

Hexagram 35 – Rising Sacredness



The sacred has bestowed the gift of sacredness upon life and blesses those who submit and obey the sacred will to live sacredness in the ways that further life on Earth.

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Structure: Fire ☲ above. Earth ☷ below. Sacredness above yielding.

Image: The sun rises above the Earth with ever widening clarity and expansion. The higher the sun rises, the brighter it becomes.

As we distance ourselves from what harms, sacredness illuminates our sacred path every more brightly. It becomes easier for us to yield to sacred knowing and adhere to the ways of sacredness.¹ Reflecting the sacred, the illumination of sacredness brightens daily. We live our sacredness through mutually beneficial interactions with others that furthers life on Earth.

To realize our sacredness requires us to overcome what obstructs living our sacredness, our harmful ways and views. The sacred bestows the gift of sacredness upon life and blesses those who submit and obey the sacred will to live sacredness in the ways that further life on Earth. Knowing our sacredness and perceiving the sacredness in all life challenges those of us who live in a harmful culture.

Those entangled with the harmful culture will resist our efforts to live sacredness. However, we have the necessity to act upon the sacred knowing of what furthers life on Earth. Thus, despite the lack of encouragement of others, we persist by pouring more energy and wisdom into our holy work. We respond to the resistance of others with gentleness and as an opportunity to nurture their understanding.

On the sacred path, we avoid acting when confused but wait for sacred knowing. Not knowing how to live our sacredness within a difficult situation may cause us a great sorrow. Yet we wait for sacred guidance. Within that waiting, we ground ourselves in the Earth to ask the Earth for its strength to bear what seems unbearable and accept what we cannot change. The Earth blesses us.

Within the ways of sacredness, we interact with others with respect and as our equals. We respond to the needs of others according to their unique situation and not by cultural expectations. Yet in responding to others, we do not follow them but seek and yield to the sacred moving our lives. We have good feelings for each other, which allows us to interact in mutually beneficial ways to further life on Earth. A joyful approach to life arises not from seeking pleasure from others or the world but from living the ways of sacredness.

¹ **Ways of the sacred and sacredness:** We live within the reality caused by the sacred, a reality marked by the sacred ways: interdependence, change, equality, and sacredness. The ways of sacredness guide us to living sacredness to further life on Earth, the sacred purpose of all life: awakening to sacred knowing; wisdom of living sacredness; harmonious and respectful interactions; devotion to the sacred; humble submission to sacred ways and direction; responding to the suffering of others; restoring and preserving a balanced life; manifesting the sacred purpose to further life on Earth.

We humbly submit to the demands of living within an interdependent reality by responding to the needs of others through our caring and sharing rather than by ambitiously seeking what we want from others and the world. We interact in these ways with the strong supports of the sacred knowing what to do and pouring our energy into our work despite adversity.

Always we stand on guard against the surfacing of harmful ways and views. Our humble and gentle interactions with others avoid the use of force in any form – anger, conflict, correcting others, partiality, taking without giving back, or wanting to have our way. We respond to the needs of others according to their needs rather than asserting what we want from them.

As our sacredness brightens, we have the urge to respond to more opportunities to alleviate suffering. Yet we accept our limited capacities and know that the holy work already given to us needs our full attention. We do our holy work and trust that the holy work of others will respond to what we do not have the capacities to address. Within an interdependent reality, our holy work invisibly interconnects with the work of others.

Sacredness emerges out of the obstructions of what harms and illuminates the sacred path through life. Sacredness enduringly reflects the sacred.

Line 1: When the line meets resistance in living sacredness, it nevertheless devotedly persists in doing what it knows will further life on Earth in the ways of sacredness. The line responds to the resistance of others with gentleness and care. Yet the others' lack of confidence spurs the line to pour more energy and wisdom into its holy work to increase their understanding.

Line 2: The line feels a great sorrow for not knowing how to respond to a difficult situation in the ways of sacredness. Within the sacred refuge, it grounds itself within the Earth, seeking the Earth's strength to endure the hardship of the situation and the acceptance of what it cannot change. The Earth blesses the line.

Line 3: The line lives sacredness through its mutually beneficial actions with other beings in ways that further life on Earth. The line has overcome its faults by steadfastly learning how to live its sacredness.

Line 4: Even when living sacredness, the line remains constantly on guard against the weeds of its willingness to harm others for self-benefit.

Line 5: The line lives sacredness and remains gentle and humble. Opportunities to respond to needs abound within a harmful culture. Yet it knows its limits and has trust in the sacred process that the holy work with which the sacred has already entrusted it benefits all. It does not take gain or loss of the world to heart but tends to the work the sacred has given into its care

Line 6: The strong line aggressively corrects others, causing conflict and alienating itself from them. Using force, even against ourselves, conflicts with the ways of sacredness.