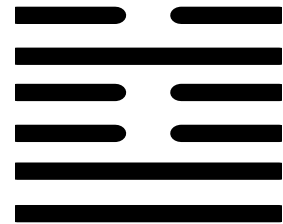


LESSON TWO: STATIC HEXAGRAMS

Static hexagrams, as either a primary or secondary hexagram, are opportunities to change the direction of events or circumstances. Many factors influence this ability, but each hexagram line represents the nuance of that hexagram. In essence, hexagram lines are its six levels of expression, action, and ability, and a conscious choice can be made in a "static time" to adopt an attitude signaled by a line in order to avoid danger or to move towards a more enlightened approach.

Except for the hexagrams Heaven-Creative and Earth-Receptive, all hexagrams link to hexagrams with lower and higher Change Cycle numbers. In essence, hexagram lines roadmap situations in two "directions" as solid Yang lines change to yin and as broken Yin lines change to yang. Understanding this characteristic is pivotal to getting the most from *Heaven to Earth, I Ching*. This takes awareness of self and environment in order to recognize the time of a static hexagram.

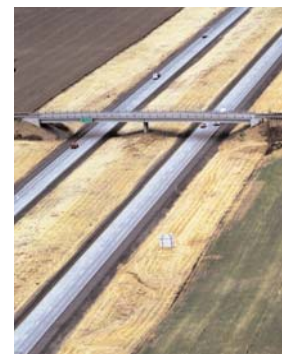


During a static period, you change outcome through a conscious focus to act in the manner advised by the line you want to manifest. Ability depends on whether the static is primary or secondary, and if secondary, whether the hexagram ends or begins your change cycle. These concepts will be discussed shortly. Until then, the time of a static hexagram is exactly when it is most important to exercise intuitive reasoning by chronologically keying to your present moment.

Lines are the evolutionary development of a hexagram and signal varying levels of consciousness. Realize that conscious change can be initiated based only on the possibilities shown by a hexagram's lines because lines describe available action to limit possible responses.

Imagine a six-floor building and each floor corresponds to the six lines. The first floor is the bottom line while line six represents the highest stage of hexagram development. Assume you just entered the elevator and can push any floor button. In a real sense, this is accomplished by adopting the consciousness represented by a particular line.

Another analogy is a six-lane freeway. The bottom and top lines are the outside lanes. One lane is for slow traffic while the other is for fast traffic. Just like drivers, lines too have varying degrees of action and ability, which is defined by its position within the hexagram.



A driver should pace themselves to their lane traffic and make lane changes only when adjusted to surrounding traffic and "space" is open. When reviewing the counsel of a static hexagram, your static time decision is framed by your capabilities and the options signaled by the six lines (or lanes) of a hexagram. Look to those lines where creative involvement in life leads to a harmonious outcome.

To explore how this happens, the hexagram of 32c Limitations 60t will illustrate this phenomenon. Before beginning, it is assumed that you have a basic grasp of the principles and nomenclature of *Heaven to Earth, I Ching*.

32C LIMITATIONS 60T

You received a static 32c Limitations 60t as your primary hexagram and wonder about next steps. This is particularly true given the static hexagram text written for Limitations by R.L. Wing:

When LIMITATIONS occurs with no changing lines, it signals a situation that has yet to be defined. You must evaluate your relationship and duties toward the current impasse. The next step is to accept these LIMITATIONS and conduct yourself appropriately. You can take a significant step forward when your feet are on the proper path.

The process is to explore each line in Limitations as if the lines were active and to meditate on whether it "feels" right or if it indicates a "bad" outcome. Second, look to the associated hexagrams for their Change Cycle numbers.

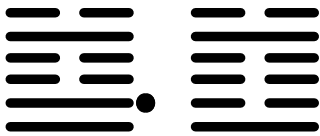
Conceptually, the Change Cycle flows towards the 64c Receptive 2t and only those hexagrams with higher Change Cycle numbers than your static hexagram offer a direction towards manifestation. As an example, the bottom line of Limitations creates the hexagram of 55c Danger 29t.

Although you would like to take certain measures in the current pursuit of your aims, when you see obstacles ahead you must stop. Such LIMITATIONS should be recognized and accepted. Stay within the limits and collect your strength quietly.



The advice offered by the bottom line is a warning that should be heeded. However, since you did not receive it as an active line, it is still important to put the advice in the context of your question because the associated hexagram Danger (55c) has a higher Change Cycle number than Limitations (32c). This line indicates danger ahead.



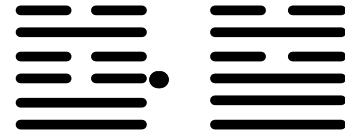


Limitation 32c/60t
Difficult Beginnings 51c/3t

The second line of Limitations creates 51c Difficult Beginnings 3t. This hexagram too continues the path towards the 64c Receptive 2t. The text reads as follows:

Opportunity and potential are on their way. If you hesitate when the time is right, you will miss your chance entirely. Such bad timing is a result of excessive limitation.

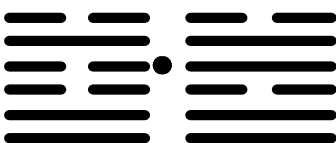
The third line of Limitations creates 16c Calculated Waiting 5t. This line associates to a hexagram with a lower Change Cycle number to indicate a "backward" movement. The text reads as follows:



Limitation 32c/60t
Calculated Waiting 16c/5t

Your extravagant behavior and lack of restraint have led you into a state of difficulty. If you are now feeling regret over this and not busy placing the blame elsewhere, you will avoid further mistakes.

Lines associating to hexagrams with higher Change Cycle numbers than the current hexagram form a predictive model. Associated hexagrams with lower Change Cycle numbers are a historic model and lay the foundation for the present hexagram and situation. For this reason, only consider those lines and advice that move towards the Receptive. However, to ignore the advice of the third line shown above is foolish.

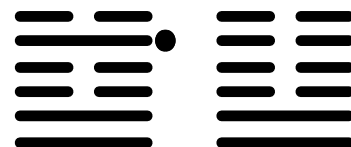


Limitation 32c/60t
Joyous 19c/58t

The fourth line of Limitations associates to the hexagram 19c Joyous 58t. This line also has a lower Change Cycle number than Limitations and its text reads as follows:

Allow your LIMITATIONS to become natural extensions of your behavior. Accommodate and adapt yourself to the fixed conditions in the situation. Don't carry on battles over "the principle of the thing." Deal with the matter at hand and you will meet with success.

The fifth line creates 45c Promotion 19t. It has a higher Change Cycle number and offers this advice:



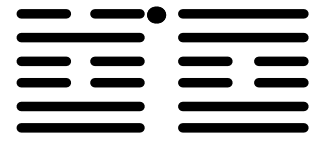
Limitation 32c/60t
Promotion 45c/19t

In influencing others you must become an example. When LIMITATIONS and restrictions are necessary, take them upon yourself first. In this way you are certain that they are acceptable while you win the praise and emulation of others. Good fortune.



The top line of Limitations associates to 10c Insight 61t. It has a lower Change Cycle number than Limitations and offers the following advice:

Excessive restrictions demanded of others will eventually meet with resentment. Nothing worthwhile can be accomplished in this way. However, for your own benefit, you may require severe restraints for a time to aid in your self-development and to help you avoid regretful mistakes.



Limitation Insight
32c/60t 10c/61t

To recap, each line of a hexagram represents a level of consciousness. In 32c Limitations 60t, three lines are historic because they associate to hexagrams with lower Change Cycle numbers. Three lines are predictive because they associate with hexagrams with a higher Change Cycle number that are one step closer to 64c Receptive 2t.

Read the historic lines as markers for how the current situation, represented by a static hexagram, came about. In our Limitations example, the historic lines offer solid advice that should be heeded and are summed as follows:

Avoid extravagant behavior to avoid a state of difficulty. If there is a feeling of regret, do not blame others. Accept limitations as part of your behavior in order to adapt to fixed conditions. To succeed, do not engage in battles over "the principle of the thing," but deal with the matter at hand. Finally, do not place excessive limitations on others or on yourself unless it is for your own benefit. Limitations serve a purpose to aid in self-development and to avoid regretful mistakes.

Read the predictive lines for how the current situation, represented by a static hexagram, will evolve. In our Limitations example, this could be summed as follows:

You would like to take certain measures, but stop when you see obstacles ahead. Accept limitations in order to quietly collect your strength because opportunity and potential are on their way. However, do not allow limitations to cause you to hesitate when the time is right or you will miss your chance entirely. Be the first to willingly accept limitations to ensure they are acceptable for others. This approach leads you to win the praise and emulation of others. Good fortune.

Your direction (hexagram) is determined by which road you start down (individual line). In the 32c Limitations 60t example, the three predictive associated hexagrams are 55t Danger 29t, 51t Difficult Beginnings 3t, and 45c Promotion 19t. Of these three, the most acceptable outcome as a hexagram would be Promotion. Its advice is to become an example in order to influence others. If limitations are necessary, accept them yourself so that others will follow your lead. The outcome: Good fortune.



THE BIG PICTURE

When reviewing a primary static hexagram, it is important that the six lines of your hexagram are matched to your question. Choices and possibilities are represented by the individual lines, but it occurs only within the context of your dilemma. Ask yourself, "What outcome can I achieve given my abilities, options, and possibilities?"

To manifest an outcome, combine devotion to the goal, which is a conscientiousness focus, with faith that proper action taken "now" will yield a correct outcome. The first step is to understand and accept your present circumstances because fate is a conditioned force as the result of actions set in motion at some point in time (Chaos Theory).

The importance of identifying a chronological key, or embracing the synchronistic revelation, can not be understated. If you flash on real events in hexagram or line text, then events occurring before that recognition are represented by the lines as well as those that follow. It is important to meditate on matching your change cycle to the events framed by the question in order to fully exercise a static opportunity.

If you receive active lines, then a static hexagram will always appear. In these cases, a review requires similar skills as illustrated by Limitations. Begin by answering whether your change cycle is predictive or historic. If your change cycle is predictive, meaning your static hexagram occurs after the primary hexagram, then follow your active lines. Treat the static as if it was your primary hexagram.

If your static hexagram appears before your primary hexagram, which is a historic model, then meditate on the inactive lines in the static hexagram. Pay particular attention because it signals that a "past" decision, possibly without your conscious awareness, created the current challenge. In this situation, your primary hexagram essentially becomes a primary static hexagram. What is different is that you know how you got into the current situation, so your options are defined by the remaining non-active lines. Review the static hexagram to see if there are other more favorable possibilities. Maybe you can make a different decision and act in a manner to achieve a different outcome. This takes extraordinary awareness.

If you have multiple hexagrams in your change cycle and it is a flow model, meaning that the static is within the cycle and not the first or last hexagram, your ability to influence the outcome is limited by your awareness of your chronological key. In other words, if static time has past there is little that can be done about the situation. On the other hand, if static time has yet to arrive, then your ability to change the outcome is based solely on your awareness and ability to take correct action at the ideal moment. In a flow model, there maybe little that can be done, but focused attention can still modify the outcome. Again, this takes extraordinary awareness.



CONCLUSION

Static hexagrams represent opportunities to shift outcome. Watch for a chronological link between hexagram text and your present circumstances to make "static" choices that have a positive consequence for you and for those that your actions may affect. Decisions often take years to manifest.

The *I Ching* is a matrix of hexagrams and individual lines. When you receive a hexagram in *Heaven to Earth, I Ching* it is placed into a flow of time and events by your change cycle. Since each hexagram represents a distinct situation, or the Tao of relationships, it is important to tune to the individual stages of evolution for that hexagram and for the situation. The consciousness and awareness offered by hexagram and line advice occurs only in the context of the question and the practitioner.

When uncertainty settles in, it is faith that offsets the passage of time. It is continued devotion to a desired path that brings the attainment of goals. The forces of time and faith, coupled with space and devotion, interact to create the parameters of our fate.

Transformational challenges bring about an adjustment to attitude and consciousness, and by adapting to unchangeable circumstances you could be called upon to drive the situation as dynamics shift. A static hexagram offers unique opportunities by identifying your conscious options; it is up to you to decide how to proceed! Study the interactions and relationships of a static hexagram to help broaden horizons when dealing with transformational challenges.

The Gospel According to Mary Magdalene
Chapter 5

- 8) *And she began to speak to them these words: I, she said, I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to Him, Lord I saw you today in a vision. He answered and said to me,*
 - 9) *Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me. For where the mind is there is the treasure.*
 - 10) *I said to Him, Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit?*
 - 11) *The Savior answered and said, He does not see through the soul nor through the spirit, but the mind that is between the two that is what sees the vision and it is [...]*
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