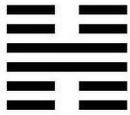


Hexagram 62 Small Exceeding



*The small exceeding.
Growing.
Harvesting, Furthering.
Permitted the small in affairs.
Not permitted the great in affairs.
The flying bird abandoning's sound.
Not proper above, proper below.
Furthering life on Earth, significant.*

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*The small exceeding of what the culture expects.
The small implies exceeding and-also growing.
Benefit from the great purpose of furthering life on Earth.
Associating with timely movement indeed.*

*The yielding acquires the center.
Small things can be done to further the purpose.
Firm persistence in advancing the purpose inappropriate.
The time calls for not greatly exceeding.*

*The flying bird patterns the situation.
The flying bird abandoning its nest draws the attention of hunters.
Not proper for the bird above, but proper below.
The great purpose, important.
Great exceeding that draws attention against the time. Small exceeding yields to the time.*

Structure: Weak lines on the outside, strong lines within.

The structure of the hexagram suggests a flying bird. With hunters nearby, the wise bird protectively stays near its nestlings to avoid capture. The foolish bird abandons its nest, calling out as it flies higher and bringing to it the attention of hunters.

The wise do not act to when overwhelmed by external harmful influences or by uncontrolled reactions to a situation. In the time of small exceeding, the soaring bird offers the lesson. The foolish ignorantly act beyond their capacities to wisely respond to a dangerous situation. They consider it petty to hold themselves back despite the risks. Yet this self-confidence deludes them as they have not prepared themselves; their arrogance and ignorance blinds them to dangers. Further, they neglect their responsibilities to those who depend upon them, putting others dear to them at risk.

In exceptional times, the path of small exceeding requires us to refrain from acting rashly but rather to find small ways to resist what harms and further life on Earth. When surrounded by

dangers, the sage act in small ways to further life that exceed the cultural norm but do not draw attention to itself. The wise understand the disharmony and imbalances of the time and escape its danger by paying careful attention to small and insignificant things. They transform conditions without going too far in this time of small exceeding.

The time requires us to restrain from acting, which may appear excessive to others. Sages focus more closely on duty than do others even when what they do seems unimportant to others. They stay centered on caring for the Earth Interbeing, which furthers them on the sacred path.

Line 1: The weak line should keep still, yet it obstinately wants to advance. It seeks to soar above all obstacles, but in so doing experiences misfortune. When urgency and self-righteousness predominate, a small excess goes too far beyond what the time requires.

Line 2: The wise line fulfills the time of small exceeding by serving others in ways that further life on Earth. It refrains from imposing its will upon situations that it does not understand.

Line 3: The wise understand that the time demands extraordinary caution and closely attend to small and insignificant things. They remain wary of unforeseen dangers. However, this strong, self-righteous line considers caution petty as it willingly takes risks. The foolish rashly go their way proud and unconcerned, but this self-confidence deludes them. Dangers lurk for the unwary.

Line 4: The line tempers its hardness of character by yielding to wisdom and resisting compulsions to act excessively and recklessly against what it cannot overcome. It meets such situations without ambitiously trying to impose its will to have its way as it knows the dangers of doing so. Those who persistently move directly against dangers they cannot overcome on their own will constantly suffer the consequences that they cause themselves.

Line 5: In exceptional times, the strong line realizes that it does not know how to transform what harms. It seeks out the wise, those who have already withdrawn from the world. Their genuine achievements, not fame, qualifies them to discern the path through the difficulties. The line learns from the wise the way forward and works with them to overcome what harms when the time has come to act.

Line 6: Bold movement does not accord with the time of small exceeding. The line's excessive actions go too far beyond the norm, causing harm to itself and others.

The bird abandons its nest and gets caught by the hunters. The reckless line's arrogance makes it unwilling to come back to the middle way. It loses its path, abandons those in its care, and draws down disaster on itself.