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

### HEXAGRAM 64 - Wei Chi - Before Completion

Above Li THE CLINGING, FLAME  
Below K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER

This hexagram indicates a time when the transition from disorder to order is not yet completed. The change is indeed prepared for, since all the lines in the upper trigram are in relation to those in the lower (1). However, they are not yet in their places. While

- the preceding hexagram offers an analogy to autumn,
  - which forms the transition from summer to winter,
- this hexagram presents a parallel to spring,
  - which leads out of winter's stagnation into the fruitful time of summer.

With this hopeful outlook the Book of Changes comes to its close.

### THE JUDGMENT

BEFORE COMPLETION.

Success.

But if the little fox, after nearly completing the crossing,  
Gets his tail in the water,  
There is nothing that would further.

The conditions are difficult.

The task is great and full of responsibility.

It is nothing less than that of  
leading the world out of confusion back to order.

But

it is a task that **promises success**,  
because

there is **a goal that can unite the** forces now tending in different directions.

At first, however,

one must **move warily**, like an old fox walking over ice.

The caution of a fox walking over ice is proverbial in China.

His ears are constantly alert to the cracking of the ice,  
as

he carefully and circumspectly searches out the safest spots.

A young fox who as yet has not acquired this caution

goes ahead boldly,

and it may happen that

he falls in and gets his tail wet

when

he is almost across the water.

Then of course

his effort has been all in vain.

Accordingly, in times "before completion,"

- **deliberation**

and

- **caution**

are the prerequisites of success.

## **THE IMAGE**

Fire over water: The image of the condition before transition.

Thus

**the superior man is careful**

**In the differentiation of things,**

**So that each finds its place.**

When

fire,

- which by nature flames upward,  
is above,

and

water,

- which flows downward,  
is below,

their effects

- take opposite directions

and

- remain unrelated.

If

- we wish to achieve an effect,
- we must first
  - investigate the nature of the forces in question  
and
  - ascertain their proper place.

If

- we can bring these forces to bear in the right place,
  - they will have the desired effect,and
  - completion will be achieved.

But in order to handle external forces properly,

- we must above all arrive at the correct standpoint ourselves,  
for only from this vantage can we work correctly.