



6		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
5		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
4		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
3		H	H	H		3	3	3		9
2		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
1		H	H	T		3	3	2		8

HEXAGRAM 32 – Heng - Duration

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER
 Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND

- The strong trigram Chen is above,
 - the weak trigram Sun below.
- This hexagram is the **inverse** of the preceding one.
- In the latter we have **influence**,
 - here we have **union** as an enduring condition.
- The two **images** are thunder and wind, which are likewise constantly paired phenomena.
- The lower trigram indicates **gentleness** within;
 - the upper, **movement** without.

In the sphere of social relationships, the hexagram **represents** the institution of marriage as the **enduring union** of the sexes.

- During courtship
 - the young man subordinates himself to the girl,

- but in marriage, which is represented by the coming together of the eldest son and the eldest daughter,
 - the husband is the directing and moving force outside,
 - while the wife, inside, is gentle and submissive.

THE JUDGMENT

DURATION. Success. No blame.
 Perseverance furthers.
 It furthers one to have somewhere to go.

Duration

- is a state whose movement is not worn down by hindrances.
 - It is not a state of rest, for mere standstill is regression.
- Duration
- is rather the self-contained and therefore self-renewing movement of an organized, firmly integrated whole,
 - taking place in accordance with immutable laws and
 - beginning anew at every ending.

The end is reached by an inward movement,
 by inhalation, systole, contraction, and
 this movement turns into a new beginning, in which
 the movement is directed outward,
 in exhalation, diastole, expansion.

Heavenly bodies exemplify duration.

They move in their fixed orbits, and
 because of this their light-giving power endures.

The seasons of the year

- follow a fixed law of change and transformation, hence
- can produce effects that endure.

So likewise

the dedicated man

- embodies an enduring meaning in his way of life, and thereby
- the world is formed.

In that which gives things their duration,
 we can come to understand the nature of all beings

- in heaven and
- on earth.

THE IMAGE

Thunder and wind: the image of DURATION.

Thus the superior man

- stands firm And
- does not change his direction.

- Thunder rolls, and
 - the wind blows;
- both
- are examples of extreme mobility and so
 - are seemingly the very opposite of duration,
- but the laws governing their appearance and subsidence, their coming and going, endure.
- In the same way
- the independence of the superior man is not based on
- rigidity and
 - immobility of character.
- He always
- keeps abreast of the time and
 - changes with it.
- What endures is
- the unswerving directive,
 - the inner law of his being,
- which determines all his actions.

THE LINES

Nine in the third place means:

He who does not give duration to his character
Meets with disgrace.
Persistent humiliation.

If a man remains at the mercy of moods of hope or fear aroused by the outer world,
he loses his inner consistency of character.
Such inconsistency invariably leads to distressing experiences.
These humiliations often come from an unforeseen quarter.
Such experiences are not merely effects produced by the external world,
but logical consequences evoked by his own nature.

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.