

## Outcome of Nippon Steel BuyOut of US Steel (\$14.1 Billion)

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

### HEXAGRAM 44 – Kou - Coming to Meet

Above CH'IEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN  
Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND

This hexagram indicates a situation in which the principle of darkness, after having been eliminated, furtively and unexpectedly obtrudes again from within and below. Of its own accord the female principle comes to meet the male.

- It is an unfavorable and dangerous situation, and
- we must understand and promptly prevent the possible consequences.

The hexagram is linked with the fifth month [June-July], because at the summer solstice the principle of darkness gradually becomes ascendant again.

### THE JUDGMENT

COMING TO MEET.

The maiden is powerful.

One should not marry such a maiden.

The rise of the inferior element is pictured here in the image of a bold girl who

- lightly surrenders herself and
- thus seizes power.

This would not be possible if the strong and light-giving element had not in turn come halfway.

- The inferior thing seems so harmless and inviting that
  - a man delights in it;
- it looks so small and weak that
  - he imagines he may dally with it and come to no harm.

The inferior man rises only because the superior man

- does not regard him as dangerous and so
- lends him power.

If

- he were resisted from the first,
- he could never gain influence.

The time of COMING TO MEET is important in still **another** way.

Although as a general rule the weak should not come to meet the strong, there are times when this has great significance.

- When heaven and earth come to meet each other, all creatures prosper;
- when a prince and his official come to meet each other, the world is put in order.

It is necessary for elements predestined to be joined and mutually dependent to come to meet one another halfway.

But the coming together must be free of dishonest ulterior motives, otherwise harm will result.

## THE IMAGE

Under heaven, wind: The image Of COMING TO MEET.

Thus does the prince act when

- disseminating his commands And
- proclaiming them to the four quarters of heaven.

The situation here resembles that in hexagram 20, Kuan, CONTEMPLATION (VIEW).

- In the latter the wind blows over the earth,
- here it blows under heaven;

in both cases it goes everywhere.

There the wind

- is on the **earth** and
- **symbolizes** the ruler taking note of the conditions in his kingdom;

here the wind

- blows from **above** and
- **symbolizes** the influence exercised by the ruler through his commands.

- Heaven is far from the things of earth, but
  - it sets them in motion by means of the wind.
- The ruler is far from his people, but
  - he sets them in motion by means of his commands and decrees.