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6		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
5		T	T	T		2	2	2		6
4		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
3		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
2		H	H	H		3	3	3		9
1		H	H	T		3	3	2		8

Hexagram 46 – Sheng - Pushing Upward

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH
 Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND, WOOD

- The lower trigram, Sun, represents wood, and
- the upper, K'un, means the earth.

Linked with this is the idea that wood in the earth grows upward.

In contrast to the meaning of Chin, PROGRESS (35),

this pushing upward is associated with effort, just as a plant needs energy for pushing upward through the earth.

That is why this hexagram, although it is connected with success, is associated with effort of the will.

- In PROGRESS the emphasis is on expansion;
- PUSHING UPWARD indicates rather a vertical ascent - direct rise
 - from obscurity and lowliness
 - to power and influence.

THE JUDGMENT

PUSHING UPWARD
 has supreme success.

One must see the great man.
Fear not.
Departure toward the south
Brings good fortune.

The pushing upward of the good elements

- encounters **no obstruction** and
- is therefore accompanied by **great success**.

The pushing upward is made possible

- **not by violence**
- **but by modesty and adaptability.**

Since the individual is borne along by the propitiousness of the time,
he advances.

He must go to see authoritative people.

He need not be afraid to do this, because success is **assured**.

But

he must set to work, for **activity** (this is the meaning of "the south") brings good fortune.

THE IMAGE

Within the earth, wood grows: The image of PUSHING UPWARD.

Thus the superior man of devoted character

Heaps up small things

In order to achieve something high and great.

- Adapting itself to obstacles and bending around them,
wood in the earth grows upward without haste and without rest.

Thus too

- **the superior man**
 - **is devoted in character and**
 - **never pauses in his progress.**

THE LINES

Nine in the second place means:

If one is sincere,

It furthers one to bring even a small offering.

No blame.

Here a strong man is presupposed.

It is true that

- he does not fit in with his environment, inasmuch as
- he is too brusque and pays too little attention to form.

But as

he is upright in character,

- he meets with response, and

- his lack of outward form does no harm.

Here

- uprightness is the outcome of sound qualities of character, whereas in the corresponding line of the preceding hexagram
- it is the result of innate humility.

Six in the fifth place means:

Perseverance brings good fortune.

One pushes upward by steps.

When a man is advancing farther and farther,

- it is important for him not to become intoxicated by success.

Precisely when he experiences great success it is necessary

- to remain sober and
- not to try to skip any stages;

- he must go on slowly, step by step, as though hesitant.

Only such calm, steady progress, overleaping nothing, leads to the goal.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 39 – Chien - Obstruction

Above K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER

Below KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

The hexagram **pictures**

- a dangerous abyss lying before us and
- a steep, inaccessible mountain rising behind us.

We are surrounded by obstacles;

at the same time,

since the mountain has the attribute of keeping still,

there is implicit a **hint as to how we can extricate ourselves.**

The hexagram **represents** obstructions

that appear in the course of time but

that **can and should be** overcome.

Therefore

all the instruction given is directed to overcoming them.

THE JUDGMENT

OBSTRUCCION.

- The southwest furthers.
- The northeast does not further.

- It furthers one to see the great man.
Perseverance brings good fortune.

The southwest is the region of retreat,
the northeast that of advance.

Here

an individual is **confronted** by obstacles that
cannot be overcome directly.

In such a situation

it is wise

- to pause in view of the danger and
- to retreat.

However,

this is merely a preparation for overcoming the obstructions.

One must

- join forces with friends of like mind and
- put himself under the leadership of a man equal to the situation:

then

one will succeed in removing the obstacles.

This **requires** the will to persevere

just when

one apparently must do something that leads away from his goal.

This **unswerving inner purpose** brings good fortune in the end.

An obstruction that lasts only for a time is useful for self-development.

This is the value of adversity.

THE IMAGE

Water on the mountain:

The image of OBSTRUCTION.

Thus the superior man

- turns his attention to himself And
- molds his character.

Difficulties and obstructions throw a man back upon himself.

While

- the inferior man
 - seeks to put the blame on other persons, bewailing his fate,
- the superior man
 - seeks the error within himself, andthrough this introspection
- the external obstacle becomes for him an occasion for
 - inner enrichment and
 - education.