

USA under President Donald Trump (2024)

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### HEXAGRAM 27 – I - The Corners of the Mouth (Providing Nourishment)

Above KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

Below CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

This hexagram is a picture of an open mouth;

- above and below are the firm lines of the lips, and
- between them the opening.

Starting with the mouth, through which we take food for nourishment, the thought leads to nourishment itself.

Nourishment

- of oneself, specifically of the body, is represented in the three lower lines,
- while the three upper lines represent nourishment and care of others, in a higher, spiritual sense.

### THE JUDGMENT

THE CORNERS OF THE MOUTH.

Perseverance brings good fortune.

Pay heed

- to the providing of nourishment And
- to what a man seeks To fill his own mouth with.

In bestowing care and nourishment, it is important

- that the right people should be taken care of and
- that we should attend to our own nourishment in the right way.

If

- we wish to know what anyone is like,
- we have only to observe
  - on whom he bestows his care and

- what sides of his own nature he cultivates and nourishes.

Nature nourishes all creatures.

The great man fosters and takes care of superior men,  
in order to take care of all men through them.

Mencius says about this:

If

- we wish to know whether anyone is superior or not,
- we need only observe what part of his being he regards as especially important.

The body has

- superior and inferior,
- important and unimportant parts.

We

- must not injure important parts for the sake of the unimportant,
- nor must we injure the superior parts for the sake of the inferior.
- He who cultivates the inferior parts of his nature is an inferior man.
- He who cultivates the superior parts of his nature is a superior man. 1

## THE IMAGE

At the foot of the mountain, thunder:

The image of PROVIDING NOURISHMENT.

Thus the superior man is

- careful of his words And
- temperate in eating and drinking.

"God comes forth in the sign of the Arousing" 2:  
when in the spring the life forces stir again,  
all things come into being anew.

"He brings to perfection in the sign of Keeping Still":  
thus  
in the early spring, when the seeds fall to earth,  
all things are made ready.

This is an **image** of providing nourishment through

- movement and
- tranquility.

The superior man takes it as a pattern for the

- nourishment and
- cultivation of

his character.

- Words are a movement going from within outward.
- Eating and drinking are movements from without inward.

Both kinds of movement can be modified by tranquility.

For

tranquility

- keeps the words that come out of the mouth from exceeding proper measure, and
- keeps the food that goes into the mouth from exceeding its proper measure. Thus character is cultivated.

## **THE LINES**

Nine at the beginning means:

- You let your magic tortoise go, And
  - look at me with the corners of your mouth drooping.
- Misfortune.

The magic tortoise is a creature possessed of such supernatural powers that it

- lives on air and
- needs no earthly nourishment.

The image means that

a man fitted by nature and position to live freely and independently

- renounces this self-reliance and instead
- looks with envy and discontent at others who are outwardly in better circumstances.

But such base envy only arouses derision and contempt in those others. This has bad results.

Six in the fourth place means:

- Turning to the summit For provision of nourishment Brings good fortune.
- Spying about with sharp eyes Like a tiger with insatiable craving. No blame.

- In contrast to the six in the second place, which refers
  - to a man bent exclusively on his own advantage,
- this line refers
  - to one occupying a high position and striving to let his light shine forth.

To do this

- he **needs** helpers ,
- because

- he cannot attain his lofty aim alone.

With the greed of a hungry tiger

he is on the **lookout** for the right people.

Since he

- is not working for himself but for the good of all,
- there is no wrong in such zeal.

## **MOVING HEXAGRAM**

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## HEXAGRAM 35 – Chin - Progress

Above LI THE CLINGING, FIRE  
Below K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH

The hexagram **represents** the sun rising over the earth. It is therefore the **symbol** of rapid, easy progress, which at the same time **means**

- ever widening **expansion** and
- **clarity**.

### THE JUDGMENT

PROGRESS.

The powerful prince  
Is honored with horses in large numbers.  
In a single day he is granted audience three times.

As an example of progress, this **pictures** a time when a powerful feudal lord

- **rallies** the other lords around the sovereign and
- **pledges** fealty and peace.

The sovereign

- **rewards** him richly and
- **invites** him to a closer intimacy.

A **twofold** idea is set forth here.

1. The actual effect of the progress emanates from a man

- who is in a dependent position and
- whom the others
  - regard as their equal and
  - are therefore willing to follow.

This leader has enough clarity of vision

- not to abuse his great influence
- but to use it rather for the benefit of his ruler.

2. His ruler in turn

- is free of all jealousy,
- showers presents on the great man, and
- invites him continually to his court.

- An enlightened ruler and
- an obedient servant –

this is the condition on which great progress depends.

## THE IMAGE

The sun rises over the earth: The image Of PROGRESS.  
Thus the superior man himself  
Brightens his bright virtue.

The light of the sun as it rises over the earth is by nature clear.  
The higher the sun rises,  
the more it emerges from the dark mists,  
spreading the pristine purity of its rays over an ever widening area.

The real nature of man

- is likewise originally good,
- but it
  - becomes clouded by contact with earthly things and therefore
  - needs purification before it can shine forth in its native clarity. 1