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HEXAGRAM 19 – Lin - Approach

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH
 Below TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

The Chinese word Lin has a **range of meanings** that is **not exhausted** by any single word of another language. The ancient explanations in the Book of Changes give as its

1. first meaning, **"becoming great."**
 - **What becomes great** are the two strong lines growing into the hexagram from below;
 - the light-giving power **expands** with them.
2. The meaning is then further extended to include **the concept of approach, especially** the approach of
 - what is strong and highly placed
 - **in relation to** what is lower.
3. Finally the meaning includes
 - the **attitude of condescension** of a man in high position toward the people,
 - and in general the **setting to work on affairs.**

This hexagram is linked with the twelfth month (January-February), when, after the winter solstice,

the light power begins to ascend again.

THE JUDGMENT

APPROACH has supreme success.
Perseverance furthers.
When the eighth month comes,
There will be misfortune.

The hexagram as a whole points to a time of joyous, hopeful progress.
Spring is approaching.

Joy and forbearance bring high and low nearer together.

Success is certain.

But we must work with determination and perseverance
to make full use of the propitiousness of the time.

And one thing more: spring does not last forever.

In the eighth month the aspects are reversed.

Then only two strong, light lines are left; these

- do not advance but
- are in retreat (see next hexagram).

We must take heed of this change in good time.

If

- we meet evil before it becomes reality –
before it has even begun to stir –
- we can master it.

THE IMAGE

The earth above the lake: The image of APPROACH.

Thus the superior man

- is inexhaustible In his will to teach, And
- without limits In his tolerance and protection of the people.

The earth borders upon the lake from above 1.

This symbolizes the approach and condescension of the man of higher position
to those beneath him.

The two parts of the image indicate what his attitude toward these people will be.

- Just as the lake is inexhaustible in depth,
 - so the sage is inexhaustible in his readiness to teach mankind,
- and
- just as the earth is boundlessly wide, sustaining and caring for all creatures on it,
 - so the sage sustains and cares for all people and excludes no part of humanity.

THE LINES

Six in the fourth place means:

Complete approach.
No blame.

While

- the three lower lines **indicate** rise to power and influence,
- the three upper lines show the **attitude** of persons in higher position **toward** those of lower rank for whom they procure influence.

Here is shown

- the **open-minded approach** of a person of high rank to
- **a man of ability** whom he draws into his own circle, regardless of class prejudice.

This is very favorable.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 54 – Kuei Mei - The Marrying Maiden

Above Chen THE AROUSING, THUNDER
Below TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

Above we have

- Chen, the eldest son, and below,
- Tui, the youngest daughter.

- The man leads and
- the girl follows him in gladness.

The picture is that of the entrance of the girl into her husband's house.

In all, there are four hexagrams depicting the relationship between husband and wife.

1. Hsien, INFLUENCE (31), describes the attraction that a young couple has for each other;
2. Heng, DURATION (32), portrays the permanent relationships of marriage;
3. Chien, DEVELOPMENT (53), reflects the protracted, ceremonious procedures attending the arrangement of a proper marriage; finally,
4. Kuei Mei, THE MARRYING MAIDEN, shows a young girl under the guidance of an older man who marries her. (1)

THE JUDGMENT

THE MARRYING MAIDEN.
Undertakings bring misfortune.

Nothing that would further.

A girl who

- is taken into the family,
 - but not as the chief wife,
- must behave with special caution and reserve.
She must not take it upon herself to supplant the mistress of the house, for that would
- mean disorder and
 - lead to untenable relationships.

The same is true of all voluntary relationships between human beings.

While

legally regulated relationships

- evince a fixed connection between
 - duties and
 - rights,

relationships based on personal inclination

- depend in the long run entirely on tactful reserve.

Affection as the essential principle of relatedness is of the greatest importance in all relationships in the world.

For

the union of heaven and earth is the origin of the whole of nature.

Among human beings likewise,

spontaneous affection is the all-inclusive principle of union.

THE IMAGE

Thunder over the lake: The image of THE MARRYING MAIDEN.

Thus

the superior man

Understands the transitory

In the light of the eternity of the end.

Thunder stirs the water of the lake,
which follows it in shimmering waves.

This symbolizes the girl who follows the man of her choice.

But

every relationship between individuals

- bears within it the danger that wrong turns may be taken,
- leading to endless misunderstandings and disagreements.

Therefore

it is necessary constantly to remain mindful of the end.

If

- we permit ourselves to drift along,
 - we come together and
 - are parted again as the day may determine.

If on the other hand

- a man fixes his mind on an end that endures,
 - he will succeed in avoiding the reefs that confront the closer relationships of people.