fu it is, chapter 59 entitled "Tan" is, la-3b, includes twelve quotations from Hsin-lun; another edition, Ch'ung-chiao Shuo fu is, includes ten other quotations. A recent reprint (Taipei, 1963) excludes the chapter containing these quotations. All the fragments quoted in Shuo-fu, with the exception of fragment 202, may be found in other editions. See the commentary to fragment 202; see also fragment 188, for another, suspect fragment from the Shuo-fu.
- 5. The collection <u>Ku-chin shuo-pu ts'ung-shu</u> 古今説 部叢書 I:5:la-b, published in 1910 A.D. by Wang Wen-ju 王文濡, includes the same twelve fragments as the Ming edition of <u>Shuo-fu</u> referred to above. See also fragment 202.
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