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HEXAGRAM 33 – Tun - Retreat

Above CHIEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN
Below KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

The power of the dark is ascending.

The light retreats to security, so that the dark cannot encroach upon it.

This retreat is a matter

- not of man's will
- but of natural law.

Therefore in this case withdrawal is proper;

it is the correct way to behave

in order not to exhaust one's forces. 1

In the calendar this hexagram is linked with the sixth month (July-August), in which the forces of winter are already showing their influence.

THE JUDGMENT

RETREAT. Success.

In what is small, perseverance furthers.

Conditions are such that the hostile forces favored by the time are advancing.

In this case

- retreat is the **right** course, and
- it is through retreat that **success** is achieved.

But success **consists** in being able to carry out the retreat correctly. Retreat **is not** to be confused with flight.

- Flight means **saving oneself under any circumstances whereas**
- retreat is a sign of strength.

We must be careful **not to miss** the right moment while we are **in full possession** of power and position.

Then we **shall be able**

- to **interpret** the signs of the time
 - before it is too late and
- to **prepare** for provisional retreat
 - instead of being drawn into a desperate life-and-death struggle.

Thus

- we **do not** simply abandon the field to the opponent;
- we **make** it difficult for him to advance
 - by showing **perseverance** in single acts of resistance.

In this way

we **prepare**, while retreating, for the counter - movement.

Understanding the laws of a constructive retreat of this sort is not easy.

The **meaning** that lies hidden in such a time is important.

THE IMAGE

Mountain under heaven: the image of RETREAT.

Thus the superior man

keeps the inferior man at a distance,
Not angrily but with reserve.

The mountain **rises up** under heaven, but owing to its nature it finally **comes to** a stop.

Heaven on the other hand

- **retreats upward** before it into the distance and
- **remains** out of reach.

This **symbolizes** the behavior of the superior man toward a climbing inferior; he **retreats** into his own thoughts as the inferior man comes forward.

He **does not** hate him,

for hatred **is** a form of subjective involvement by which we are **bound** to the hated object.

The superior man shows **strength** (heaven) in that he brings the inferior man to a **standstill** (mountain) by his dignified **reserve**.

THE LINES

Nine in the third place means:

A halted retreat Is

- nerve-wracking and
- dangerous.

To retain people as men - and maidservants
Brings good fortune.

When it is time to retreat it is both

- unpleasant and
- dangerous

to be held back,

because then

one no longer has freedom of action.

In such a case

the only expedient is to take into one's service, so to speak,
those who refuse to let one go,

so that

one may at least

- keep one's initiative and
- not fall helplessly under their domination.

But even with this expedient

the situation is far from satisfactory –

for what can one hope to accomplish with such servants?

Nine in the fourth place means:

Voluntary retreat brings

- good fortune to the superior man And
- downfall to the inferior man.

In retreating the superior man is intent on taking his departure

- willingly and
- in all friendliness.

He easily adjusts his mind to retreat,

because in retreating

he does not have to do violence to his convictions.

The only one who suffers is the inferior man from whom he retreats,
who will degenerate when deprived of the guidance of the superior man.

0 Nine in the fifth place means:

Friendly retreat.

Perseverance brings good fortune.

It is the business of the superior man to recognize in time that
the moment for retreat has come.

If the right moment is chosen,

the retreat can be carried out

- within the forms of perfect friendliness,
- without the necessity of disagreeable discussions.

Yet, for all the observance of amenities,

absolute firmness of decision is necessary

if one **is not** to be led astray by irrelevant considerations.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

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.