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HEXAGRAM 43 – Kuai - Break-through (Resoluteness)

Above Tui THE JOYOUS, LAKE
 Below CH'IEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

This hexagram **signifies**
on the one hand

- a break-through after a long accumulation of tension,
 as a swollen river breaks through its dikes, or in the manner of a cloudburst.

On the other hand, applied to human conditions,

- **it refers to** the time when inferior people gradually begin to **disappear**.
 Their influence is on the **wane**;
 as a result of resolute action,
- a change in conditions occurs,
- a break-through.

The hexagram is linked with the third month [April-May].

THE JUDGMENT

BREAK-THROUGH.

- One must resolutely make the matter known At the court of the king.
- It must be announced truthfully.

Danger.

It is necessary to notify one's own city.

- It does not further to resort to arms.
- It furthers one to undertake something.
- Even if only one inferior man is occupying a ruling position in a city, he
 - is able to oppress superior men.
- Even a single passion still lurking in the heart
 - has power to obscure reason.
- Passion and reason cannot exist side by side - therefore
 - fight without quarter is necessary if the good is to prevail.

In a resolute struggle of the good against evil, there are, however, definite rules that must not be disregarded, if it is to succeed.

1. First,
 - resolution must be based on a union of
 - strength and
 - friendliness.
2. Second,
 - a compromise with evil is not possible;
 - evil must under all circumstances be openly discredited.
 - Nor must our own passions and shortcomings be glossed over.
3. Third,
 - the struggle must not be carried on directly by force.

If

- evil is branded,
 - it thinks of weapons,

and

if

- we do it the favor of fighting against it blow for blow,
 - we lose in the end

because thus

- we ourselves get entangled in hatred and passion.

Therefore

4. it is important
 - to begin at home,
 - to be on guard in our own persons against the faults we have branded.

In this way,

- finding no opponent,

- the sharp edges of the weapons of evil become dulled.

For the same reasons

5. we should not combat our own faults directly.

- As long as we wrestle with them,
- they continue victorious.

Finally,

6. the best way to fight evil is to make energetic progress in the good.

THE IMAGE

The lake has risen up to heaven: The image of BREAK-THROUGH.

Thus the superior man

- Dispenses riches downward

And

- refrains from resting on his virtue.

- When the water of a lake has risen up to heaven,
 - there is reason to fear a cloudburst.
- Taking this as a warning,
 - the superior man forestalls a violent collapse.

If

- a man were to pile up riches for himself alone, without considering others,
- he would certainly experience a collapse.

For all gathering is followed by dispersion.

Therefore

the superior man begins to distribute while he is accumulating.

In the same way,

in developing his character

he takes care

- not to become hardened in obstinacy

but

- to remain receptive to impressions
by help of strict and continuous self-examination.