

Hexagram 25 – Without Confusion



Without confusion.

Sacredness.

Not correcting confusion is ignorance.

No benefit from ignorantly moving to further life on Earth.

Structure: Sacred above ☰. Action below ☳. Acting in sacred ways.

Other meanings of ideograms: **Without** – devoid of. **Confuse** – embroil, entangle; involved; disorder, incoherence; foolish, reckless; false, brutish behavior; vain, idle, futile.

The sacred causes life and the sacredness of life. Within every being, sacredness guides us to live in ways that further life on Earth. We feel drawn to our sacredness, our inner guiding light, which perseveringly influences us to live the sacred ways.

Life centers on its sacredness and brings all aspects of their being into harmony with the ways of sacredness.¹ We live our sacredness by correcting the alignment of our views and behaviors with the sacred will. Through self-correction, we overcome our ignorance and confusion about what to do to further life on Earth.

The sacred causes reality and to have as its fundamental structure interdependent relationships in all its temporal, material, living, and moral dimensions. Sacredness endows us with an innate capacity to morally live within interdependent relationships in ways that further life on Earth. We have the moral obligation to respond to the suffering of our interdependent relationships. An interdependent reality could not exist any other way.

The sacred causes life on Earth to choose how to respond to the suffering of others based upon the uniqueness of each being. Life lives within a voluntary and participatory reality in which we coevolve life on Earth through the sacredness of our interactions. By choosing to respond to the suffering of life and Earth, we participate in furthering life on Earth.

Not correcting our harmful behaviors and views is confusion. No benefit comes from ignorantly harming life and Earth. Some beings choose not to respond to suffering as their response to the suffering of others. In the so doing, they violate the fabric of reality. When not in the natural state of sacredness, where the confusion of self-centered desires and ambitions abound, suffering follows by inner necessity. The self-centered are the source of suffering of life on Earth and accomplish nothing beyond the harm they cause life and the Earth and destroy themselves.

¹ **Ways of sacredness to further the wellbeing of life on Earth (work in progress):** devotion to the sacred by furthering the wellbeing of life on Earth; living the sacredness and moral interdependence of life and Earth; compassionately responding to the moral obligation of interdependence to respond to suffering of life; surrendering to the sacred will to know how to respond to suffering of life; equality of mutually beneficial and harmonious interactions; equality of equitable sharing of Earth's abundance; preserving a balance living within a world of change and our sacredness; willingness to make the effort to do the harder but right thing to do.

As we make the effort to stop harming life and Earth and dismantle our wrong views, we recover our sacredness. The brilliance of our sacredness's guidance grows. The more we remove our harmful ways and views, the stronger the influence of our sacredness has upon us. We resolve the tension between our conditioned willingness to harm for self-benefit and living as an interbeing by overcoming what harms and practicing living our sacredness.

Sages firmly discipline themselves to avoid entanglement in harmful feelings, thoughts, and behaviors. They obey the sacred command to further life on Earth by interacting with others in mutually beneficial and harmonious ways of Interbeing. By turning away from what harms and self-serving behaviors, sages compassionately relieve the suffering caused by the destructive culture and work on transforming it. Sages teach the sacred ways in harmony with the conditions of the time for all beings to flourish and interbe.

Line 1: The line moves away from what harms and lives its sacredness. The sacred blesses the line with its sacred work unique to its being to further life on Earth.

Line 2: The line has freed itself from self-centered ambitions and works to further life on Earth. It focuses on the task before it rather than anticipate the harvest. The line willingly does the harder but right thing to do.

Line 3: Freedom from confusion and ignorance does not prevent us from experiencing misfortune. We live in an ever changing interdependent reality that always seeks balance, a process beyond our comprehension and control. Sacredness moves us to accept what we cannot change without blaming and to perseveringly alleviate suffering in ways that further life on Earth.

Line 4: Those who persevere in living their sacredness remain blameless. If not, misfortune will follow, and it does not further to act.

Line 5: Unexpected external circumstances may bring harm to the sage, yet it has no need to correct itself as it did not bring the harm upon itself. The line would err if it acted to reduce an imagined fault as that would cause self-harm. The line simply rests and lets the situation unfold on its own without reacting.

Line 6: Whenever confusion dims knowing what to do, the wise wait to let the situation unfold on its own and do not act. They work only within a situation which moves with their efforts rather than against them.