

Comments on the Lopez-Affleck marriage

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3		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
2		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
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HEXAGRAM 58 – Tui - The Joyous, Lake

Above TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

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- This hexagram,
 - like Sun,
- is one of the eight formed by **doubling of a trigram**.
The trigram Tui **denotes** the youngest daughter;
it is **symbolized** by the smiling lake, and
its **attribute** is joyousness.
Contrary to appearances,
 - it is not the yielding quality of the top line that accounts for joy here.
 - The attribute of the yielding or dark principle is
 - not joy
 - but melancholy.

However,
JOY is indicated by the fact that
there are two strong lines within,
expressing themselves through the medium of gentleness.

True joy, therefore,

- rests on firmness and strength within,
- manifesting itself outwardly as yielding and gentle.

THE JUDGMENT

THE JOYOUS.

Success.

Perseverance is favorable.

The joyous mood

- is infectious
- and therefore
- brings success.

But

- joy must be based on steadfastness
- if
- it is not to degenerate into uncontrolled mirth.

- Truth and strength must dwell in the heart,
- while

- gentleness reveals itself in social intercourse.
- In this way

one

- assumes the right attitude toward God and man and
- achieves something.

Under certain conditions,

intimidation without gentleness may achieve something

- momentarily,
- but not for all time.

When, on the other hand,

the hearts of men are won by friendliness,
they are

- led to take all hardships upon themselves willingly,
and if need be
 - will not shun death itself,
- so great is the power of joy over men.

THE IMAGE

Lakes resting one on the other: The image of THE JOYOUS.

Thus the superior man joins with his friends

For

- discussion and
- practice.

- A lake evaporates upward

and thus

- gradually dries up;

but when

two lakes are joined

- they do not dry up so readily,
- for one replenishes the other.

It is the same in the field of knowledge.

Knowledge should be a refreshing and vitalizing force.

It becomes so only through stimulating intercourse

- with congenial friends

- with whom one
 - holds discussion and
 - practices application of the truths of life.

In this way
learning

- becomes many-sided and
 - takes on a cheerful lightness,
- whereas
- there is always something ponderous and one-sided about
 - the learning of the self-taught.

THE LINES

Nine in the fifth place means:

Sincerity toward disintegrating influences is dangerous.

Dangerous elements approach even the best of men.

If a man permits himself to have anything to do with them,

- their disintegrating influence
 - acts slowly but surely, and inevitably
 - brings dangers in its train.

But

if he recognizes the situation and can comprehend the danger,

- he
 - knows how to protect himself and
 - remains unharmed.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

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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.