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6	The Top		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
5	The Fifth Place		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
4	The Fourth Place		T	T	T		2	2	2		6
3	The Third Place		H	H	H		3	3	3		9
2	The Second Place		T	T	T		2	2	2		6
1	The Beginning		H	H	T		3	3	2		8

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### HEXAGRAM 15 - Ch'ien - Modesty

Above K'UN THE RECEPTIVE, EARTH  
Below KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

This hexagram is made up of the trigrams

- Ken, Keeping Still, mountain, and
- K'un.

The mountain is the youngest son of the Creative, the **representative** of heaven on earth.

It

- **dispenses** the blessings of heaven, the clouds and rain that gather round its summit, and thereafter
- **shines** forth radiant with heavenly light.

This shows

- **what** modesty is and
- **how** it functions in great and strong men.

K'un, the earth, stands above.

**Lowliness is a quality of the earth:**

this is the very reason why it appears in this hexagram as **exalted**,

by being placed above the mountain.

This shows how modesty functions in lowly, simple people: they are lifted up by it.

## THE JUDGEMENT

MODESTY creates success.

The superior man carries things through.

It is the law of heaven

- to make fullness empty and
- to make full what is modest;
  
- when the sun is at its zenith,
  - it must, according to the law of heaven, turn toward its setting, and
- at its nadir
  - it rises toward a new dawn.

In obedience to the same law,  
the moon

- when it is full begins to wane, and
- when empty of light it waxes again.

This heavenly law works itself out in the fates of men also.

It is the law of earth

- to alter the full and
- to contribute to the modest.
- High mountains are worn down by the waters, and
- the valleys are filled up.

It is the law of fate

- to undermine what is full and
- to prosper the modest.

And men also

- hate fullness and
- love the modest.

The destinies of men are subject to immutable laws that must fulfill themselves.

But

man has it in his power to shape his fate,

according as his behavior exposes him to the influence of benevolent or of destructive forces.

When

- a man holds a high position and is nevertheless modest,
- he shines with the light of wisdom;

if

- he is in a lowly position and is modest,
- he cannot be passed by.

Thus the superior man

- can carry out his work to the end
- without boasting of what he has achieved.

## THE IMAGE

Within the earth, a mountain: The image Of MODESTY.

Thus the superior man

- reduces that which is too much, And
- augments that which is too little.

He

- weighs things and
- makes them equal.

The wealth of the earth in which a mountain is hidden is not visible to the eye, because the depths are offset by the height of the mountain.

Thus

high and low complement each other, and the result is the plain.

Here an effect that it took a long time to achieve, but that in the end seems easy of accomplishment and self-evident, is used as the image of modesty.

The superior man does the same thing when he establishes order in the world; he

- equalizes the extremes that are the source of social discontent and thereby
- creates just and equitable conditions. 1

## THE LINES

Six in the second place means:

Modesty that comes to expression.

Perseverance brings good fortune.

"Out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh."

When a man's attitude of mind is so modest that this expresses itself in his outward behavior, it is a source of good fortune to him.

For the possibility of exerting a lasting influence arises of itself, and no one can interfere.

0 Nine in the third place means:

A superior man of modesty and merit

Carries things to conclusion.

Good fortune.

This is the center of the hexagram, where its secret is disclosed.

A distinguished name is readily earned by great achievements,

1If

a man allows himself to be dazzled by fame,

he

- will soon be criticized, and

- difficulties will arise.

2If, on the contrary,  
he remains modest despite his merit,  
he

- makes himself beloved and
- wins the support necessary for carrying his work through to the end.

Six in the fourth place means:

Nothing that would not further modesty  
In movement.

Everything has its proper measure.

Even modesty in behavior can be carried too far.

Here, however,  
it is appropriate,

because the place between  
a worthy helper below and a kindly ruler above  
carries great responsibility.

- The confidence of the man in superior place must not be abused nor
- the merits of the man in inferior place concealed.

There are officials who indeed do not strive for prominence;  
they

- hide behind the letter of the ordinances,
- decline all responsibility,
- accept pay without giving its equivalent in work, and
- bear empty titles.

This is the opposite of what is meant here by modesty.

In such a position,  
modesty is shown by interest in one's work.

## **MOVING HEXAGRAM**

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### **HEXAGRAM 40 – Hsieh - Deliverance**

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

Below K'AN THE ABYSMAL, WATER

Here the movement goes out of the sphere of danger.

- The obstacle has been removed,
- the difficulties are being resolved.
- Deliverance is not yet achieved;
- it is just in its beginning, and
- the hexagram represents its various stages.

## THE JUDGMENT

DELIVERANCE.

The southwest furthers.

- If there is no longer anything where one has to go,
  - Return brings good fortune.
- If there is still something where one has to go,
  - Hastening brings good fortune.

This refers to a time in which tensions and complications begin to be eased.

At such times

we ought to make our way back to ordinary conditions as soon as possible; this is the meaning of "the southwest."

These periods of sudden change have great importance.

Just as

rain relieves atmospheric tension, making all the buds burst open, so

a time of deliverance from burdensome pressure has a

- liberating and
- stimulating

effect on life.

One thing is important, however: in such times

we must not overdo our triumph.

The point is not to push on farther than is necessary.

Returning to the regular order of life

as soon as deliverance is achieved

brings good fortune.

If there are any residual matters that ought to be attended to,

it should be done as quickly as possible,

so that

- a clean sweep is made and
- no retardation occur.

## THE IMAGE

Thunder and rain set in: The image of DELIVERANCE.

Thus the superior man

- pardons mistakes And
- forgives misdeeds.

- A thunderstorm has the effect of clearing the air;
- the superior man produces a similar effect

when dealing with mistakes and sins of men  
that induce a condition of tension.

Through clarity he brings deliverance.

However,

when failings come to light,  
he does not dwell on them;

- he simply passes over mistakes, the unintentional transgressions,
  - just as thunder dies away.
- He forgives misdeeds, the intentional transgressions,
  - just as water washes everything clean.