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2		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
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HEXAGRAM 50 – Ting - The Caldron

Above LI THE CLINGING, FIRE
 Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND, WOOD

1. The six lines construct the **image** of Ting, THE CALDRON;
 - at the bottom are the legs,
 - over them the belly,
 - then come the ears (handles), and
 - at the top the carrying rings.

At the same time,

2. **the image** suggests the idea of **nourishment**.

The Ting, cast of bronze, was the vessel that held the cooked viands

- in the temple of the ancestors and
- at banquets.

The head of the family served the food

- from the Ting
- into the bowls of the guests.¹

THE WELL (48) likewise has the secondary meaning of giving nourishment, but rather more in relation to the people.

The Ting, as a utensil pertaining to a refined civilization, suggests the

- fostering and nourishing of able men, which
- redounded to the benefit of the state. (2)

- This hexagram and
 - THE WELL
- are the only two in the Book of Changes that represent

- **concrete,**
- man-made objects.

Yet here too the thought has its **abstract** connotation.

- Sun, below, is wood and wind;
- Li, above, is flame.

Thus **together they** stand for the flame kindled by wood and wind, which likewise suggests the **idea** of preparing food.

THE JUDGMENT

THE CALDRON.

Supreme good fortune.

Success.

While

THE WELL relates to

- the **social foundation** of our life, and
 - this foundation is likened to
 - the water that serves to nourish growing wood,
- the present hexagram refers to
- the **cultural superstructure** of society.

Here

- it is the wood that serves as nourishment for the flame, the **spirit**.

All that is visible must

- grow beyond itself,
- extend into the realm of the invisible.

Thereby

it

- receives its true consecration and clarity and
- takes firm root in the cosmic order.

Here

we see civilization as it reaches its **culmination in religion**.

The Ting **serves** in offering sacrifice to God.

The highest earthly values must be sacrificed to the divine.

But

the truly divine does not manifest itself apart from man.

The supreme revelation of God appears in

- prophets and
- holy men.

To venerate them is true veneration of God.

The will of God, as revealed through them, should be accepted in humility;

- this brings inner enlightenment and true understanding of the world, and
- this leads to great good fortune and success.

THE IMAGE

Fire over wood: The image of THE CALDRON.

Thus

the superior man

consolidates his fate

By making his position correct.

The fate of fire depends on wood;

- as long as there is wood below,

- the fire burns above.
- It is the same in human life;
- there is in man likewise a fate that
 - lends power to his life.

And if

- he succeeds in assigning the right place
 - to life and
 - to fate,

thus bringing the two into harmony,

- he puts his fate on a firm footing.

These words contain hints about the fostering of life as handed on by oral tradition in the secret teachings of Chinese yoga,

THE LINES

Six at the beginning means:

A Ting with legs upturned.

Further removal of stagnating stuff.

One takes a concubine for the sake of her son.

No blame.

- If a Ting is turned upside down before being used,
 - no harm is done –
- on the contrary,
- this clears it of refuse.

A concubine's position is lowly,
but because she has a son
she comes to be honored.

These two metaphors express the idea that in a highly developed civilization, such as that indicated by this hexagram,

every person of good will can in some way or other succeed.

No matter how lowly he may be, provided

- he is ready to purify himself,
- he is accepted.
- He attains a station in which
- he can prove himself fruitful in accomplishment, and as a result
- he gains recognition.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 14 - Ta Yu - Possession in Great Measure

Above LI THE CLINGING, FLAME
Below CH'IEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

- The fire in heaven above **shines** far, and
- all things
 - **stand out** in the light and
 - **become**, manifest.
- The weak fifth line **occupies** the place of honor, and
- all the strong lines are **in accord** with it.

All things come to the man who is

- modest and kind
- in a high position. 1

THE JUDGMENT

POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE.
Supreme success.

The two trigrams indicate that **strength** and **clarity** unite.

Possession in great measure

- is **determined** by fate and
- **accords** with the time.

How is it possible that the weak line has power

- to **hold** the strong lines fast and
- to **possess** them?

It is done by virtue of unselfish modesty.

The time is favorable - a time of

- strength **within**,
- clarity and culture **without**.

Power is expressing itself in a graceful and controlled way.

This brings supreme success and wealth. 2

THE IMAGE

Fire in heaven above: The image of POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE .

Thus the superior man

- **curbs** evil and
- **further**s good, And thereby
- **obeys** the benevolent will of heaven.

The sun in heaven **above**,

shedding light over everything on earth,
is **the image** of possession on a grand scale.

But a possession of this sort must be **administered properly**.

The sun brings both evil and good into the light of day.

Man

- must combat and curb the evil, and
- must favor and promote the good.

Only in this way does he fulfill the benevolent will of God, who desires

- only good and
- not evil.