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

HEXAGRAM 59 – Huan - Dispersion (Dissolution)

Above SUN THE GENTLE, WIND
 Below K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER

Wind blowing over water
 disperses it,
 dissolving it into

- foam and
- mist.

This suggests that when a man's vital energy is dammed up within him (indicated as a danger by the attribute of the lower trigram), gentleness serves to

- break up and
- dissolve the blockage.

THE JUDGMENT

Dispersion,
 Success.

The king approaches his temple.
It furthers one to cross the great water.
Perseverance furthers.

The text of this hexagram resembles that of Ts'ui, GATHERING TOGETHER (45).

In the latter,

the subject is the bringing together of elements that have been separated,
as water collects in lakes upon the earth.

Here

the subject is the dispersing and dissolving of divisive egotism.

DISPERSION shows the way, so to speak, that leads to gathering together.
This explains the similarity of the two texts.

Religious forces are needed to overcome the egotism that divides men.

1. The common celebration of the great

- sacrificial feasts and
 - sacred rites,
- which gave expression simultaneously to the
- interrelation and
 - social articulation of
 - family and
 - state,

was the means employed by the great rulers to unite men.

- The sacred music and
 - the splendor of the ceremonies
- aroused a strong tide of emotion
- that was shared by all hearts in unison, and
 - that awakened a consciousness of the common origin of all creatures.

In this way

- disunity was overcome and
- rigidity dissolved.

A further means to the same end is

2. cooperation in great general undertakings that

set a high goal for the will of the people;
in the common concentration on this goal,
all barriers dissolve,
just as,

- when a boat is crossing a great stream,
- all hands must unite in a joint task.

But only a man

- who is himself free of all selfish ulterior considerations, and
 - who perseveres in justice and steadfastness,
- is capable of so dissolving the hardness of egotism.

THE IMAGE

The wind drives over the water: The image of DISPERSION.

Thus

the kings of old

- sacrificed to the Lord And
- built temples.

In the autumn and winter,
water begins to freeze into ice.

When

the warm breezes of spring come,

- the rigidity is dissolved, and
- the elements that have been dispersed in ice floes are reunited.

It is the same with the minds of the people.

Through

- hardness and
- selfishness

the heart grows rigid, and
this rigidity leads to separation from all others.

- Egotism and
- Cupidity

isolate men.

Therefore

the hearts of men

- must be seized by a devout emotion.

They

- must be shaken by a religious awe in face of eternity –
- stirred with an intuition of the One Creator of all living beings, and
- united through the strong feeling of fellowship experienced in the ritual of divine worship.

THE LINES

Six in the third place means:

He dissolves his self.

No remorse.

Under certain circumstances,
a man's work may become so difficult
that

he can no longer think of himself.

He must

- set aside all personal desires and
- disperse whatever the self gathers about it to serve as a barrier against others.

Only on the basis of a great renunciation can
he obtain the strength for great achievements.

By setting his goal in a great task outside himself,

he can attain this standpoint.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 57 – Sun - The Gentle (The Penetrating, Wind)

Above SUN THE GENTLE, WIND, WOOD

Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND, WOOD

Sun is one of the **eight doubled** trigrams.

It

- is the eldest daughter
and

- **symbolizes** wind or wood;

it has for its **attribute** gentleness,
which nonetheless penetrates

- like the wind

or

- like growing wood
with its roots.

The dark principle, in itself rigid and immovable,
is dissolved by the penetrating light principle,
to which it subordinates itself in gentleness.

1. In nature,

it is the wind that

- disperses the gathered clouds,
leaving the sky clear and serene.

2. In human life

it is penetrating clarity of judgment that

- thwarts all dark hidden motives.

3. In the life of the community

it is the powerful influence of a great personality that

- uncovers and breaks up those intrigues
which shun the light of day.

THE JUDGMENT

THE GENTLE.

Success through what is small.

- It furthers one to have somewhere to go.
- It furthers one to see the great man.

Penetration produces

- gradual

and

- inconspicuous effects.

It should be effected

- not by an act of violation
- but by influence that never lapses.

Results of this kind are less striking to the eye than

- those won by surprise attack,
- but
- they

- are more enduring
- and
- more complete.

If

- one would produce such effects
- one must have a dearly defined goal,

for only when

- the penetrating influence works always in the same direction
- can the object be attained.

Small strength can achieve its purpose only by

- subordinating itself to an eminent man
- who is capable of creating order.

THE IMAGE

Winds following one upon the other: The image of THE GENTLY PENETRATING.

Thus

the superior man

- Spreads his commands abroad

And

- carries out his undertakings.

- The penetrating quality of the wind depends upon its ceaselessness.

- This is what makes it so powerful;
- time is its instrument.

In the same way

- the ruler's thought should penetrate the soul of the people.
 - This too requires a lasting influence brought about by
 - enlightenment
- and
- command.

Only when

- the command has been assimilated by the people
- is action in accordance with it possible.

Action without preparation of the ground only

- frightens

and

- repels.