

Taiwan under President Lai Ching-te



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HEXAGRAM 14 - Ta Yu - Possession in Great Measure

Above LI THE CLINGING, FLAME
Below CH'IEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

- The fire in heaven above **shines** far, and
- all things
 - **stand out** in the light and
 - **become**, manifest.
- The weak fifth line **occupies** the place of honor, and
- all the strong lines are **in accord** with it.

All things come to the man who is

- **modest and kind**
- **in a high position. 1**

THE JUDGMENT

POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE.
Supreme success.

The two trigrams indicate that **strength** and **clarity** unite.

Possession in great measure

- is **determined** by fate and
- **accords** with the time.

How is it possible that the weak line has power

- to **hold** the strong lines fast and
- to **possess** them?

It is done by virtue of unselfish modesty.

The time is favorable - a time of

- strength **within**,
- clarity and culture **without**.

Power is expressing itself in a graceful and controlled way.

This brings supreme success and wealth. 2

THE IMAGE

Fire in heaven above: The image of POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE .

Thus the superior man

- **curbs** evil and
- **further**s good, And thereby
- **obeys** the benevolent will of heaven.

The sun in heaven **above**,

shedding light over everything on earth,

is **the image** of possession on a grand scale.

But a possession of this sort must be **administered properly**.

The sun brings both evil and good into the light of day.

Man

- **must combat and curb the evil, and**
- **must favor and promote the good.**

Only in this way does he fulfill the benevolent will of God,
who desires

- **only good and**
- **not evil.**

THE LINES

0 Six in the fifth place means:

He whose truth is accessible, yet dignified,
Has good fortune.

The situation is **very favorable**.

People are being **won**

- **not by coercion**
- **but by unaffected sincerity,**

so that they are **attached** to us in sincerity and truth.

However, benevolence alone is **not sufficient**

at the time of POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE.
For **insolence** might begin to spread.
Insolence must be kept in bounds by **dignity**;
then good fortune is **assured**.

Nine at the top means:

He is blessed by heaven.

Good fortune.

Nothing that does not further.

- In the fullness of **possession** and
- at the height of **power**,
one remains **modest** and
gives **honor** to the sage who stands outside the affairs of the world.
By this means
- one puts oneself under the **beneficent influence** descending from heaven, and
- all goes well.

Confucius says of this line:

To bless means to help.

- Heaven helps the man who is devoted;
- men help the man who is true.

He who

- walks in truth and
- is devoted in his thinking, and furthermore
- reveres the worthy,
 - is blessed by heaven. He
 - has good fortune, and
 - there is nothing that would not further.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 43 – Kuai - Break-through (Resoluteness)

Above Tui THE JOYOUS, LAKE
Below CH'IEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

This hexagram **signifies**
on the one hand

- a break-through after a long accumulation of tension,
as a swollen river breaks through its dikes, or in the manner of a cloudburst.

On the other hand, applied to human conditions,

- **it refers to** the time when inferior people gradually begin to **disappear**.
Their influence is on the **wane**;

as a result of resolute action,

- a change in conditions occurs,
- a break-through.

The hexagram is linked with the third month [April-May].

THE JUDGMENT

BREAK-THROUGH.

- One must resolutely make the matter known At the court of the king.
- It must be announced truthfully.

Danger.

It is necessary to notify one's own city.

- It does not further to resort to arms.
- It furthers one to undertake something.

- Even if only one inferior man is occupying a ruling position in a city, he
 - is able to oppress superior men.
- Even a single passion still lurking in the heart
 - has power to obscure reason.
- Passion and reason cannot exist side by side - therefore
 - fight without quarter is necessary if the good is to prevail.

In a resolute struggle of the good against evil, there are, however, definite rules that must not be disregarded, if it is to succeed.

1. First,

resolution must be based on a union of

- strength and
- friendliness.

2. Second,

a compromise with evil is not possible;

- evil must under all circumstances be openly discredited.
- Nor must our own passions and shortcomings be glossed over.

3. Third,

the struggle must not be carried on directly by force.

If

- evil is branded,
 - it thinks of weapons,

and

if

- we do it the favor of fighting against it blow for blow,
 - we lose in the end

because thus

- we ourselves get entangled in hatred and passion.

Therefore

4. it is important

- to begin at home,

- to be on guard in our own persons against the faults we have branded.

In this way,

- finding no opponent,
- the sharp edges of the weapons of evil become dulled.

For the same reasons

5. we should not combat our own faults directly.

- As long as we wrestle with them,
- they continue victorious.

Finally,

6. the best way to fight evil is to make energetic progress in the good.

THE IMAGE

The lake has risen up to heaven: The image of BREAK-THROUGH.

Thus the superior man

- Dispenses riches downward

And

- refrains from resting on his virtue.

- When the water of a lake has risen up to heaven,
 - there is reason to fear a cloudburst.
- Taking this as a warning,
 - the superior man forestalls a violent collapse.

If

- a man were to pile up riches for himself alone, without considering others,
- he would certainly experience a collapse.

For all gathering is followed by dispersion.

Therefore

the superior man begins to distribute while he is accumulating.

In the same way,

in developing his character

he takes care

- not to become hardened in obstinacy

but

- to remain receptive to impressions
by help of strict and continuous self-examination.