

Hexagram 17 – Moving toward Sacredness



Moving toward sacredness
The totality of sacredness
Without fault.

Ideogram: Go and fall, unavoidable movement. **Meanings:** move in the same direction, follow, step behind; come after; comply with what is ahead; pursue; follow a way of religion; conform to; next, subsequent.

Structure: Movement below ☳, joy above ☵. Joyful movement.

The path to further the wellbeing of life on Earth moves us toward living and relating with the sacredness of all beings. In causing life, the sacred endows life with sacredness. Through our sacredness we come to center ourselves within the sacred.

Our harmful behaviors and views obscure our knowing our sacredness and its ways.¹ As we stop harming life and transform our wrong views, we uncover our sacredness and feel drawn to live the ways of sacredness. The more we come to know and practice living our sacredness, the stronger our capacities to inwardly remove what harms, which further strengthens our capacities to live our sacredness. By bringing to life our sacredness, our knowing sacredness and our joy in living them increases, causing us to move ever closer to sacredness. We gladly surrender our self-centered will to the sacred to know what we can do to further the wellbeing of all life and the Earth.

Practicing sacredness matures our being. We learn to harmoniously interbe and equitably share the abundance of the Earth with all life, further diminishing our self-centeredness and willingness to harm others for self-benefit. On the path of sacredness, we must take the first step on our own to stop ourselves from harming life and Earth and to dismantle our harmfully wrong views. Nobody can do this for us. By persistently choosing to overcome what separates us from the sacred and life, we come to know our sacredness and that of all life. Knowing and living our sacredness transforms us as naturally as the seasons transform how life lives.

Line 1: The line changes from willingly harming others for self-benefit to responding to the suffering of life on Earth, from being self-centered to living sacredness. By adhering to the sacred ways, the line overcomes its harmful ways and dismantling its wrong views. The line learns how to interbe and care for all.

Line 2: The line remains self-centered which obstructs knowing its sacredness. It follows the ignorant and incompetent instead of following the guidance of the experienced and wisdom.

Line 3: The line matures its spiritual being by letting go of its self-centeredness and comes to know and practice its sacredness. It loses its willingness to harm for self-benefit so that it can care for life

¹ **Ways of sacredness to care for all life on Earth (work in progress):** sacred interdependence and equality of life on Earth, humbly caring for all life and the Earth, surrendering to the sacred will for direction on how to care for life and Earth, harmonious and caring mutuality with life on Earth, equitably sharing with all life the abundance of the Earth, making the effort to do the harder but right thing to do, responsibly stopping our harmful ways and views.

and Earth. The line gives up its immature beliefs and views for those of sacredness. It becomes what it sought. The line remains vigilant to avoid being led astray by harmful temptations and impulses.

Line 4: The line has gained some influence and obtains followers. If the line grows to depend upon such followers and cannot do without them, misfortune comes. The wise see through the dangers of conforming to the expectations of others and do not let others follow them. The wise follow the sacred ways rather than the ways of those it wants to influence. The sage serves as a bright example for those who follow the ways of caring for the Earth and all life.

Line 5: The line has the joy that arises from fulfilling its responsibility to care for all life and the Earth through the ways of sacredness. It centers on the sacred, the stable point that enables it to face all change.

Line 6: The line devotedly follows the ways of sacredness and cares for all life and the Earth.