



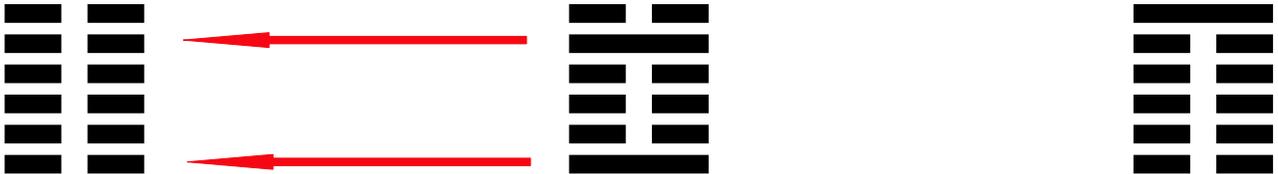
2023-2-20 Shambhala Day 3,1,5 > 2 < 23

#3 Difficult Beginnings > #2 Mother Earth < #23 Examination

Derived 2

Primary 3

Nuclear 23



IMAGE

Thundering Rainstorm, a new world being born

JUDGMENT

World: *Difficult Beginnings (#3). Return to Mother Nature and saner, kinder societies (#2). Involves internal examination, peeling away (#23) speed (Thunder below ☳) and emotional turmoil (Water above ☵). The ongoing geopolitical turmoil might begin to yield fruit, but it is just a beginning and much perseverance will be needed to see it through. Requires forming good alliances (#2) based on mutual desire to accomplish this great task which is nothing less than reordering the entire world by creating a new mutually beneficial (#2) laws and customs for international, and in many cases internal domestic, relations. This is fraught with challenges and obstacles (#3) but can be done.*

Personal: *the ongoing building of a new home, of course a type of new beginning, continues. Persevere. Work with helpers (#2). Examine carefully (#23) what you want, what you are doing, how you behave. Beware initial impetuosity(L1) and emotional turbulence at the overview level (L5). This is a worthy undertaking but will involve difficulties and setbacks as well as accomplishment.*



YI TEXTS

THE JUDGMENT

**Difficulty at the Beginning works supreme success,
Furthering through perseverance.
Nothing should be undertaken.
It furthers one to appoint helpers.**

THE IMAGE

**Clouds and thunder:
The image of Difficulty at the Beginning.
Thus the superior man
Brings order out of confusion.
[Wilhelm]**

**The image is a heavenly dragon that descends to a shallow water.
The symbol is of all things starting to germinate.**



1. A man climbing to the top of a lookout post, means he can see both forward and backward to avoid dangerous situations.
2. A cart sinking deep in the mud, means there is a lot of trouble, everything is mixed up.
3. A dog turns its head backwards. This signifies the Chinese character for crying.
4. A person shoots an arrow at a document using an ancient bow meaning to hit the bull's eye.
5. A knife is at the cow's head. This means survival is hopeless.
6. A beautiful box with a matching cover means to be limited and to work in concert.

Tun, a difficult stage, is one of the four evil hexagrams in the I Ching. (The others are 29, 39 and 47.) These four evil hexagrams are related to Kan or water. *Tun* (3) has trouble at the beginning. *Kan* (29) has trouble at both the beginning and the end. *Cu* (39) has difficulty in the middle stage. *Kun* (47) is the most difficult situation. [Derived hexagram of related Event *Yi*]

You draw criticisms with every move you make. Things do not turn out as you wish, so you retire to seclusion and examine (23) yourself. [Jou Tsung Wa]



Changing Lines 1 & 6

(Chu Hsi Rule: read both lines but take upper as ruler (in this case in 5th place.1st Yao.

#1:

One hesitates on finding a blockage. It is worth persisting towards the goal. Good to find helpers.

1. Be aware of one's own behaviour, and wait for a better opportunity.
2. One worries about one's financial situation.
3. It is not a good time to change a job or position. [Jou Tsung Wa]

Hesitation and hindrance. It furthers one to remain persevering and to appoint helpers.

If a person encounters a hindrance at the beginning of an enterprise, he must not try to force advance but must pause and take thought. However, nothing should put him off his course; he must persevere and constantly keep the goal in sight. It is important to seek out the right assistants, but he can find them only if he avoids arrogance and associates with his fellows in a spirit of humility. Only then will he attract those with whose help he can combat the difficulties. [Wilhelm]

#5:

It is hard to find good favour. To work mildly and persistently will bring good luck. To push too hard will bring misfortune.

1. Lack of forbearance in small matters upsets great plans.
2. Don't try to make much of a trifle.

3. It is not a good time to do business, or to change a job.

[Jou Tsung Wa]

Difficulties in blessing. A little perseverance brings good fortune. Great perseverance brings misfortune.

An individual is in a position in which he cannot so express his good intentions that they will actually take shape and be understood. Other people interpose and distort everything he does. He should then be cautious and proceed step by step. He must not try to force the consummation of a great undertaking, because success is possible only when general confidence already prevails. It is only through faithful and conscientious work, unobtrusively carried on, that the situation gradually clears up and the hindrance disappears. [Wilhelm]

L1: The line of new beginnings: A moving Yang line in first places warns against taking steps too early. Dare to wait whilst keeping the objective in mind. **Trigram Thunder** wants rapid progress regardless of consequences; sometimes quick and firm action is good, but not yet.

L5: King's line of control and completion: Moving Yang in the fifth place is about not being too rigid. Stay the course but also relax, trusting that things are on track. Stay above the fray, doing no more than any necessary adjustments. A good leader delegates, letting things develop rather than always driving them. **Trigram Water** counsels against being guided by uncertainties and fears, or measuring progress using only material yardsticks. Take your seat. Command comes from being precisely aware of any key pressure points. [Harmen]



Trigrams

Below/Inner:*	Thunder:	Change, movement, creation, impetus
	unbalanced:	Impatience, impetuosity, explosions, shock
Below Derived	Earth:	Harvests, the masses,
Above/Outer:*	Water:	Dark, deep, power, flow, heart core
	unbalanced:	Klesha, turbulence, fear, danger, disaster
Above Derived	Earth:	Good society, cooperation, nurturing feminine
<i>Nuclear Below</i>	<i>Earth:</i>	<i>Sanity, reality, material, society, cooperation, supportive</i>
<i>Baoti Lower</i>	<i>Lake:</i>	<i>A naive, irresponsible view impeding progress, deflecting criticism</i>
<i>Nuclear Above</i>	<i>Mountain:</i>	<i>Wisdom, fruition, stopping, calm, meditation</i>
<i>Baoti Upper</i>	<i>Thunder:</i>	<i>Impatience, immaturity, reckless revolution</i>

Heaven Earth Man

Heaven:	Joyful Water	Metal - Water	Young Yang	47	Exhaustion
Man:	Earthy Mountain	Earth - Earth	Old Yin	23	Examining
Earth:	Double Thunder	Wood - Wood	Young Yang	51	Shock!

Notes

Earth Double Thunder = 51 = last year's Earthquake Yi - continuity.

Dawn was cloudy but as sun arose clouds dissipated and sun shone on the leaves brightly, then blue skies. Difficulties will clear.

Nuclear = Double Earth. Derived = Double Earth. Primary is upthrusting Wood and Water both unbalanced and changing to Earth. So from unsettled situation comes settled situation via Examining, paying attention to details.