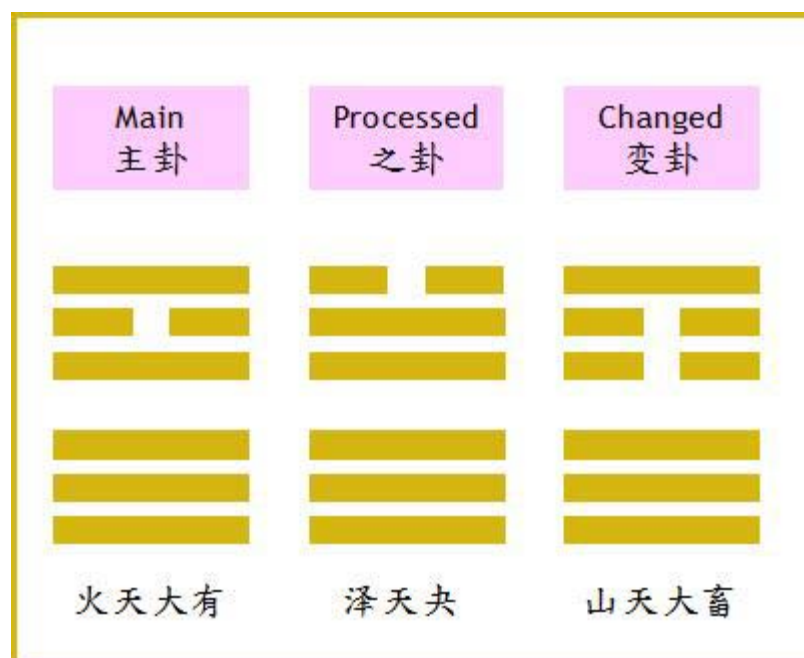


Case Analysis: Lightning Strike the Merlion's Head



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Shortly after the lightning strike our iconic Merlion, I received a call from my close friend. She was so excited about what had happened and immediately attribute this sign a bad omen for Singapore. With the economic downturn and coupled with some negative report on the losses of our nation's financial standing, it is natural for one to link such an occurrence to a sign of bad omen. Is it true that this is a bad omen for our country or an indication of something else? I have deduced the incident using the following hexagram to support the analysis.



Main Hexagram 火天大有

The Li 离 trigram representing the lightning while Qian 乾 trigram representing the head of the Merlion. Hence the formation of the hexagram becomes 火天大有. In general, this is an auspicious hexagram which indicates prosperity and good fortune.

The event took place during the Shen 申 hour (about 4:30pm, 28 Feb 2009) with heavy downpour. The BaZi for the day also indicated a strong water formation from Shen 申 Zi 子 Chen 辰.

Hour	Day	Month	Year
偏印 Indirect Resource	日主 Day Master	食神 Eating God	正财 Direct Wealth
 壬 Ren Yang Water	 甲 Jia Yang Wood	 丙 Bing Yang Fire	 己 Ji Yin Earth
 申 Shen Yang Metal	 辰 Chen Yang Earth	 寅 Yin Yang Wood	 丑 Chou Yin Earth
壬 庚 戊 偏印 七殺 偏財	乙 戊 癸 劫財 偏財 正印	丙 甲 戊 食神 比肩 偏財	癸 己 辛 正印 正財 正官



Li trigram - the lightning is a symbol of *fire* which is seen as the Ding fire which becomes a potential for transformation of wood when combined with Ren 壬 at the hour's pillar. Such formation shows potential for growth after a sudden shock or trauma.



Qian trigram - the *head* of the Merlion is a symbol of the head or a lion which also represent the leaders or head of the country. Metal being forged by fire indicates that there will be a radical change which will eventually lead to a reform. The leaders are subjected to intense pressure to make changes and implementation to curb the impact from this economic downturn for at least a period of 6 years. This challenging period will possibly allow some leaders to shine at the end of the crisis. A star is born as a result of these challenges. The journey ahead will be a tough and challenging one. Any attempt to hasten the process or hoping for a short cut will only be a result of incompetency leading to severe scars and damages for the future.

Process Hexagram - 泽天夬

This hexagram indicates the transformation and process of the change before the end result.

泽天夬 hexagram reveals any good fortune will be faced with challenges ahead. One has to pay extra attention to contracts and documentations. Any form of hastiness or carelessness will only result in losses.



Dui trigram indicates an imperfection with a *mouth* wide opened. We will probably see more issues and promises verbalized by the authorities. This also an indication for a lack of funds or wealth for a period of at least two years.



Qian trigram representing the *leader* or authority. The toughest period with the most poverty or collapse of businesses and institutions can be seen for the first two years before the authority can put in measure or policies to stabilize the economy.

Transformed Hexagram - 山天大畜

This hexagram indicates the result at the end of the ordeal.

山天大畜 hexagram is an auspicious hexagram which indicates the ability for storage or savings. Of course, this will depends on how the whole process has been handled? Otherwise, the moments of folly acts will only result with an empty storage!



Gen trigram indicates stability or everything coming to an end. The symbol of a mountain from Gen trigram presents the opportunity for fortune to be built at the end of the day. Such a sign shows the potential of Singapore scoring new height if we managed to weather through this economic downturn wisely or otherwise, a heavy mountain on the back of the leaders with debts to be cleared for 8 or 16 years!

Verdict:

The portion that was damaged by the lightning happens to be at the bottom left of the Merlion's head. Grand Duke resides at the North East sector this year besides the annual flying star 3 which represent sudden changes, loss of wealth and disputes. Those who have learnt Feng Shui will know the saying of **太岁宜静不宜动** which means that one should avoid disturbing the Grand Duke sector throughout the year of 2009. The consequence of triggering the effect of The Grand Duke ranges from loss of wealth, accidents, disasters and legal disputes.

Is this a bad omen? Let's say, Singapore is going to face a tough time ahead of us if our leaders are not farsighted enough to implement measures to cushion the rough ride in the next couple of years. Are we going to benefit in about eight years time becoming wealthier with more reserves? This will depends on whether our leaders felt the lightning striking on their heads too!

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