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## HEXAGRAM 23 - Po - Splitting Apart

## Above KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN Below K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

The dark lines are about to

- mount upward and
- overthrow the last firm, light line
by exerting a disintegrating influence on it.
The inferior, dark forces overcome what is superior and strong,
- not by direct means,
- but by undermining it gradually and imperceptibly,
so that it finally collapses.
The lines of the hexagram
- present the image of a house, the top line being tile roof, and because the roof is being shattered
- the house collapses.

The hexagram belongs to the ninth month (October-November).
The yin power

- pushes up ever more powerfully and
- is about to supplant the yang power altogether.


## THE JUDGMENT

SPLITTING APART.
It does not further one
To go anywhere.
This pictures a time when inferior people

- are pushing forward and
- are about to crowd out the few remaining strong and superior men. Under these circumstances, which are due to the time, it is not favorable for the superior man to undertake anything.

The right behavior in such adverse times is to be deduced from

- the images and
- their attributes.
- The lower trigram stands for the earth, - whose attributes are docility and devotion.
- The upper trigram stands for the mountain, - whose attribute is stillness.

This suggests that one

- should submit to the bad time and
- remain quiet.

For it is a question not of man's doing but of time conditions, which, according to the laws of heaven, show an alternation of

- increase and decrease,
- fullness and emptiness.

It is impossible to counteract these conditions of the time.
Hence
it is not cowardice but wisdom to

- submit and
- avoid action.


## THE IMAGE

The mountain rests on the earth: The image of SPLITTING APART.
Thus
those above can ensure their position
Only by giving generously to those below.

The mountain rests on the earth.

- When it is steep and narrow, lacking a broad base, it must topple over.
- Its position is strong only when it rises out of the earth
- broad and great,
- not proud and steep.

So likewise those who rule rest on the broad foundation of the people.
They too should be

- generous and
- benevolent, like the earth that carries all.
- Then they will make their position
- as secure
- as a mountain is in its tranquility.


## THE LINES

Six at the beginning means:
The leg of the bed is split.
Those who persevere are destroyed.
Misfortune.

## Inferior people

- are on the rise and
- stealthily begin their destructive burrowing from below in order to undermine the place where the superior man rests.
Those followers of the ruler who remain loyal are destroyed by
- slander and
- intrigue.

The situation bodes disaster, yet there is nothing to do but wait.

Six in the second place means:
The bed is split at the edge.
Those who persevere are destroyed.
Misfortune.
The power of the inferior people is growing.
The danger draws close to one's person;

- already there are clear indications, and
- rest is disturbed.

Moreover, in this dangerous situation
one is as yet without help or friendly advances from above or below.
Extreme caution is necessary in this isolation.
One must

- adjust to the time and
- promptly avoid the danger.

Stubborn perseverance in maintaining one's standpoint
would lead to do a downfall.

Six in the fifth place means:
A shoal of fishes.
Favor comes through the court ladies.
Everything acts to further.
Here, in immediate proximity to the strong, light-giving principle at the top,
the nature of the dark force undergoes a change.
It no longer opposes the strong principle by means of intrigues
but submits to its guidance.
Indeed, as the head of the other weak lines,
it leads all of these to the strong line,
just as
a princess

- leads her maids-in-waiting like a shoal of fishes to her husband and thus
- gains his favor.

Inasmuch as

- the lower element thus voluntarily places itself under the higher,
- it attains happiness and
- the higher also receives its clue.

Therefore all goes well.

## MOVING HEXAGRAM

## HEXAGRAM 61-Chung Fu - Inner Truth

Above SUN THE GENTLE, WIND
Below TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE
The wind

- blows over the lake and
- stirs the surface of the water.

Thus visible effects of the invisible manifest themselves.
The hexagram consists of

- firm lines above and below, while
- it is open in the center.

This indicates

- a heart free of prejudices, and therefore
- open to truth.

On the other hand,
each of the two trigrams has a firm line in the middle; this indicates

- the force of inner truth in the influences they represent.

The attributes of the two trigrams are:

- above, gentleness, forbearance toward inferiors;
- below, Joyousness in obeying superiors.

Such conditions

- create the basis of a mutual confidence
that
- makes achievements possible.

The character fu ("truth") is actually the picture of a bird's foot over a fledgling.
It suggests the idea of brooding.
An egg is hollow.
The light-giving power must work to quicken it from outside, but
there must be a germ of life within, if life is to be awakened.
Far-reaching speculations can be linked with these ideas.

## THE JUDGMENT

INNER TRUTH. Pigs and fishes. Good fortune. It furthers one to cross the great Water. Perseverance furthers.

Pigs and fishes are

- the least intelligent of all animals
- and therefore
- the most difficult to influence.

The force of inner truth must grow great indeed before its influence can extend to such creatures.
In dealing with persons

- as intractable and
- as difficult to influence
- as a pig or a fish,
the whole secret of success depends
- on finding the right way of approach.

One must first

- rid oneself of all prejudice and, so to speak,
- let the psyche of the other person act on one without restraint.

Then
one will

- establish contact with him,
- understand and gain power over him.

When
a door has thus been opened, the force of one's personality will influence him.
If in this way

- one finds no obstacles insurmountable,
- one
- can undertake even the most dangerous things, such as crossing the great water, and
- succeed.


## But

it is important to understand
upon what the force of inner truth depends.
This force is not identical with

- simple intimacy or
- a secret bond.

Close ties may exist also among thieves;
it is true that such a bond acts as a force

- but, since it is not invincible,
- it does not bring good fortune.

All association on the basis of common interests
holds only up to a certain point.
Where the community of interest ceases,

- the holding together ceases also, and
- the closest friendship often changes into hate.

Only when

- the bond is based on what is right, on steadfastness,
- will it remain so firm that it triumphs over everything.


## THE IMAGE

Wind over lake: the image of INNER TRUTH.
Thus the superior man discusses criminal cases
In order to delay executions.
Wind stirs water by penetrating it.
Thus
the superior man,
when
obliged to judge the mistakes of men,

- tries to penetrate their minds with understanding,
- in order to gain a sympathetic appreciation of the circumstances.

In ancient China, the entire administration of justice was guided by this principle. A deep understanding that knows how to pardon was considered the highest form of justice.

This system was not without success,
for its aim was to make so strong a moral impression
that there was no reason to fear abuse of such mildness.
For it sprang not

- from weakness
but
- from a superior clarity.

