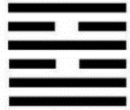


Hexagram 38 – Interacting within Separation



*Interacting within separation.
Small affairs, significant*

Image Tradition

Interacting within separation.

Knowing sacredness.

Acting with good feelings.

People who harmonize interact.

When they do not harmonize, they move apart.

Interdepending and good feelings radiate wisdom.

Caring for others in the ways of sacredness with good feelings, harmonizing with others within the ordinary interactions of life.

The sacred and the Earth are separate but interact to further life on Earth.

Men and women are separate but reciprocate to fulfill their common purposes.

Myriad beings are separate but beneficially interacting according to their kind.

Beneficially Interacting within separation furthers life on Earth.

Ideogram meanings: opposition, separate; contrary, mutually exclusive; distant, absent, remote; conflict, discord, animosity; polarizing.

Structure: Wisdom above ☲; joyful interaction within ☵.

Beings are unique, unlike any other being even of their own kind. However, within an interdependent reality, beings depend upon other beings for survival. We need to cooperate with other beings for food, reproduction, care, and other needs. Within a cooperative relationship, we trust that the other will not intentionally harm us and that we can get along with each other to meet our common needs.

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Within the ways of sacredness, cooperative relationships grow out of a common purpose to further life on Earth through caring and having good feelings for each other. We feel attracted to those who interact with us with kindness, caring, and respect. We distance ourselves from those who interact with us as if we wanted to harm them.

Within a harmful culture, we know that some people have the willingness to harm us for their self-benefit. However, when we view everyone living in a harmful culture as harmful, then we isolate ourselves from everyone. On the sacred path, we have the duty to overcome this wrong view as we know we have the moral obligation to respond to the suffering of others.

Line 1: When a fearful or angry thought first arises, the line vigilantly pauses and seeks sacred refuge for strength to let go of the thought without moving deeper into fear or anger.

Line 2: Within an anger/fear reaction, the sacred calls on the line to do its duty of responding to the needs of others. The line heeds the call, knowing its responsibility, and escapes the reaction.

Line 3: The line on the sacred path views others as threatening or obstructing it from getting what it wants. It seeks sacred refuge to know what to do to overcome its harmful view and way.

Line 4: The line wants to further life on Earth but it has distanced itself from those it misperceives as threatening it and its work. Recognizing that its isolation obstructs furthering life on Earth, it works with the sacred to learn how to interact with others in the ways of sacredness. In this way it moves through its challenge of misperceiving the intent of others.

Line 5: The line works through its harmful anger fear of others wanting to harm it. By necessity, the line takes the initiative to practice interacting with others with good feelings and responding to their needs.

Line 6: The isolated line sees others as wanting to harm it and responds defensively to protect itself. However, with sacred support, it instead comes to view others as wanting to interact harmoniously with it to further life on Earth. With this blessing, it extinguishes its wrong views of others.