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6		H	H	H		3	3	3		9
5		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
4		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
3		T	T	T		2	2	2		6
2		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
1		H	T	T		3	2	2		7

**HEXAGRAM 21 - Shih Ho - Biting Through**

Above LI THE CLINGING, FIRE  
 Below CHEN THE AROIOUSING, THUNDER

This hexagram **represents** an open mouth (cf. hexagram 27) with an obstruction (in the fourth place) between the teeth. As a **result** the lips cannot meet.

To bring them together one must **bite energetically through** the obstacle. Since the hexagram is **made up** of the trigrams for thunder and for lightning, it **indicates** how obstacles are forcibly removed in nature.

- Energetic biting through **overcomes** the obstacle that prevents joining of the lips;
- the storm with its thunder and lightning **overcomes** the disturbing tension in nature.
- Recourse to law and penalties **overcomes** the disturbances of harmonious social life caused by
  - criminals and
  - slanderers.

The **theme** of this hexagram is a **criminal lawsuit**, in contradistinction to that of Sung, CONFLICT (6), which **refers** to **civil suits**.

## THE JUDGMENT

BITING THROUGH has **success**.  
It is favorable to let justice be administered.

When an obstacle to union arises,  
energetic biting through brings success.

This is true in all situations.

Whenever unity cannot be established,  
the obstruction is due to a talebearer and traitor who is interfering and blocking the way.

To prevent permanent injury,  
vigorous measures must be taken at once.

Deliberate obstruction of this sort does not vanish of its own accord.  
Judgment and punishment are required to deter or obviate it.

However,  
it is important to proceed in the right way.

The hexagram combines

- Li, **clarity**, and
- Chen, **excitement**.
  
- Li is **yielding**,
- Chen is **hard**.

Unqualified hardness and excitement  
would be too violent in meting out punishment;  
unqualified clarity and gentleness  
would be too weak.

The two together create the just measure.

It is of moment that

- the man who makes the decisions (represented by the fifth line) is gentle by nature,

while

- he commands respect by his conduct in his position.

## THE IMAGE

Thunder and lightning: The image Of BITING THROUGH.

Thus

the kings of former times

made firm the laws

Through clearly defined penalties.

Penalties are the individual applications of the law.

The laws specify the penalties.

- Clarity prevails when mild and severe penalties are clearly differentiated,
- according to the nature of the crimes.
  - This is symbolized by the clarity of lightning.
- The law is strengthened by a just application of penalties.
  - This is symbolized by the terror of thunder.

This clarity and severity have the effect of instilling respect;

it is not that the penalties are ends in themselves.

- The obstructions in the social life of man increase when there is
  - lack of clarity in the penal codes and
  - slackness in executing them.
- The only way to strengthen the law is
  - to make it clear and
  - to make penalties certain and swift.

## THE LINES:

Six in the third place means:

- Bites on old dried meat
- And
- strikes on something poisonous.
- Slight humiliation.  
No blame.

**Punishment** is to be carried out by someone who **lacks** the power and authority to do so.

Therefore the culprits **do not** submit.

The matter at issue

- is an **old one** - as **symbolized** by salted game - and
- in dealing with it **difficulties** arise.

This old meat is spoiled:

- by taking up the problem the punisher **arouses** poisonous hatred against himself, and
- in this way **is put in** a somewhat humiliating position.

But since punishment was **required** by the time,

he **remains** free of blame.

Nine at the top means:

His neck is fastened in the wooden cangue,  
So that his ears disappear.  
Misfortune.

In **contrast** to the first line,  
this line **refers** to a man who is **incorrigible**.

- His **punishment** is the wooden cangue, and
- his ears **disappear** under it-that is to say, he is deaf to warnings.

**This obstinacy leads to misfortune.2**

On the subject of the nine at the top Confucius says:

- "If good does not accumulate,
  - it is not enough to make a name for a man.
- If evil does not accumulate,
  - it is not strong enough to destroy a man.

Therefore

the inferior man thinks to himself,

- 'Goodness in small things has no value,'
  - and so neglects it.
- He thinks, 'Small sins do no harm,'
  - and so does not give them up.

Thus

- his sins accumulate until they can no longer be covered up, and
- his guilt becomes so great that it can no longer be wiped out."

## **MOVING HEXAGRAM**

### **HEXAGRAM 55 – Feng - Abundance (Fullness)**

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

Below LI THE CLINGING, FLAME

- Chen is movement;
- Li is flame, whose attribute is clarity.

- Clarity within,
- movement without –  
this produces greatness and abundance.

**The hexagram pictures a period of advanced civilization.**

However,  
the fact that development has reached a peak suggests that  
this extraordinary condition of abundance cannot be maintained permanently.

## THE JUDGMENT

ABUNDANCE has success.  
The king attains abundance.  
Be not sad.  
Be like the sun at midday.

It is not given to every mortal to bring about a time of

- outstanding greatness and
- abundance.

Only a born ruler of men is able to do it,  
because his will is directed to what is great.  
Such a time of abundance is usually brief.

Therefore

a sage might well feel sad in view of the decline that must follow.

But such sadness does not befit him.

Only a man who is inwardly free of sorrow and care  
can lead in a time of abundance.

He must be like the sun at midday,  
illuminating and gladdening everything under heaven.

## THE IMAGE

Both thunder and lightning come: The image of ABUNDANCE.

Thus

the superior man

- decides lawsuits And
- carries out punishments.

This hexagram has a certain connection with Shih Ho, BITING THROUGH (21),  
in which thunder and lightning similarly appear together,  
but in the reverse order.

- In BITING THROUGH, laws are laid down;
- here they are applied and enforced.

- Clarity [Li] within makes it possible to investigate the facts exactly, and
- shock [Chen] without ensures a strict and precise carrying out of punishments.