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HEXAGRAM 02 - K'un – The Receptive

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

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This hexagram is made up of broken lines only.

The broken line represents the dark, yielding, receptive primal power of yin.

The attribute of the hexagram is devotion;
its image is the earth.

It is the perfect complement of THE CREATIVE - **the complement, not the opposite,**

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for the Receptive does not combat the Creative but complements it.

It represents

- nature in contrast to spirit,
- earth in contrast to heaven,

- space as against time,
- the female-maternal as against the male-paternal.

However, as applied to human affairs,
the principle of this complementary relationship is found

- not only in the relation between man and woman,
- but also in that between prince and minister and
- between father and son.

Indeed, even in the individual this duality appears in the coexistence of

- the spiritual world and
- the world of the senses.

But strictly speaking there is no real dualism here,
because there is a clearly defined hierarchic relationship between the two
principles.

In itself of course the Receptive is just as important as the Creative,
but the attribute of devotion defines the place occupied by this primal power in
relation to the Creative.

For the Receptive must be activated and led by the Creative;
then it is productive of good.

Only when it abandons this position and tries to stand as an equal side by side with
the Creative,
does it become evil.

The result then is opposition to and struggle against the Creative,
which is productive of evil to both.

THE JUDGMENT

THE RECEPTIVE brings about sublime success,
Furthering through the perseverance of a mare.

If the superior man undertakes something and tries to lead,
He goes astray;

But if he follows, he finds guidance

It is favorable to find friends in the west and south,
To forego friends in the east and north.

Quiet perseverance brings good fortune.

The four fundamental aspects of the Creative –
"sublime success, furthering through perseverance"- are also attributed to the
Receptive.

Here, however, the perseverance is more closely defined: it is that of a mare.

The Receptive connotes spatial reality in contrast to the spiritual potentiality of the
Creative.

The potential becomes real and the spiritual becomes spatial through a specifically
qualifying definition.

Thus the qualification, "of a mare," is here added to the idea of perseverance.

The horse belongs to earth just as the dragon belongs to heaven.

Its tireless roaming over the plains is taken as a symbol of the vast expanse of the
earth.

This is the symbol chosen because the mare combines

- the strength and swiftness of the horse with
- the gentleness and devotion of the cow.

Only because nature in its myriad forms corresponds with the myriad impulses of the Creative

can it make these impulses real.

Nature's richness lies in its power to nourish all living things;

its greatness lies in its power to give them beauty and splendor.

Thus it prospers all that lives.

It is the Creative that begets things, but they are brought to birth by the Receptive.

Applied to human affairs, therefore,

what the hexagram indicates is action in conformity with the situation.

The person in question is not in an independent position, but is acting as an assistant.

This means that he must achieve something.

It is not his task to try to lead - that would only make him lose the way - but to let him be led.

If he knows how to meet fate with an attitude of acceptance, he is sure to find the right guidance.

The superior man

- lets himself be guided;
- he does not go ahead blindly,
- but learns from the situation what is demanded of him and
- then follows this intimation from fate.

Since there is something to be accomplished, we need friends and helpers in the hour of toil and effort,

once the ideas to be realized are firmly set.

The time of toil and effort is indicated by the west and the south,

for west and south symbolize the place where the Receptive works for the Creative, as nature does in summer and autumn.

If in that situation one does not mobilize all one's powers, the work to be accomplished will not be done.

Hence to find friends there means to find guidance.

But in addition to the time of toil and effort, there is also a time of planning, and for this we need solitude.

The east symbolizes the place where a man receives orders from his master and the north the place where he reports on what he has done.

At that time he must be alone and objective.

In this sacred hour

- he must do without companions so that
- the purity of the moment may not be spoiled by factional hates and favoritism.

THE IMAGE

The earth's condition is receptive devotion.

Thus the superior man who has breadth of character

Carries the outer world.

Just as there is only one heaven, so too there is only one earth.
In the hexagram of the heaven the (doubling, of the trigram implies duration in time,
but in the hexagram of earth the doubling connotes the solidity and extension in space by virtue of which
the earth is able to carry and preserve all things that live and move upon it.

The earth in its devotion carries all things, good and evil, without exception.

In the same way the superior man gives to his character breadth, purity, and sustaining power,
so that he is able both

- to support and
- to bear with people and things.

THE LINES

Six at the top means:

Dragons fight in the meadow.

Their blood is black and yellow.

In the top place the dark element should yield to the light.

If it attempts to maintain a position to which it is not entitled and to rule instead of serving,

it draws down upon itself the anger of the strong.

A struggle ensues in which it is overthrown, with injury, however, to both sides.

The dragon, symbol of heaven, comes to fight

the false dragon that symbolizes the inflation of the earth principle.

Midnight blue is the color of heaven;

yellow is the color of the earth.

Therefore, when black and yellow blood flow,

it is a sign that in this unnatural contest both primal powers suffer injury.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 23 – Po - Splitting Apart

Above KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

Below K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

The dark lines are about to

- mount upward and
- overthrow the last firm, light line

by exerting a disintegrating influence on it.

The inferior, dark forces overcome what is superior and strong,

- not by direct means,
- but by undermining it gradually and imperceptibly, so that it finally collapses.

The lines of the hexagram

- present the image of a house, the top line being tile roof, and because the roof is being shattered
- the house collapses.

The hexagram belongs to the ninth month (October-November).

The yin power

- pushes up ever more powerfully and
- is about to supplant the yang power altogether.

THE JUDGMENT

SPLITTING APART.

It does not further one

To go anywhere.

This pictures a time when inferior people

- are pushing forward and
- are about to crowd out the few remaining strong and superior men.

Under these circumstances, which are due to the time, it is not favorable for the superior man to undertake anything.

The right behavior in such adverse times is to be deduced from

- the images and
- their attributes.
- The lower trigram stands for the earth,
 - whose attributes are docility and devotion.
- The upper trigram stands for the mountain,
 - whose attribute is stillness.

This suggests that one

- should submit to the bad time and
- remain quiet.

For it is a question not of man's doing but of time conditions, which, according to the laws of heaven, show an alternation of

- increase and decrease,
- fullness and emptiness.

It is impossible to counteract these conditions of the time.

Hence

it is not cowardice but wisdom to

- submit and

- avoid action.

THE IMAGE

The mountain rests on the earth: The image of SPLITTING APART.

Thus

those above can ensure their position

Only by giving generously to those below.

The mountain rests on the earth.

- When it is steep and narrow, lacking a broad base, it must topple over.
- Its position is strong only when it rises out of the earth
 - broad and great,
 - not proud and steep.

So likewise those who rule rest on the broad foundation of the people.

They too should be

- generous and
- benevolent,
like the earth that carries all.
- Then they will make their position
 - as secure
 - as a mountain is in its tranquility.