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| 6 | The Top          |  | H | T | T |  | 3 | 2 | 2 |  | 7 |
| 5 | The Fifth Place  |  | H | H | H |  | 3 | 3 | 3 |  | 9 |
| 4 | The Fourth Place |  | T | T | T |  | 2 | 2 | 2 |  | 6 |
|   |                  |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |
| 3 | The Third Place  |  | H | T | T |  | 3 | 2 | 2 |  | 7 |
| 2 | The Second Place |  | H | T | T |  | 3 | 2 | 2 |  | 7 |
| 1 | The Beginning    |  | H | T | T |  | 3 | 2 | 2 |  | 7 |

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### HEXAGRAM 09 - Hsiao Ch'u - The Taming Power of the Small

Above SUN                    THE GENTLE, WIND  
 Below CH'IEN                THE CREATIVE. HEAVEN

This hexagram means the force of the small – the power of the shadowy - that

- restrains,
- tames,
- impedes.

A weak line in the fourth place, that of the minister, 1 holds the five strong lines in check.

In the Image it is the wind blowing across the sky.

The wind

- restrains the clouds, the rising breath of the Creative, and
- makes them grow dense,
- but as yet is not strong enough to turn them to rain.

The hexagram presents a **configuration of circumstances** in which a strong element is **temporarily** held in leash by a weak element. It is only through **gentleness** that this can have a successful outcome.

## THE JUDGMENT

THE TAMING POWER, OF THE SMALL

Has success.

Dense clouds, no rain from our western region.

This image refers to the **state of affairs** in China at the time when King Wen, who came originally from the west, was in the east at the court of the reigning tyrant Chou Hsin. The **moment for action** on a large scale has not yet arrived. King Wen could only **keep the tyrant somewhat in check by friendly persuasion**. Hence the image of many clouds, **promising** moisture and blessing to the land, although **as yet no** rain falls.

The situation **is not unfavorable**; there is a prospect of **ultimate success**,

- but there are still **obstacles** in the way, and
- we can merely take **preparatory measures**.

**Only through the small means of friendly persuasion can we exert any influence. The time has not yet come for sweeping measures.**

However, we may be able, to a limited extent, to act as a **restraining and subduing** influence.

To carry out **our purpose** we need

- **firm determination within and**
- **gentleness and adaptability in external relations.**

## THE IMAGE

The wind drives across heaven: The image of THE TAMING POWER OF THE SMALL.

Thus the superior man

**Refines** the outward aspect of his nature.

The wind can indeed drive the clouds together in the sky; yet, being **nothing** but air, without solid body, it **does not** produce great or lasting effects.

So also an individual,

in times when he **can produce no** great effect in the outer world, can do nothing except **refine the expression** of his nature in small ways.

## THE LINES

Six in the fourth place means:

If you are sincere,

- blood vanishes and
  - fear gives way.
- No blame.

If

- one is in the difficult and responsible position of **counselor to** a powerful man,
  - one should **restrain him** in such a way that right may prevail.
- Therein lies a **danger so great** that the threat of actual bloodshed may arise.

Nonetheless,

the **power of disinterested truth** is greater than all these obstacles.

It carries such weight that

- the end is achieved, and
- all danger of bloodshed and all fear disappear.

Nine in the fifth place means:

If you are sincere and loyally attached,  
You are rich in your neighbor.

Loyalty leads to **firm ties** because it means that each partner **complements** the other.

- In the **weaker** person loyalty consists in **devotion**,
- in the **stronger** it consists in **trustworthiness**.

**This relation of mutual reinforcement leads to a true wealth** that is all the more apparent because it

- is not selfishly hoarded but
- is shared with friends.

**Pleasure shared is pleasure doubled.**

## **MOVING HEXAGRAM**

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### **HEXAGRAM 14 - Ta Yu - Possession in Great Measure**

Above LI      THE CLINGING, FLAME  
Below CH'IEN      THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

- The fire in heaven above **shines** far, and
- all things

- stand out in the light and
  - become, manifest.
- The weak fifth line occupies the place of honor, and
  - all the strong lines are in accord with it.

All things come to the man who is

- modest and kind
- in a high position. 1

## THE JUDGMENT

POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE.

Supreme success.

The two trigrams indicate that strength and clarity unite.

Possession in great measure

- is determined by fate and
- accords with the time.

How is it possible that the weak line has power

- to hold the strong lines fast and
- to possess them?

It is done by virtue of unselfish modesty.

The time is favorable - a time of

- strength within,
- clarity and culture without.

Power is expressing itself in a graceful and controlled way.

This brings supreme success and wealth. 2

## THE IMAGE

Fire in heaven above: The image of POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE .

Thus the superior man

- curbs evil and
- furthers good, And thereby
- obeys the benevolent will of heaven.

The sun in heaven above,

shedding light over everything on earth,

is the image of possession on a grand scale.

But a possession of this sort must be administered properly.

The sun brings both evil and good into the light of day.

Man

- must combat and curb the evil, and
- must favor and promote the good.

Only in this way does he fulfill the benevolent will of God,

who desires

- only good and

- not evil.