

Hexagram 54 Recovery of Sacredness



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Correcting others dangerous.

Do not impose a direction on the process.

Meanings of Ideogram: recovery, restore convert; accomplish one's destiny; revert to the original place or state; goal, destination, intention; transformation, a girl getting married and becoming a woman.

Structure: Action ☳ over openness ☴. Acting on openness.

The willingness to harm others, life, and the Earth for self-benefit and ignoring the suffering caused, obstructing our sacredness and separating us from the sacred. As we stop harming others, life, and the Earth and change our harmful views, we gradually uncover our sacredness. Living our sacredness and furthering life on Earth reunite us with the sacred and Earth Interbeing.

Recovery of sacredness depends upon our strength to overcome what harm. Overcoming our harmful ways and views depends upon a strong resolve to perseveringly do the right but harder thing to do. By doing so, we gradually uncover our sacredness that our harmful ways and views obstructed.

Recovery of our living our sacredness depends upon a strong moral effort to respond to the obligation of all life to respond to the suffering of others. We do this in part by reducing our harmful ways and views. Yet, as we uncover our sacredness, we receive our sacred work unique to our being that furthers life on Earth by reducing the suffering of life. Living in an interdependent reality makes doing so necessary for life to continue on Earth. We recover our sacredness through the ways sacredness.¹ By practicing sacredness within daily life, we learn how to live sacredness.

When we try to make people do what we want them to do or correct their behavior, we cause harm and danger by imposing our will upon others. We want to change circumstances more to our liking and ambitiously further our own interests in the world. In all these situations, we impose our self-centered will upon sacred experience.

We only have the power to change ourselves and change only if we have the willingness to do so. Force or intimidation may force another to change their behavior but will not change them. Change is voluntary, a willingness to change. Life has the collective moral responsibility to further life on Earth, but each being must choose to do so.

Nor should we presume to know the direction of the sacred unfolding of reality and to move it along. We prove our ignorance when we try to impose our will upon the sacred process. A part cannot know on its own how to further the whole. Humbly, we know our ignorance of knowing how

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.

to further life on Earth and seek sacred knowing of what we as a being can do. We accept our ignorance of knowing what to do rather than imposing our own ideas of how things should be upon others and the sacred process.

The part does not have control over the conditions of the whole. Thus, we learn how to live in the ways of sacredness within our limitations and accept the limitations of the circumstances in which the sacred has planted us. As a part, we further the whole by responding in the ways of sacredness to whatever arises within experience. All life does this in ways unique to their own being. The Earth Interbeing emerges out of the sacredness of our collective moral efforts, a sacred process.

By accepting our limits, we find our sacred field of activity within the whole. We may not fully appreciate or comprehend the holy work the sacred has given us, but we do it to the best of our abilities. No longer do we pursue an agenda that differs from the sacred purpose of furthering life on Earth. The weak can never control the strong.

Yet we gain more than we lose. We come to joyfully align our views and live our lives in the ways of the sacred path to further life on Earth. These sacred changes transform us, and we come to know and live our sacredness. We unite with the sacred.

Line 1: The virtuous line has surrendered its self-centered will and submits to the ways of sacredness and to the sacred will. Within this humbling position, it perseveringly corrects its willingness to harm and to render true service to life and the Earth, fulfilling the sacred will.

Line 2: Solitary perseverance furthers. Only the individual on its own can recover its sacredness through a disciplined effort to overcome harmful ways and views. Once the line recovers knowing its sacredness, it will know its holy work to further life on Earth.

Line 3: The line accepts the gradualness of its transformation into an interbeing. It learns to live its sacredness, which requires a great moral effort on its part. It eventually learns not to prematurely act to force a direction upon an unfolding situation but to patiently accept the tension and uncertainty of not knowing what will come as a natural condition of life. Living sacredness unknowingly changes causal conditions.

Line 4: The line accepts the process of becoming an interbeing as gradual. It patiently remains focused on learning how to live the ways of sacredness as interbeing. Interbeings have the sacred knowing of how to further life on Earth.

Line 5: The line has overcome its self-centeredness and lives its sacredness. It has the sacred knowing of how to further life on Earth as an interbeing. It humbly places itself below others to fulfill its moral obligation to reduce the suffering of all.

Line 6: Acts of devotion and rituals devoid of reverence and meaningful sacrifice have no benefit or purpose. The devoted approach the sacred by sacrificing their self-centeredness and willingness to harm for self-benefit. They do the work of the sacred within the world as their offering to the sacred.