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吉祥一词,始见于《易经》:"吉事有祥。"《左传》有:"是何祥也?吉祥焉在?"《庄子》则有:"虚室生日,吉祥止止。"《注疏》亦云:"吉者,福善之事;祥者,嘉庆之征。"

吉祥二字,在甲骨文中被写作"吉羊"。上古人过着游牧生活,羊肥大成群是很"吉祥"的事,在古器物的铭文中多有"吉羊"。《说文》云:"羊,祥也。"

吉祥,是美好、幸运的形象;吉祥,是人类最迷人的主题。艺术最终都是把理想形象化,而吉祥图,是中华吉祥文化最璀璨的明珠。旧时有联:"善果皆欢喜,香云普吉祥。"吉祥图有:吉祥如意、五福吉祥等。

五福,是吉祥的具体体现。福、禄、寿、喜、财,在民间被称为五福;福星、禄星、寿星、喜神、财神,在仙界被尊为五福神。五福最早见于《尚书》:"五福,一曰寿,二曰富,三曰康宁,四曰攸好德,五曰考终命。"旧时有联:"三阳临吉地,五福萃华门。"吉祥图有:五福捧寿、三多五福等。

福, 意为幸福美满。《老子》:"福兮, 祸所伏。"《韩











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# High Salary Designs of Chinese Blessings

明、清科举考试,分乡试、会试、殿试三级。殿试考取三等称三甲,一甲前三名为状元、榜眼、探花。一甲一名即状元。"鸭"与"甲"谐,且一只为"一甲一名"。蟹有壳甲且一只亦为"一甲一名"。旧时对出远门的人送鸭或蟹,以祝前程远大。

There were three levels of imperial examination in the Ming and Qing dynasties: the county level, provincial level and the palace examination. There were also three grades for those who passed the highest imperial examination, with the title of Zhuàng Yuán (Number One), Băng Yăn (Number Two) and Tàn Huā (Number Three). The words for duck and the shell of a crab sound like the best in Chinese. In old times, people gave ducks and crabs to those who would travel afar, wishing them great success.



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图中的"芦"与"胪"谐音。科举时,殿试之后,皇帝传旨召见新考中的进士,依次唱名传呼,叫"胪唱",也叫"传胪"、"胪传"。"胪唱曾叨殿上传,末班遥望御炉烟。""一甲一名"表示科举中第,而且是一等第一名。

Reed, as seen in the picture, sounds like enumeration in Chinese. After the palace examination, the emperor would send orders to meet those who had passed the examination one by one. This was called the enumeration. This term refers to the top student in the palace examination.



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