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### HEXAGRAM 09 - Hsiao Ch'u - The Taming Power of the Small

Above SUN                    THE GENTLE, WIND  
 Below CH'IEN                THE CREATIVE. HEAVEN

This hexagram **means** the force of the small – the **power of the shadowy** - that

- restrains,
- tames,
- impedes.

A weak line in the fourth place, that of the minister, 1 **holds** the five strong lines **in check**.

In the **Image** it is the wind blowing across the sky.

The wind

- **restrains** the clouds, the rising breath of the Creative, and
- makes them grow dense,
- but as yet is **not strong enough** to turn them to rain.

The hexagram presents a **configuration of circumstances** in which a strong element is **temporarily** held in leash by a weak element. It is only through **gentleness** that this can have a successful outcome.

### THE JUDGMENT

THE TAMING POWER, OF THE SMALL  
Has success.  
Dense clouds, no rain from our western region.

This image refers to the **state of affairs** in China at the time when King Wen, who came originally from the west, was in the east at the court of the reigning tyrant Chou Hsin. The **moment for action** on a large scale has not yet arrived. King Wen could only **keep the tyrant somewhat in check by friendly persuasion**. Hence the image of many clouds, **promising** moisture and blessing to the land, although **as yet no** rain falls.

The situation **is not unfavorable**;  
there is a prospect of **ultimate success**,

- but there are still **obstacles** in the way, and
- we can merely take **preparatory measures**.

**Only through the small means of friendly persuasion can we exert any influence. The time has not yet come for sweeping measures.**

However, we may be able, to a limited extent, to act as a **restraining and subduing** influence.

To carry out **our purpose** we need

- **firm determination within and**
- **gentleness and adaptability in external relations.**

## THE IMAGE

The wind drives across heaven: The image of THE TAMING POWER OF THE SMALL. Thus the superior man **Refines** the outward aspect of his nature.

The wind can indeed drive the clouds together in the sky; yet, being **nothing** but air, without solid body, it **does not** produce great or lasting effects. So also an individual, in times when he **can produce no** great effect in the outer world, can do nothing except **refine the expression** of his nature in small ways.

## THE LINES

Nine in the fifth place means:  
If you are sincere and loyally attached,  
You are rich in your neighbor.

Loyalty leads to **firm ties** because it means that each partner **complements** the other.

- In the **weaker** person loyalty consists in **devotion**,
- in the **stronger** it consists in **trustworthiness**.

**This relation of mutual reinforcement leads to a true wealth**

that is all the more apparent because it

- is not selfishly hoarded but
- is shared with friends.

Pleasure shared is pleasure doubled.

## MOVING HEXAGRAM

### HEXAGRAM 26 - Ta Ch'ü - The Taming Power of the Great

Above KEN                      KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN  
Below CH'IEN                 THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

The Creative is tamed by Ken, Keeping Still.

This produces great power, a situation in contrast to that of the ninth hexagram, Hsiao Ch'u, THE TAMING POWER OF THE SMALL, in which the Creative is tamed by the Gentle alone.

- There
- one weak line must tame five strong lines, but
- here
- four strong lines are restrained by two weak lines;
- in addition to a minister, there is a prince, and
- the restraining power therefore is far stronger.

The hexagram has a threefold meaning, expressing different aspects of the concept Holding firm.

1. Heaven within the mountain gives the idea of holding firm in the sense of holding together;
2. the trigram Ken, which holds the trigram Ch'ien still, gives the idea of holding firm in the sense of holding back;
3. the third idea is that of holding firm in the sense of caring for and nourishing.
  - This last is suggested by the fact that a strong line at the top, which is the ruler of the hexagram, is honored and tended as a sage.
  - The third of these meanings also attaches specifically to this strong line at the top, which represents the sage.

### THE JUDGMENT

THE TAMING POWER OF THE GREAT.

Perseverance furthers.  
Not eating at home brings good fortune.  
It furthers one to cross the great water.

To

- hold firmly to great creative powers and
  - store them up, as set forth in this hexagram,
- there is need of  
a strong, clearheaded man who is honored by the ruler.
- The trigram Ch'ien points to strong creative power;
  - Ken indicates firmness and truth.

Both point

- to light and clarity and
- to the daily renewal of character.

Only through such daily self-renewal

can a man continue at the height of his powers.

- Force of habit helps to keep order in quiet times; but in periods when there is a great storing up of energy,
- everything depends on the power of the personality.

However, since the worthy are honored,

as in the case of the strong personality entrusted with leadership by the ruler, it is an advantage

- not to eat at home but rather
- to earn one's bread by entering upon public office.

Such a man is in harmony with heaven;

therefore even great and difficult undertakings, such as crossing the great water, succeed.

## THE IMAGE

Heaven within the mountain:

The image of THE TAMING POWER OF THE GREAT.

Thus the superior man acquaints himself with

- many sayings of antiquity And
- many deeds of the past,

In order to strengthen his character thereby.

Heaven within the mountain points to hidden treasures.

In the words and deeds of the past there lies hidden a treasure that men may use to

strengthen and elevate their own characters.

The way to study the past is

- not to confine oneself to mere knowledge of history but, through application of this knowledge,
- to give actuality to the past.