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HEXAGRAM 32 – Heng - Duration

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND

- The strong trigram Chen is above,
 - the weak trigram Sun below.
- This hexagram is the **inverse** of the preceding one.
- In the latter we have **influence**,
 - here we have **union** as an enduring condition.
- The two **images** are thunder and wind, which are likewise constantly paired phenomena.
- The lower trigram indicates **gentleness** within;
 - the upper, **movement** without.

In the sphere of social relationships, the hexagram **represents** the institution of marriage as the **enduring union** of the sexes.

- During courtship
 - the young man subordinates himself to the girl,
- but in marriage, which is represented by the coming together of

the eldest son and the eldest daughter,

- the husband is the directing and moving force outside,
- while the wife, inside, is gentle and submissive.

THE JUDGMENT

DURATION. Success. No blame.

Perseverance furthers.

It furthers one to have somewhere to go.

Duration

- is a state whose movement is not worn down by hindrances.
- It is not a state of rest, for mere standstill is regression.

Duration

- is rather the self-contained and therefore self-renewing movement of an organized, firmly integrated whole,
 - taking place in accordance with immutable laws and
 - beginning anew at every ending.

The end is reached by an inward movement,

by inhalation, systole, contraction, and

this movement turns into a new beginning, in which

the movement is directed outward,

in exhalation, diastole, expansion.

Heavenly bodies exemplify duration.

They **move** in their fixed orbits, and

because of this their light-giving power **endures**.

The seasons of the year

- **follow** a fixed law of change and transformation, hence
- **can** produce effects that endure.

So likewise

the dedicated man

- embodies an enduring meaning in his way of life, and thereby
- the world is formed.

In that which gives things their duration,

we can come to understand the nature of all beings

- in heaven and
- on earth.

THE IMAGE

Thunder and wind: the image of DURATION.

Thus the superior man

- stands firm And
- does not change his direction.

- Thunder rolls, and
- the wind blows;

both

- are examples of extreme mobility and so
 - are seemingly the very opposite of duration,
- but the laws governing their appearance and subsidence, their coming and going, endure.

In the same way

the independence of the superior man is not based on

- rigidity and
- immobility of character.

He always

- keeps abreast of the time and
- changes with it.

What endures is

- the unswerving directive,
 - the inner law of his being,
- which determines all his actions.