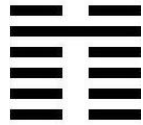


## Hexagram 8 Holding Together with Interbeing



*Holding together with interbeing.*

*Meaningful.*

*Ask the oracle again whether you have the sacred calling, endurance, and perseverance to interbe.*

*Then no blame.*

*The uncertain gradually join.*

*Misfortune for those unwilling to interbe.*

**Structure:** All the yielding lines mutually hold together and follow the strong line.

**Ideogram:** Two people following each other.

Holding together with interbeing occurs when humble and devoted beings mutually interact with other beings for mutual assistance and benefit. Beings interbe as unique parts of a whole working together to further the whole of the Earth Interbeing.

Four yielding lines hold together through their common sacredness and adherence to the ways of the Earth Interbeing. Together they have great power and joy. The top line insists on going its own way, which leads to nothing.

Interbeings hold together to further life on Earth. Each being submits to the ways of the Earth Interbeing harmoniously interact with other beings and to equitable share the abundance of the Earth. The Earth Interbeing furthers beings which further it.

The great responsibility of belonging to the Earth Interbeing requires beings to have the strong will to perseveringly live their sacredness. The Yi Ching asks us to ask it again whether we have the necessary qualities and the willingness to do the hard work to interbe. Only those who have let go of their self-centeredness and willingness to harm for self-benefit can interbe.

On the sacred path to further life on Earth, we learn how to interbe. Gradually we come to know our sacredness and that of all life and become interbeings. Those who choose to go their own way do not know how to interbe. Their way comes to an end.

The Earth Interbeing constantly evolves and furthers life on Earth. All life has the will to further life on Earth. Life interacts within Earth Interbeing, mingling and flowing together. In the so doing, they bring forth conditions that benefit all. On the sacred path, we have the responsibility to know our interrelatedness with the Earth and all life, the Earth Interbeing. We reunite with other beings to interbe and further life on Earth.

**Line 1:** The overflowing fullness of humbleness and adhering to the ways of the Earth Interbeing lead to interbeing. Interbeing brings blessings.

**Line 2:** To interbeing belongs sacredness. Perseverance furthers. Interbeing adheres to the sacred, not to external conditions.

**Line 3:** The weak line allies with harmful forces and beliefs, abandoning the path of interbeing and causing injury.

**Line 4:** The line belongs to the sacred and surrenders its will to the sacred knowing of how to further life on Earth. It firmly and correctly does its sacred work. Perseverance furthers.

**Line 5:** The sacred accepts those who voluntary come to live the ways of the Earth Interbeing and lets go those who choose otherwise. Thus, the union of the Earth Interbeing emerges out of mutual confidence and respect.

**Line 6:** The line does not hold with the sacred nor the ways of the Earth Interbeing. Without a sacred direction or purpose, the line achieves nothing.