

Outcome of Exxon's XOM BuyOut of Pioneer Natural Resources PXD (\$60 Billion)

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HEXAGRAM 24 – Fu - Return (The Turning Point)

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH
Below CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

The **idea** of a turning point arises from the fact that

- after the dark lines have **pushed** all of the light lines upward and out of the hexagram,
- another light line **enters** the hexagram from below.

The time of darkness is past.

The winter solstice brings the victory of light.

This hexagram is **linked with** the eleventh month, the month of the **solstice** (December-January).

THE JUDGMENT

RETURN. Success.

- Going out and coming in without error.
- Friends come without blame.
- To and fro goes the way.
- On the seventh day comes return.
- It furthers one to have somewhere to go.

After a time of decay comes the turning point.

The powerful light that has been banished returns.

There is movement, but

it **is not** brought about by force.

The upper trigram K'un is **characterized** by devotion;
thus the movement is **natural, arising** spontaneously.

For this reason the **transformation** of the old becomes easy.

- **The old is discarded and**
- **the new is introduced.**

Both measures **accord** with the time;
therefore **no harm** results.

Societies of people sharing the same views are formed.
But since these groups

- come together in full public knowledge and
- are in harmony with the time,
- all selfish separatist tendencies are excluded, and
- no mistake is made.

The idea of RETURN is based on the course of nature.

- The movement is cyclic, and
- the course completes itself.

Therefore

it is not necessary to hasten anything artificially.

Everything comes of itself at the appointed time.

This is the meaning of heaven and earth.

All movements are accomplished in six stages, and
the seventh brings return.

Thus

- the Winter solstice, with which the decline of the year begins,
 - comes in the seventh month after the summer solstice;

so too

- sunrise
 - comes in the seventh double hour after sunset.

Therefore

seven is the number of the young light, and

it arises when six, the number of the great darkness, is increased by one.

In this way

the state of rest gives place to movement.

THE IMAGE

Thunder within the earth: The image of THE TURNING POINT.

Thus

- the kings of antiquity closed the passes At the time of solstice.
- Merchants and strangers did not go about, And
- the ruler Did not travel through the provinces.

The winter solstice has always been celebrated in China as the resting time of the year –

a custom that survives in the time of rest observed at the new year.

In winter the life energy, symbolized by thunder, the Arousing is still underground.

Movement is just at its beginning;

therefore

it must be strengthened by rest,

so that it will not be dissipated by being used prematurely.

This principle, i.e., of allowing energy that is renewing itself to be reinforced by rest,

applies to all similar situations.

- The return of health after illness,
- the return of understanding after an estrangement: everything must be **treated** tenderly and with care at the beginning, so that the return may **lead to** a flowering.

THE LINES

Six in the second place means:

Quiet return.

Good fortune.

Return always

- calls for a decision and
- is an act of self-mastery.

It is made easier if a man is in good company.

If

he can

- bring himself to put aside pride and
- follow the example of good men,

good fortune results.

Six in the fifth place means:

Noblehearted return.

No remorse.

When the time for return has come,

a man

- should not take shelter in trivial excuses, but
- should look within and examine himself.

And if

- he has done something wrong
- he should make a noblehearted resolve to confess his fault.

No one will regret having taken this road.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

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.