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### HEXAGRAM 31 – Hsien - Influence (Wooing)

Above TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

Below KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

The name of the hexagram means

- "universal,"
- "general,"

and in a figurative sense

- "to influence,"
- "to stimulate."

- The upper trigrams is Tui, the Joyous;
  - the lower is Ken, Keeping Still.
- By its persistent, quiet influence, the lower, rigid trigram
- stimulates the upper, weak trigram, which
  - responds to this stimulation cheerfully and joyously.

- Ken, the lower trigram, is the youngest son;
- the upper, Tui, is the youngest daughter.

Thus the universal mutual attraction between the sexes is represented.

In courtship, the masculine principle must

- seize the initiative
- and
- place itself below the feminine principle.

Just as

- the first part of book I begins with the hexagrams of
  - heaven
 and
  - earth,

the foundations of all that exists,

- the second part begins with the hexagrams of
  - courtship
 and
  - marriage,

the foundations of all social relationships.

## THE JUDGMENT

Influence.

Success.

Perseverance furthers.

To take a maiden to wife brings good fortune.

- The weak element is above,
  - the strong below;
- hence
- their powers attract each other,
- so that
- they unite.

This brings about success, for

all success depends on the effect of mutual attraction.

By keeping still within while experiencing joy without, one can

- prevent the joy from going to excess
- and
- hold it within proper bounds.

This is the meaning of the added admonition, "Perseverance furthers," for it is perseverance that makes the difference between

- seduction
- and
- courtship;

in the latter

the strong man

- takes a position inferior to that of the weak girl
- and
- shows consideration for her.

This attraction between affinities is a general law of nature.

Heaven and earth

- attract each other
- and thus

- all creatures come into being.

Through such attraction

- the sage influences men's hearts,
- and thus
- the world attains peace.

From the attractions they exert

we can learn the nature of all beings

- in heaven
- and
- on earth.

## THE IMAGE

A lake on the mountain: The image of influence.

Thus

the superior man encourages people to approach him

By his readiness to receive them.

A mountain with a lake on its summit is stimulated by the moisture from the lake.

It has this advantage because its summit

- does not jut out as a peak

but

- is sunken.

The image counsels that the mind should be kept

- humble

and

- free,

so that

it may remain receptive to good advice.

People soon give up counseling a man who thinks

that

he knows everything better than anyone else.

## THE LINES

Six at the beginning means:

The influence shows itself in the big toe.

A movement,

before it is actually carried out,

shows itself first in the toes.

The idea of an influence is already present,

but it is not immediately apparent to others.

As long as the intention has no visible effect,

it

- is of no importance to the outside world

and

- leads neither to good nor to evil.

Six in the second place means:

The influence shows itself in the calves of the legs.

Misfortune.

Tarrying brings good fortune.

In movement,

the calf of the leg follows the foot; by itself it can

- neither go forward

- nor stand still.

Since the movement is not self-governed, it bodes ill.

- One should wait quietly until one is impelled to action by a real influence.

Then

- one remains uninjured.

Six at the top means:

The influence shows itself in the

- jaws,
  - cheeks,
- and
- tongue.

The most superficial way of trying to influence others is through talk that has nothing real behind it.

The influence produced by such mere tongue wagging must necessarily remain insignificant.

Hence no indication is added regarding good or bad fortune.

## **MOVING HEXAGRAM**

### **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.
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- 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.**