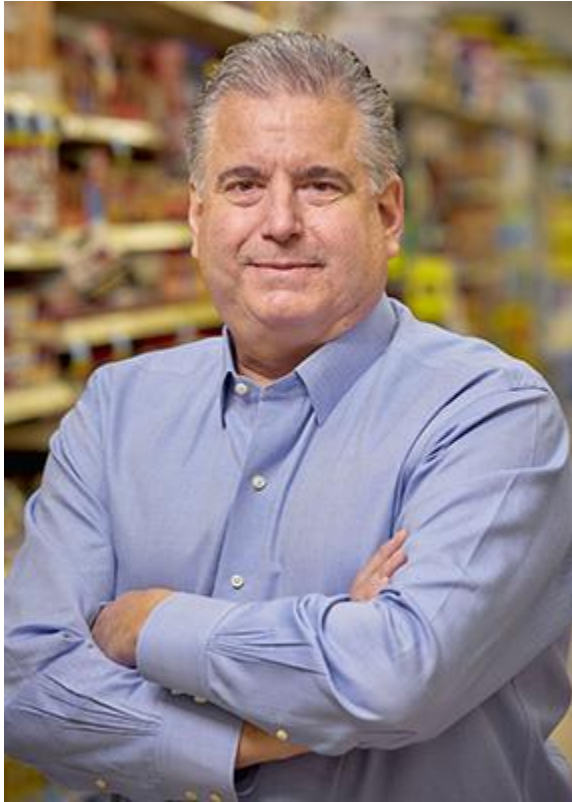


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HEXAGRAM 16 – Yu - Enthusiasm

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER
 Below K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

The **strong line** in the fourth place, that of the leading official, meets with **response and obedience** from all the other lines, which are **all weak**.

- The attribute of the upper trigram, Chen, is **movement**;
- the attributes of K'un, the lower, are **obedience and devotion**.

This begins a movement that

- **meets** with devotion

and therefore

- **inspires** enthusiasm, carrying all with it.

Of great importance, furthermore, is

the law of movement along the line of least resistance,

which in this hexagram is enunciated as the law

- for natural events and
- for human life.

THE JUDGMENT

ENTHUSIASM.

It furthers one

- to install helpers And
- to set armies marching.

The time of ENTHUSIASM derives from the fact that there is at hand an eminent man who

- is in sympathy with the spirit of the people and
- acts in accord with it.

Hence he finds universal and willing obedience.

To arouse enthusiasm it is necessary for a man to adjust himself and his ordinances to the character of those whom he has to lead.

The inviolability of natural laws rests on this principle of movement along the line of least resistance.

These laws are not forces external to things but represent the harmony of movement immanent in them.

That is

- why the celestial bodies do not deviate from their orbits and
- why all events in nature occur with fixed regularity.

It is the same with human society:

- only such laws as are rooted in popular sentiment can be enforced,
- while laws violating this sentiment merely arouse resentment.

Again,

it is enthusiasm that enables us to install helpers for the completion of an undertaking without fear of secret opposition.

It is enthusiasm too that can unify mass movements, as in war, so that they achieve victory.

THE IMAGE

Thunder comes resounding out of the earth: The image of ENTHUSIASM.

Thus the ancient kings

- made music In order to honor merit, And
- offered it with splendor To the Supreme Deity,
- Inviting their ancestors to be present.

When, at the beginning of summer,

- **thunder** - electrical energy - comes rushing forth from the earth again, and
- the first **thunderstorm** refreshes nature, a prolonged state of tension is resolved.

Joy and relief make themselves felt.

So too,

music has power

- to ease tension within the heart and
- to loosen the grip of obscure emotions.

The enthusiasm of the heart expresses itself involuntarily

- in a burst of song,
- in dance and rhythmic movement of the body.

From immemorial times

the inspiring effect of the invisible sound that

- moves all hearts, and
 - draws them together,
- has mystified mankind.

Rulers have **made use** of this natural taste for music; they **elevated and regulated** it.

Music was looked upon as something **serious and holy**, designed to purify the feelings of men.

It fell to music

- to glorify the virtues of heroes and thus
- to construct a bridge to the world of the unseen.

In the temple men drew near to God with music and pantomimes (out of this later the theater developed).

Religious feeling for the Creator of the world was united with the most sacred of human feelings, that of reverence for the ancestors.

The ancestors were **invited** to these divine services

- **as guests** of the Ruler of Heaven and
- **as representatives** of humanity in the higher regions.

This **uniting** of the human past with the Divinity in **solemn** moments of religious inspiration **established** the bond between God and man.

The ruler who revered the Divinity in **revering his ancestors** became thereby the Son of Heaven, **in whom the heavenly and the earthly world met in mystical contact.**

These ideas are the final summation of Chinese culture.

Confucius has said of the great sacrifice at which these rites were performed:

"He who

- could wholly **comprehend** this sacrifice
- could **rule** the world as though it were spinning on his hand."

THE LINES

0 Nine in the fourth place means:

The source of enthusiasm.

He achieves great things.

Doubt not.

You gather friends around you

As a hair clasp gathers the hair.

This describes a man who is able to **awaken** enthusiasm through his

- own sureness and
- freedom from hesitation.

He attracts people because he

- has no doubts and
- is wholly sincere.

Owing to his confidence in them he

- wins their enthusiastic cooperation and
- attains success.

Just as

- a clasp **draws** the hair together and holds it, so
- he **draws** men together by the support he gives them.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 02 - K'un – The Receptive

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

Below K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

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.