

Hexagram 59 Reuniting



*Reuniting.
Wholeness nourishing all
The sage has a temple within.
Benefit from having a great purpose.
Benefit from moving toward wholeness.*

Structure: A gentle wind ☱ above dangerous water ☵.

Images: The wind blows across the face of the water.

We find refuge within the spiritual path to preserve ourselves from the dangers of alienation from the wholeness of Earth Interbeing. When threatened by feelings of selfishness and ill-will, we turn inward toward the spirit to recover our ways of wholeness to counteract what separates us from our wholeness with others.

Our exceptionalism and self-centeredness separate us from the wholeness of Earth Interbeing. In this situation, every step is on dangerous ground as our sense of superiority, self-cherishing, and hostility for others deny our responsibilities for the wholeness of Earth Interbeing. Our deluded beliefs and values become rigid and increase the separation between Us and Them. The plague of great inequality and divisiveness inflicts great harm upon others. We cannot face and resolve critical problems, leaving them to fester and worsen. Once separation has reached the extreme, the task of reuniting presents itself.

Among people, only those free of a willingness to harm for self-benefit and who persevere in justice and devotion to wholeness with the Earth and all life can create the conditions necessary for overcoming the scourge of divisiveness. Such people have the strength and endurance to hold together the elements striving to break asunder and know how to bring to life the ways of wholeness by constantly yielding to what benefits the Earth Interbeing.

As soon as we discern within ourselves a willingness to harm others for self-benefit, we must dissolve this impulse by holding it within a compassionate presence to recover our loving concern for all beings. The wise break up their rigidity of self-cherishing by gently penetrating their beliefs in their superiority. The sage knows it depends upon the wholeness of Earth Interbeing for its survival and reciprocates for what it takes from the Earth Interbeing to restore its wholeness.

Only through caring for the balance and harmony of the Earth Interbeing can we find the strength to constantly yield to what benefits all. The wise set a worthy task outside themselves to support their efforts to transform themselves and unite with others. Bringing the ways of wholeness into community creates the conditions to collectively overcome the self-cherishing and willingness to harm others for self-benefit dividing us. What was rigid and solid melts into a new form.

Within a world plagued by divisiveness, we can serve as examples of how to live within wholeness in a balanced ways of cooperation actions that serve to recover our wholeness with Earth Interbeing. We must find new ways to recombine ourselves into new ways of organization which embody the ways of wholeness, learning through our mistakes how to move forward as a community toward wholeness and

releasing us from our harmful cultural conditioned beliefs and values, a process that will take time and effort.

Cooperation in a great undertaking that sets a high goal for the common good can overcome what divides people. In times of general dispersion, a great vision provides a focal point to recover, one that gives people a rallying point. In the realization of that vision, what separates us dissolves as all unite in the joint task. Only by rising above partisan interests can we restore the balance and harmony of our community. The wise have the courage to forego the near to win the distant through acts of great generosity. Dispersion of what keeps us separated leads to learning creative ways to move toward wholeness.

Those who practice transforming their self-cherishing and cooperate with others have no danger in their hearts even though outwardly dangers may surround them. Sages always have a shrine, an inner refuge, the spirit in which they rest. As with any practice, we make mistakes. Yet any true virtuoso knows how to learn from mistakes and master the lessons that they offer.

The sage preserves the connection between the mystery and Earth, between interbeing and people, remedying the dispersal of people's hearts by transforming beliefs and connecting with everything. Only those free of selfish ulterior designs and who persevere in the ways of the spirit can dissolve the hardness of self-cherishing and ill-will. In this way, the sage reunites all and firmly reverses our separation from each other and the Earth Interbeing.

Line 1: Disunion should be overcome at its very onset before it goes too far. When hidden divergences in temper make themselves felt, we must vigorously act to penetrate and dissolve the discord to rescue ourselves and others from divisiveness.

Line 2: The line becomes aware that its attitudes and beliefs cause its alienation from others. It dissolves these obstacles hastening to what supports it, the spiritual path. The line turns away from exceptionalism and toward a just judgment of others, linked with good-will. In this way it finds release from unnecessary suffering.

Line 3: In this situation, the line's work becomes so difficult that it puts all personal concerns aside. Only from a great renunciation can the line find the strength needed to achieve the great task.

Line 4: The line moves away from beliefs, values, and behaviors that increase separation from wholeness. It works on the great purpose to recover the balance and harmony of Earth Interbeing, knowing that it can no longer act to narrowly benefit itself, family, or group. Only by rising above partisan interests can we restore the balance and harmony of our community. The wise have the courage to forego the near to win the distant through acts of great generosity. Dispersion of what keeps us separated leads to learning creative ways to move toward wholeness.

Line 5: In times of general dispersion and separation, a great vision provides a focal point and framework for recovery. Just as an illness reaches its crisis in sweat, a great and stimulating vision rallies us to transform our beliefs and purpose of life.

Line 6: The line disperses its self-cherishing and distances itself from worldly concerns. It enters the world to selflessly rescue others by helping them get away from an existing danger or to find a way out of a danger already upon them.