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HEXAGRAM 60 – Chieh - Limitation

Above K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER
Below TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

- A lake occupies a limited space. When more water comes into it,
- it overflows.

Therefore

limits must be set for the water.

The image shows

- water below and

- water above,
- with the firmament between them as a limit.

The Chinese word for limitation really denotes the joints that divide a bamboo stalk.

- In relation to ordinary life
 - it means the thrift that sets fixed limits upon expenditures.
- In relation to the moral sphere
 - it means the fixed limits that the superior man sets upon his actions - the limits of loyalty and disinterestedness.

THE JUDGMENT

LIMITATION.

Success.

Galling limitation must not be persevered in.

- Limitations are troublesome, but
- they are effective.

If

- we live economically in normal times,
- we are prepared for times of want.

To be sparing saves us from humiliation.

Limitations are also indispensable in the regulation of world conditions.

In nature there are fixed limits for

- summer and winter,
- day and night, and

these limits give the year its meaning.

In the same way,

economy,

by setting fixed limits upon expenditures,

acts to

- preserve property and
- prevent injury to the people.

But in limitation

we must observe due measure.

- If a man should seek to impose galling limitations upon his own nature,
 - it would be injurious.

And

- if he should go too far in imposing limitations on others,
 - they would rebel.

Therefore

it is necessary to set limits even upon limitations

THE IMAGE

Water over lake: the image of LIMITATION.

Thus

the superior man

- Creates number and measure, And
- examines the nature of virtue and correct conduct.

- A lake is something limited.
- Water is inexhaustible.

A lake

- can contain only a definite amount of the infinite quantity of water;
- this is its peculiarity.

In human life too

the individual achieves significance through

- discrimination and
- the setting of limits.

Therefore

what concerns us here is

the problem of clearly defining these discriminations, which are, so to speak,

- the backbone of morality.

- Unlimited possibilities are not suited to man;
- if
- they existed,
- his life would only dissolve in the boundless.

To become strong,

a man's life needs the limitations

- ordained by duty and
- voluntarily accepted.

The individual attains significance as a free spirit only

- by surrounding himself with these limitations and
- by determining for himself what his duty is.

THE LINES

Nine at the beginning means:

Not going out of the door and the courtyard

Is without blame.

Often a man who

- would like to undertake something
- finds himself confronted by insurmountable limitations.

Then he must know where to stop.

If

he

- rightly understands this and
- does not go beyond the limits set for him,

he

- accumulates an energy that enables him, when the proper time comes,
- to act with great force.

Discretion is of prime importance in preparing the way for momentous things.

Concerning this, Confucius says:

- Where disorder develops,
 - words are the first steps.
- If the prince is not discreet,
 - he loses his servant.
- If the servant is not discreet,
 - he loses his life.
- If germinating things are not handled with discretion,
 - the perfecting of them is impeded.

Therefore

- the superior man
 - is careful to maintain silence and
 - does not go forth.

Six in the fourth place means:

Contented limitation.

Success.

- Every limitation has its value, but
- a limitation that requires persistent effort entails a cost of too much energy.

When, however,

- the limitation is a natural one
- (as for example, the limitation by which water flows only downhill),
- it necessarily leads to success,

for then

- it means a saving of energy.

The energy that otherwise

would be consumed in a vain struggle with the object,

- is applied wholly to the benefit of the matter in hand, and
- success is assured.

Nine in the fifth place means:

Sweet limitation brings good fortune.

Going brings esteem.

The limitation must be carried out in the right way if it is to be effective.

If we

- seek to impose restrictions on others only,
- while evading them ourselves,

- these restrictions will always be resented and will provoke resistance.
- If, however,
a man in a leading position
- applies the limitation first to himself,
 - demanding little from those associated with him, and with modest means
 - manages to achieve something,
- good fortune is the result.
Where such an example occurs,
- it meets with emulation,
 - so that whatever is undertaken must succeed.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 40 – Hsieh - Deliverance

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER
Below K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER

Here the movement goes out of the sphere of danger.

- The obstacle has been removed,
- the difficulties are being resolved.
- Deliverance is not yet achieved;
- it is just in its beginning, and
- the hexagram represents its various stages.

THE JUDGMENT

DELIVERANCE.

The southwest furthers.

- If there is no longer anything where one has to go,
 - Return brings good fortune.
- If there is still something where one has to go,
 - Hastening brings good fortune.

This refers to a time in which tensions and complications begin to be eased.
At such times

we ought to make our way back to ordinary conditions as soon as possible;
this is the meaning of "the southwest."

These periods of sudden change have great importance.

Just as

rain relieves atmospheric tension, making all the buds burst open,
so

a time of deliverance from burdensome pressure has a

- liberating and
 - stimulating
- effect on life.

One thing is important, however: in such times we must **not overdo** our triumph.

The point is **not to push** on farther than is necessary.

Returning to the **regular** order of life as soon as deliverance is achieved brings good fortune.

If there are any residual matters that ought to be attended to, it should be done as **quickly** as possible, so that

- a clean sweep is made and
- no retardation occur.

THE IMAGE

Thunder and rain set in: The image of DELIVERANCE.

Thus the superior man

- pardons mistakes And
- forgives misdeeds.

- A thunderstorm has the effect of **clearing the air;**
- the superior man produces a similar effect when dealing with mistakes and sins of men that induce a condition of tension.

Through clarity he brings deliverance.

However,

when failings come to light, he does not dwell on them;

- he simply passes over mistakes, the unintentional transgressions,
 - just as thunder dies away.
- He forgives misdeeds, the intentional transgressions,
 - just as water washes everything clean.