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HEXAGRAM 61 - Chung Fu - Inner Truth

Above SUN THE GENTLE, WIND
Below TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

The wind

- blows over the lake and
- stirs the surface of the water.

Thus visible effects of the invisible manifest themselves.

The hexagram consists of

- firm lines above and below,
- while
- it is open in the center.

This indicates

- a heart free of prejudices,
and therefore
- open to truth.

On the other hand,
each of the two trigrams has a **firm line** in the middle;
this indicates

- the force of inner truth in the influences they represent.

The **attributes** of the two trigrams are:

- above, gentleness, forbearance toward inferiors;
- below, Joyousness in obeying superiors.

Such conditions

- create the basis of a mutual confidence
that
- makes achievements possible.

The character fu ("truth") is actually the **picture** of
a bird's foot over a fledgling.

It **suggests** the idea of brooding.

An egg is **hollow**.

The light-giving power must work to **quicken** it from outside,
but

there must be a **germ** of life within,
if **life** is to be awakened.

Far-reaching speculations can be linked with these ideas.

THE JUDGMENT

INNER TRUTH. Pigs and fishes.

Good fortune.

It furthers one to cross the great Water.

Perseverance furthers.

Pigs and fishes are

- the least intelligent of all animals
- and therefore
- the most difficult to influence.

The **force of inner** truth must grow great indeed
before its influence can extend to such creatures.

In dealing with persons

- as intractable and
- as difficult to influence
- as a pig or a fish,

the whole secret of success depends

- on finding the right way of approach.

One must first

- rid oneself of all prejudice and, so to speak,
- let the psyche of the other person act on one without restraint.

Then

one will

- establish contact with him,
- understand and gain power over him.

When

a door has thus been opened,
the force of one's personality will influence him.

If in this way

- one finds no obstacles insurmountable,
- one
 - can undertake even the most dangerous things,
such as crossing the great water, and
 - succeed.

But

it is important to understand
upon what the force of inner truth depends.

This force is not identical with

- simple intimacy or
- a secret bond.

Close ties may exist also among thieves;
it is true that such a bond acts as a force

- but, since it is not invincible,
- it does not bring good fortune.

All association on the basis of common interests
holds only up to a certain point.

Where the community of interest ceases,

- the holding together ceases also, and
- the closest friendship often changes into hate.

Only when

- the bond is based on what is right, on steadfastness,
- will it remain so firm that it triumphs over everything.

THE IMAGE

Wind over lake: the image of INNER TRUTH.

Thus

the superior man
discusses criminal cases
In order to delay executions.

Wind stirs water by penetrating it.

Thus

the superior man,
when

obliged to judge the mistakes of men,

- tries to penetrate their minds with understanding,
- in order to gain a sympathetic appreciation of the circumstances.

In ancient China,
the entire administration of justice was guided by this principle.

A deep understanding that knows how to pardon
was considered the highest form of justice.

This system was not without success,
for its aim was to make so strong a moral impression
that there was no reason to fear abuse of such mildness.

For it sprang not

- from weakness

but

- from a superior clarity.

THE LINES

Six in the third place means:

He finds a comrade.

- Now he beats the drum,
- now he stops.
- Now he sobs,
- now he sings.

Here

the source of a man's strength lies

- not in himself
- but in his relation to other people.

No matter how close to them he may be,

- if his center of gravity depends on them,
- he is inevitably tossed to and fro between joy and sorrow.

Rejoicing to high heaven, then sad unto death –

this is the fate of those who depend upon
an inner accord with other persons whom they love.

Here

we have only the statement of the law that this is so.

Whether this condition is felt to be an affliction or the supreme happiness of love,
is left to the subjective verdict of the person concerned.

Six in the fourth place means:

The moon nearly at the full.

The team horse goes astray.

No blame.

To intensify the power of inner truth,

- a man must always turn to his superior, from whom
 - he can receive enlightenment
- as the moon receives light from the sun.

However,

- this requires certain humility,
- like that of the moon when it is not yet quite full.

At the moment when

- the moon becomes full and stands directly opposite the sun,
- it begins to wane.

Just as on the one hand

- we must be humble and reverent
- when face to face with the source of enlightenment,

so likewise

- must we on the other renounce factionalism among men.

Only by

- pursuing one's course like a horse
that goes straight ahead without looking sidewise at its mate,
- can one retain the inner freedom that helps one onward.

Nine at the top means:

Cockcrow penetrating to heaven.

Perseverance brings misfortune.

- The cock is dependable.
- It crows at dawn.

But

- it cannot itself fly to heaven.
- It just crows.
- A man may count on mere words to awaken faith.
- This may succeed now

but if persisted in,

- it will have bad consequences.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

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HEXAGRAM 43 – Kuai - Break-through (Resoluteness)

Above Tui

THE JOYOUS, LAKE

Below CH'IEN

THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

This hexagram **signifies**
on the one hand

- a break-through after a long accumulation of tension,

as a swollen river breaks through its dikes, or in the manner of a cloudburst.
On the other hand, applied to human conditions,

- it refers to the time when inferior people gradually begin to disappear.

Their influence is on the wane;

as a result of resolute action,

- a change in conditions occurs,
- a break-through.

The hexagram is linked with the third month [April-May].

THE JUDGMENT

BREAK-THROUGH.

- One must resolutely make the matter known At the court of the king.
- It must be announced truthfully.

Danger.

It is necessary to notify one's own city.

- It does not further to resort to arms.
- It furthers one to undertake something.

- Even if only one inferior man is occupying a ruling position in a city,
 - he is able to oppress superior men.
- Even a single passion still lurking in the heart
 - has power to obscure reason.
- Passion and reason cannot exist side by side - therefore
 - fight without quarter is necessary if the good is to prevail.

In a resolute struggle of the good against evil, there are, however, definite rules that must not be disregarded, if it is to succeed.

1. First,
 - resolution must be based on a union of
 - strength and
 - friendliness.
2. Second,
 - a compromise with evil is not possible;
 - evil must under all circumstances be openly discredited.
 - Nor must our own passions and shortcomings be glossed over.
3. Third,
 - the struggle must not be carried on directly by force.
 - If evil is branded, it thinks of weapons, and
 - if
 - we do it the favor of fighting against it blow for blow,
 - we lose in the end
 - because thus
 - we ourselves get entangled in hatred and passion.

Therefore

4. it is important
 - to begin at home,

- to be on guard in our own persons against the faults we have branded.

In this way,

- finding no opponent,
- the sharp edges of the weapons of evil become dulled.

For the same reasons

5. we should not combat our own faults directly.

- As long as we wrestle with them,
- they continue victorious.

Finally,

6. the best way to fight evil is to make energetic progress in the good.

THE IMAGE

The lake has risen up to heaven: The image of BREAK-THROUGH.

Thus the superior man

- Dispenses riches downward And
- refrains from resting on his virtue.

- When the water of a lake has risen up to heaven,
 - there is reason to fear a cloudburst.
- Taking this as a warning,
 - the superior man forestalls a violent collapse.

- If a man were to pile up riches for himself alone, without considering others,
- he would certainly experience a collapse.

For all gathering is followed by dispersion.

Therefore

the superior man begins to distribute while he is accumulating.

In the same way,

in developing his character

he takes care

- not to become hardened in obstinacy
 - but to remain receptive to impressions
- by help of strict and continuous self-examination.