



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

HEXAGRAM 51 – Chen - The Arousing (Shock, Thunder)

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

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The hexagram Chen represents the eldest son, who **seizes** rule with

- energy and
- power.

A yang line

- **develops** below two yin lines and
- **presses** upward forcibly.

This movement is **so violent** that it arouses terror.

It is **symbolized** by thunder, which

- **bursts** forth from the earth and by its shock
- **causes** fear and trembling.

THE JUDGMENT

- Shock brings success.
 - Shock comes-oh, oh!
- Laughing words-ha, ha!

- The shock terrifies for a hundred miles, And
- he does not let fall the sacrificial spoon and chalice.

The shock that comes from the manifestation of God within the depths of the earth makes man afraid, but this fear of God is good, for joy and merriment can follow upon it.

When

- a man has learned within his heart what fear and trembling mean,
- he is safeguarded against any terror produced by outside influences.

Let the thunder roll and spread terror a hundred miles around:

- he remains so composed and reverent in spirit that

- the sacrificial rite is not interrupted.

This is the spirit that must animate leaders and rulers of men –

- a profound inner seriousness from which
- all outer terrors glance off harmlessly.

THE IMAGE

Thunder repeated: the image of SHOCK.

Thus in fear and trembling

The superior man

- sets his life in order And
- examines himself.

The shock of continuing thunder brings

- fear and
- trembling.

The superior man

- is always filled with reverence at the manifestation of God; he

- sets his life in order and
- searches his heart,

lest it harbor any secret opposition to the will of God.

Thus

- reverence is the foundation of true culture.

THE LINES

Six in the third place means:

Shock comes and makes one distraught.

If shock spurs to action

One remains free of misfortune.

There are three kinds of shock –

1. the shock of heaven, which is thunder,
2. the shock of fate, and, finally,
3. the shock of the heart.

The present hexagram refers

- less to inner shock
- than to the shock of fate.

In such times of shock,

- presence of mind is all too easily lost:
the individual

- overlooks all opportunities for action and
- mutely lets fate take its course.

But if

- he allows the shocks of fate to induce movement within his mind,
- he will overcome these external blows with little effort.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 55 – Feng - Abundance (Fullness)

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER
Below LI THE CLINGING, FLAME

- Chen is movement;
- Li is flame, whose attribute is clarity.

- Clarity within,
- movement without –
this produces greatness and abundance.

The hexagram pictures a period of advanced civilization.

However,

the fact that development has reached a peak suggests that
this extraordinary condition of abundance cannot be maintained permanently.

THE JUDGMENT

ABUNDANCE has success.
The king attains abundance.
Be not sad.
Be like the sun at midday.

It is not given to every mortal to bring about a time of

- outstanding greatness and
- abundance.

Only a born ruler of men is able to do it,

because his will is directed to what is great.
Such a time of abundance is usually brief.
Therefore
a sage might well feel sad in view of the decline that must follow.
But such sadness does not befit him.
Only a man who is inwardly free of sorrow and care
can lead in a time of abundance.
He must be like the sun at midday,
illuminating and gladdening everything under heaven.

THE IMAGE

Both thunder and lightning come: The image of ABUNDANCE.
Thus

the superior man

- decides lawsuits And
- carries out punishments.

This hexagram has a certain connection with Shih Ho, BITING THROUGH (21),
in which thunder and lightning similarly appear together,
but in the reverse order.

- In BITING THROUGH, laws are laid down;
 - here they are applied and enforced.
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- Clarity [Li] within makes it possible to investigate the facts exactly, and
 - shock [Chen] without ensures a strict and precise carrying out of punishments.