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HEXAGRAM 44 – Kou - Coming to Meet

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

This hexagram indicates a situation in which the principle of darkness, after having been eliminated, furtively and unexpectedly obtrudes again from within and below. Of its own accord the female principle comes to meet the male.

- It is an unfavorable and dangerous situation, and
- we must understand and promptly prevent the possible consequences.

The hexagram is linked with the fifth month [June-July], because at the summer solstice the principle of darkness gradually becomes ascendant again.

THE JUDGMENT

COMING TO MEET.
 The maiden is powerful.

One should not marry such a maiden.

The **rise** of the inferior element is pictured here in the image of a bold girl who

- lightly **surrenders** herself and
- thus **seizes** power.

This would not be possible if the **strong and light-giving element** had not in turn come halfway.

- The inferior thing seems so harmless and inviting that
 - a man delights in it;
- it looks so small and weak that
 - he imagines he may dally with it and come to no harm.

The inferior man rises only because the superior man

- does not regard him as dangerous and so
- lends him power.

If

- he were resisted from the first,
- he could never gain influence.

The time of COMING TO MEET is important in still **another** way.

Although as a general rule the weak should not come to meet the strong, there are times when this has great significance.

- When heaven and earth come to meet each other, all creatures prosper;
- when a prince and his official come to meet each other, the world is put in order.

It is necessary for elements predestined to be joined and mutually dependent to come to meet one another halfway.

But the coming together must be free of **dishonest ulterior motives**, otherwise harm will result.

THE IMAGE

Under heaven, wind: The image Of COMING TO MEET.

Thus does the prince act when

- disseminating his commands And
- proclaiming them to the four quarters of heaven.

The situation here resembles that in hexagram 20, Kuan, CONTEMPLATION (VIEW).

- In the latter the wind blows over the earth,
- here it blows under heaven;

in both cases it goes everywhere.

There the wind

- is on the **earth** and
- **symbolizes** the ruler taking note of the conditions in his kingdom;

here the wind

- blows from **above** and
- **symbolizes** the influence exercised by the ruler through his commands.

- Heaven is far from the things of earth, but
 - it sets them in motion by means of the wind.
- The ruler is far from his people, but
 - he sets them in motion by means of his commands and decrees.

THE LINES

Nine in the fourth place means:

No fish in the tank.

This leads to misfortune.

Insignificant people must be tolerated in order to keep them well disposed.

- Then we can make use of them if we should need them.

If we

- become alienated from them and
- do not meet them halfway,

they

- turn their backs on us and
- are not at our disposal when we need them.

But this is our own fault.

Nine in the fifth place means:

A melon covered with willow leaves.

Hidden lines.

Then it drops down to one from heaven.

The melon, like the fish, is a symbol of the principle of darkness.

It is sweet but spoils easily and for this reason is protected with a cover of willow leaves.

This is a situation in which

a strong, superior, well-poised man

tolerates and protects the inferiors in his charge.

- He has the firm lines of order and beauty within himself but
- he does not lay stress upon them.
- He
 - does not bother his subordinates with outward show or tiresome admonitions but
 - leaves them quite free, putting his trust in the transforming power of a strong and upright personality.

And behold!

Fate is favorable.

His inferiors

- respond to his influence and
- fall to his disposition like ripe fruit.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 18 – Ku - Work on What Has Been Spoiled (Decay)

Above KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN
Below SUN THE GENTLE, WIND

The Chinese character Ku represents a bowl in whose contents worms are breeding.

This means decay.

It has come about because

- the gentle indifference of the lower trigram has come together with
- the rigid inertia of the upper, and the result is stagnation.

Since this implies guilt,

the conditions embody a demand for removal of the cause.

Hence the meaning of the hexagram is

- not simply "what has been spoiled"
- but "work on what has been spoiled."

THE JUDGMENT

WORK ON WHAT HAS BEEN SPOILED

Has supreme success.

It furthers one to cross the great water.

Before the starting point, three days.

After the starting point, three days.

What has been spoiled through man's fault can be made good again through man's work.

- It is not immutable fate, as, in the time of STANDSTILL, that has caused the state of corruption,
- but rather the abuse of human freedom.

Work toward improving conditions promises well,

because it accords with the possibilities of the time.

We

- must not recoil from work and danger – symbolized by crossing of the great water - but
- must take hold energetically.

Success depends, however, on proper deliberation.

This is expressed by the lines,

- "Before the starting point, three days.
- After the starting point, three days."

We must first know the causes of corruption

before we can do away with them;

hence it is necessary to be cautious during the time before the start.

Then

we must see to it that the **new way** is safely entered upon, so that
a **relapse** may be avoided;

therefore

we must pay attention to the time **after** the start.

- **Decisiveness and**
- **energy**

must take the place of the

- **inertia and**
- **indifference**

that have led to decay,

in order that the ending may be followed by a new beginning.

THE IMAGE

The wind blows low on the mountain: The image Of DECAY.

Thus the superior man

- **stirs up the people And**
- **strengthens their spirit.**

- When the wind **blows low** on the mountain,

- it is **thrown back and spoils** the vegetation.

This contains a **challenge** to improvement.

It is the same with

- **debasing attitudes and**

- **fashions;**

they corrupt human society.

To do away with this corruption,

the superior man must regenerate society.

His methods likewise must be **derived from** the two trigrams,
but in such a way that their **effects unfold** in orderly sequence.

The superior man

- **must first remove stagnation by stirring up public opinion,**

- **as the wind stirs everything, and**

- **must then strengthen and tranquilize the character of the people,**

- **as the mountain gives tranquility and nourishment to all that grows in its vicinity.**