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HEXAGRAM 33 – Tun - Retreat

Above CHIEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN
 Below KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

The power of the dark is ascending.

The light retreats to security, so that the dark cannot encroach upon it.

This retreat is a matter

- not of man's will
- but of natural law.

Therefore in this case withdrawal is proper; it is the correct way to behave

in order **not to** exhaust one's forces. 1

In the calendar this hexagram is linked with the sixth month (July-August), in which the forces of winter are already showing their **influence**.

THE JUDGMENT

RETREAT. Success.

In what is small, perseverance furthers.

Conditions are such that the hostile forces **avored** by the time are **advancing**.

In this case

- retreat is the **right** course, and
- it is through retreat that **success** is achieved.

But success **consists** in being able to carry out the retreat correctly.

Retreat **is not** to be confused with flight.

- Flight means **saving oneself under any circumstances whereas**
- **retreat is a sign of strength.**

We must be careful **not to miss** the right moment while

we are **in full possession** of power and position.

Then we **shall be able**

- to **interpret** the signs of the time
 - before it is too late and
- to **prepare** for provisional retreat
 - instead of being drawn into a desperate life-and-death struggle.

Thus

- we **do not** simply abandon the field to the opponent;
- we **make** it difficult for him to advance
 - by showing **perseverance** in single acts of resistance.

In this way

we **prepare**, while retreating, for the counter - movement.

Understanding the laws of a constructive retreat of this sort is not easy.

The **meaning** that lies hidden in such a time is important.

THE IMAGE

Mountain under heaven: the image of RETREAT.

Thus the superior man

keeps the inferior man at a distance,

Not angrily but with reserve.

The mountain **rises up** under heaven, but owing to its nature it finally **comes to** a stop.

Heaven on the other hand

- **retreats upward** before it into the distance and
- **remains** out of reach.

This **symbolizes** the behavior of the superior man toward a climbing inferior;

he **retreats** into his own thoughts as the inferior man comes forward.

He **does not** hate him,
for hatred **is** a form of subjective involvement
by which we are **bound** to the hated object.
The superior man shows **strength** (heaven) in that
he brings the inferior man to a **standstill** (mountain)
by his dignified **reserve**.

THE LINES

Six in the second place means:
He holds him fast with yellow oxhide.
No one can tear him loose.

Yellow is the color of the **middle**.

It **indicates**

- that which is **correct** and
- **in line** with duty.

Oxhide is strong and not to be torn.

While

- the superior men **retreat** and the inferior **press** after them,
- the inferior man represented here **holds on** so firmly and tightly to the superior men that the latter **cannot** shake him off.

And because

- he is **in quest** of what is right and so strong in purpose,
- he reaches his goal. 2

Thus

the line confirms what is said in the Judgment:

"In what is small" - here equivalent to "in the inferior man" - "perseverance furthers."

Nine in the fourth place means:

Voluntary retreat brings

- good fortune to the superior man And
- downfall to the inferior man.

In retreating the superior man is **intent on** taking his departure

- **willingly and**
- **in all friendliness.**

He easily **adjusts** his mind to retreat,
because in retreating

he does **not have to do** violence to his convictions.

**The only one who suffers is the inferior man from whom he retreats,
who will degenerate when deprived of the guidance of the superior man.**

0 Nine in the fifth place means:

Friendly retreat.
Perseverance brings good fortune.

It is the business of the superior man to recognize in time that the moment for retreat has come.

If the right moment is chosen,
the retreat can be carried out

- within the forms of perfect friendliness,
- without the necessity of disagreeable discussions.

Yet, for all the observance of amenities,

absolute firmness of decision is necessary

if one is not to be led astray by irrelevant considerations.

Nine at the top means:

Cheerful retreat.

Everything serves to further.

The situation is unequivocal.

Inner detachment has become an established fact, and we are at liberty to depart.

When one sees the way ahead thus clearly, free of all doubt,

- a cheerful mood sets in, and
- one chooses what is right without further thought.

Such a dear path ahead always leads to the good.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

Hexagram 46 – Sheng - Pushing Upward

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND, WOOD

- The lower trigram, Sun, represents wood, and
- the upper, K'un, means the earth.

Linked with this is the idea that wood in the earth grows upward.

In contrast to the meaning of Chin, PROGRESS (35),

this pushing upward is associated with effort,

just as a plant needs energy for pushing upward through the earth.

That is why this hexagram, although it is connected with success, is associated with effort of the will.

- In PROGRESS the emphasis is on expansion;
- PUSHING UPWARD indicates rather a vertical ascent - direct rise

- from obscurity and lowliness
- to power and influence.

THE JUDGMENT

PUSHING UPWARD

has supreme success.

One must see the great man.

Fear not.

Departure toward the south

Brings good fortune.

The pushing upward of the good elements

- encounters **no obstruction** and
- is therefore accompanied by **great success**.

The pushing upward is made possible

- **not by violence**
- **but by modesty and adaptability.**

Since the individual is borne along by the propitiousness of the time, he advances.

He must go to see authoritative people.

He need not be afraid to do this, because success is **assured**.

But

he must set to work, for **activity** (this is the meaning of "the south") brings good fortune.

THE IMAGE

Within the earth, wood grows: The image of PUSHING UPWARD.

Thus the superior man of devoted character

Heaps up small things

In order to achieve something high and great.

- Adapting itself to obstacles and bending around them, wood in the earth grows upward without haste and without rest.

Thus too

- **the superior man**
 - **is devoted in character and**
 - **never pauses in his progress.**