

Stran & Company Inc SWAG under CEO Andrew Shape



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

### 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.