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### **HEXAGRAM 07 – Shih - The Army**

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH  
Below K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER

This hexagram is made up of the trigrams

- K'an, water, and
- K'un, earth, and thus,

it symbolizes the ground water **stored up** in the earth.

In the same way **military strength is stored up** in the mass of the people –

- **invisible in times of peace but**
- **always ready for use as a source of power.**

The attributes of the two trigrams are

- danger inside and
- obedience outside.

This points to the nature of an army,

which at the core is **dangerous**,

while **discipline and obedience** must prevail outside.

Of the individual lines,  
the one that **controls** the hexagram is the strong nine in the second place  
to which the other lines, all yielding, are **subordinate**.  
This line indicates a commander,  
because it **stands** in the middle of one of the two trigrams.  
But since it is in the lower rather than the upper trigram,  
it represents **not the ruler**  
but the **efficient general**,  
who maintains **obedience** in the army by his authority.

## THE JUDGMENT

THE ARMY.

The army needs perseverance  
And a strong man.  
Good fortune without blame.

An army is a mass that needs **organization** in order to become a fighting force.  
**Without strict discipline nothing can be accomplished, but this discipline must not**  
**be achieved by force.**

It requires a strong man who

- **captures the hearts of the people and**
- **awakens their enthusiasm.**

In order that he may develop his abilities  
he needs the **complete confidence** of his ruler,  
who must **entrust him** with full responsibility as long as the war lasts.  
But war

- is always a dangerous thing and
- brings with it destruction and devastation.

Therefore it

- should not be resorted to **rashly** but, like a poisonous drug,
- should be used **as a last recourse.**

- The justifying cause of a war, and

- clear and intelligible war aims,

ought to be explained to the people by an experienced leader.

Unless there is a quite definite war aim to which the people can consciously pledge  
themselves,

the unity and strength of conviction that lead to victory will not be forth coming.

But the leader must also look to it that

- the passion of war and
- the delirium of victory

do not give rise to unjust acts that will not meet with general approval.

If justice and perseverance are the basis of action, all goes well.

## THE IMAGE

In the middle of the earth is water: The image of THE ARMY.  
Thus the superior man increases his masses  
By generosity toward the people.

Ground water is invisibly present within the earth.  
In the same way the military power of a people is invisibly present in the masses.

- When danger threatens, every peasant becomes a soldier;
- when the war ends, he goes back to his plow.

He who is generous toward the people wins their love, and  
a people living under a mild rule becomes strong and powerful.

Only a people economically strong can be important in military power.

Such power must therefore be cultivated

- by improving the economic condition of the people and
- by humane government.

Only when there is this invisible bond between government and people,  
so that the people are sheltered by their government as ground water is sheltered  
by the earth,  
is it possible to wage a victorious war.

## THE LINES

Six in the fourth place means:

The army retreats.  
No blame.

In face of a superior enemy,  
with whom it would be hopeless to engage in battle,  
an orderly retreat is the only correct procedure,  
because it will save the army from defeat and disintegration.

It is by no means a sign of courage or strength to insist upon engaging in a  
hopeless struggle regardless of circumstances.

0 Six in the fifth place means:

There is game in the field.  
It furthers one to catch it.  
Without blame.  
Let the eldest lead the army.  
The younger transports corpses;  
Then perseverance brings misfortune.

Game is in the field - it has left its usual haunts in the forest and is devastating the  
fields.

This points to an enemy invasion.

Energetic combat and punishment are here thoroughly justified,  
but they must not degenerate into a wild melee in which everyone fends for  
himself.

Despite the greatest degree of perseverance and bravery, this would lead to  
misfortune.

The army must be directed by an experienced leader.

It is a matter of waging war,  
not of permitting the mob to slaughter all who fall into their hands;  
if they do,

- defeat will be the result, and despite all perseverance
- there is danger of misfortune.

## **MOVING HEXAGRAM**

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### **HEXAGRAM 47 - K'un - Oppression (Exhaustion)**

Above TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE  
Below K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER

1. The lake is above, water below; the lake is empty, dried up. (1)  
Exhaustion is expressed in yet another way:
2. at the top, a dark line is holding down two light lines;  
below, a light line is hemmed in between two dark ones.
3. The upper trigram belongs to the principle of darkness,  
the lower to the principle of light.

Thus everywhere superior men are oppressed and held in restraint by inferior men.

### **THE JUDGMENT**

OPPRESSION.

Success.

Perseverance.

The great man brings about good fortune.

No blame.

When one has something to say,

It is not believed.

- Times of adversity are the reverse of times of success, but
- they can lead to success if they befall the right man.

When a strong man meets with adversity,

- he remains cheerful despite all danger, and
- this cheerfulness is the source of later successes;

it is that stability which is stronger than fate.

- He who lets his spirit be broken by exhaustion certainly
  - has no success.

- But if adversity only bends a man,
  - it creates in him a power to react that is bound in time to manifest itself.

No inferior man is capable of this.

Only the great man

- brings about good fortune and
- remains blameless.

It is true that for the time being outward influence is denied him, because his words have no effect.

Therefore in times of adversity

it is important to be

- strong within and
- sparing of words.

## THE IMAGE

There is no water in the lake:

Thus the superior man stakes his life

On following his will.

When the water has flowed out below, the lake must

- dry up and
- become exhausted.

That is fate.

This symbolizes an adverse fate in human life.

In such times there is nothing a man can do but

- acquiesce in his fate and
- remain true to himself.

This concerns the deepest stratum of his being, for this alone is superior to all external fate.