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HEXAGRAM 01 – Chien - The Creative

Above THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN
 Below THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

The first hexagram is made up of six unbroken lines.
 These unbroken lines stand for the primal power, which is

- light giving,
- active,
- strong, and of
- the spirit.

The hexagram is consistently strong, in character, and since it is without weakness, its essence is power or energy.

Its image is heaven.

Its energy

- is represented as unrestricted by any fixed conditions in space and

- is therefore conceived of as motion.
- Time is regarded as the basis of this motion.

Thus the hexagram includes also

- the power of time and
- the power of persisting in time, that is, duration.

The power represented by the hexagram is to be interpreted in a dual sense - in terms of

- its action on the universe and of
 - its action on the world of men.
- In relation to the universe, the hexagram expresses the strong, creative action of the Deity.
 - In relation to the human world, it denotes the creative action of the holy man or sage, of the ruler or leader of men, who through his power awakens and develops their higher nature. 1

THE JUDGMENT

THE CREATIVE works sublime success,
Furthering through perseverance. 2

According to the original meaning, the attributes (sublimity, potentiality of success, power to further, perseverance) are paired.

When an individual draws this oracle, it means

- that success come to him from the primal depths of the universe and
- that everything depends upon his seeking his happiness and that of others in one way only, that is, by perseverance in what is right.

The specific meanings of the four attributes became the subject of speculation at an early date.

The Chinese word here rendered by "sublime" means literally "head," "origin," "great."

This is why Confucius says in explaining it:

"Great indeed is the generating power of the Creative; all beings owe their beginning to it. This power permeates all heaven. 3 For this attribute inheres in the other three as well.

The beginning of all things lies still in the beyond in the form of ideas that have yet to become real.

But the Creative furthermore has power to lend form to these archetypes of ideas.

- This is indicated in the word success, and
- the process is represented by an image from nature: "The clouds pass and the rain does its work, and all individual beings flow into their forms." 4

Applied to the human world, these attributes show the great man the way to notable success:

"Because he sees with great clarity causes and effects, he

- completes the six steps at the right time and
- mounts toward heaven on them at the right time, as though of six dragons."

The six steps are the six different positions given in the hexagram, which are represented later by the dragon symbol.

Here it is shown that the way to success lies in

- apprehending understanding and
- giving actuality to the way of the universe (Tao), which, as a law running through end and beginning, brings about all phenomena in time.

Thus each step attained forthwith becomes a preparation for the next.

Time is no longer a hindrance but the means of making actual what is potential.

The act of creation having found expression in the two attributes - sublimity and success,

the work of conservation is shown to be a continuous actualization and differentiation of form.

This is expressed in the two terms

- "furthering" (literally, "creating that which accords with the nature of a given being") and
- "persevering" (literally, "correct and firm").

"The course of the Creative alters and shapes beings until each attains its true, specific nature, then

it keeps them in conformity with the Great Harmony.

Thus does it show itself to further through perseverance."

In relation to the human sphere, this shows how

the great man brings peace and security to the world through his activity in creating order:

"He towers high above the multitude of beings, and all lands are united in peace."

Another line of speculation goes still further in separating the words "sublime," "success," "furthering" "perseverance," and parallels them with the four cardinal virtues in humanity.

1) To sublimity, which, as the fundamental principle, embraces all the other attributes, it links love.

2) To the attribute success are linked the mores, which regulate and organize the expressions of love and thereby make them successful. 5

3) The attribute furthering is correlated with justice, which creates the conditions in which each receives that which accords with his being, that which is due him and which constitutes his happiness.

4) The attribute perseverance is correlated with wisdom, which discerns the immutable laws of all that happens and can therefore bring about enduring conditions.

These speculations, already broached in the commentary called *Wen Yen*, 6 later formed the bridge connecting the philosophy of the "five stages (elements) of change," as laid down in the Book of History (*Shu Ching*) with the philosophy of the

Book of Changes, which is based solely on the polarity of positive and negative principles. In the course of time this combination of the two systems of thought opened the way for an increasingly intricate number symbolism. 7

THE IMAGE

The movement of heaven is full of power.
Thus the superior man makes himself strong and untiring.

Since there is only one heaven, the doubling of the trigram Ch'ien, of which heaven is the image, indicates the movement of heaven.

One complete revolution of heaven makes a day, and the repetition of the trigram means that each day is followed by another.

This creates the idea of time.

Since it is the same heaven moving with untiring power, there is also created the idea of duration both in and beyond time, a movement that never stops nor slackens, just as one day follows another in an unending course.

This duration in time is the image of the power inherent in the Creative.

With this image as a model,

the sage learns how best to develop himself so that his influence may endure.

He must make himself strong in every way,

by consciously casting out all that is inferior and degrading.

Thus he attains that tirelessness,

which depends upon **consciously limiting the fields of his activity.**

THE LINES

Nine in the second place means:

Dragon appearing in the field.

It furthers one to see the great man.

Here the effects of the light-giving power begin to manifest themselves.

In terms of human affairs, this means that the great man makes his appearance in his chosen field of activity.

As yet he has no commanding position but is still with his peers.

However, what distinguishes him from the others is

- his seriousness of purpose,
- his unqualified reliability, and
- the influence he exerts on his environment without conscious effort.

Such a man is destined

- to gain great influence and
- to set the world in order.

Therefore it is favorable to see him.

Nine at the top means:

Arrogant dragon will have cause to repent.

When a man seeks to climb so high that he loses touch with the rest of mankind, he becomes isolated, and this necessarily leads to failure.

This line warns against titanic aspirations that exceed one's power.

A precipitous fall would follow.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 49 – Ko – Revolution (Molting)

Above TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

Below LI THE CLINGING, FIRE

The Chinese character for this hexagram **means** in its original sense **an animal's pelt**, which is changed in the course of the year by molting. From this the word is carried over to apply to

- the "molting" in political life,
- the great revolutions connected with changes of governments.

The two trigram making up the hexagram are the same two that appear in K'uei, OPPOSITION (38), that is, the two younger daughters, Li and Tui.

But while

there

- the elder of the two daughters is above, and
 - what results is essentially only an **opposition of tendencies**,
- here
- the younger daughter is above.
 - The influences are in actual conflict, and
 - the forces **combat** each other like fire and water (lake), each trying to **destroy** the other.

Hence the idea of revolution.

THE JUDGMENT

REVOLUTION

On your own day

You are believed.

Supreme success,

Furthering through perseverance.

Remorse disappears.

Political revolutions are extremely grave matters.

They should be undertaken

- only under stress of direst necessity,
 - when there is no way out.
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- Not everyone is called to this task,
 - but only the man who has the confidence of the people, and even he only when the time is ripe.
 - He must then proceed in the right way, so that
 - he
 - gladdens the people and, by enlightening them,
 - prevents excesses.

Furthermore,

he

- must be quite free of selfish aims and
 - must really relieve the need of the people.
- Only then does he have nothing to regret.

Times change, and with them their demands.

- Thus the seasons change in the course of the year.

In the world cycle also

- there are spring and autumn in the life of peoples and nations, and
- these call for social transformations.

THE IMAGE

Fire in the lake: the image of REVOLUTION.

Thus the superior man

- Sets the calendar in order And
- makes the seasons clear.

Fire below and the lake above combat and destroy each other.

So too in the course of the year a combat takes place between

- the forces of light and
- the forces of darkness,
 - eventuating in the revolution of the seasons.

Man masters these changes in nature by

- noting their regularity and
- marking off the passage of time accordingly.

In this way

- order and clarity appear in the apparently chaotic changes of the seasons, and
- man is able to adjust himself in advance to the demands of the different times.