

Sacred Sickness Pathways

The Animal Powers move in and through the matrix of a divination system in prescribed paths. In the *Classic of Change*, the most important of these is probably the Sacred Sickness Pathway, a series of hidden paths between the symbols through which the Animal Powers of the Ancestors rouse and focus energy on the cultural disorders that lie behind personal sickness. These operations are the prime interface between the Land of the Dead and the social world.

9:10 Gathering the Ghosts and Treading out to Meet the Tiger

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. Here we see the gathering in of the repressed, suffering or fixated spirits of the dead preparatory to the great ceremony on *Taishan*, the sacred mountain that first brings down the blessings of Heaven to help the people.

11:12 New King and Old King: Rituals on the Sacred Mountain

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. Here the blessings of Heaven are called down to begin the confrontation with a corrupt order. It empowers the renovation of the ancestral images in 17:18.

15:16 Activating Liminal Powers to Prepare the Future

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. It activates hidden reserves of power and awakes the fertilizing spirit for the first direct confrontation with corruption in 17:18, empowering the disentangling from the cultural ghosts that haunt the old tombs at 25:26.

17:18 Follow the Spirit to Renovate the Ancestral Images

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. A critical site of intense shamanic activity, it focuses the spirit of the new directly on the causes of corruption within the individual. It links with the Tiger's Mouth (27), the new assemblies of great cultural forces at 45:46 and the activities of the Intermediaries, the Lady of Fates and the Joyous Dancer, who seek out the hidden causes of disease and give the spirit voice at 57:58.

19:20 Earthing the Ghost, Releasing the Spirit and Watching for the Omens of its Manifestation.

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. It is a place of observation where we search for the signs of a great cultural change that will culminate at 55:56, when the New King receives the Mandate for Change and the harvest begins.

25:26 Disentangling from Old Ghosts and Accumulating the New Spirit

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27:28 The Tiger's Mouth and the Great Transition

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. It is the force of the Tiger that eats the corruption of the past and enables the creation of an inner center (29:30) that gives us the strength to carry on the process at higher levels. It empowers the individual's first confrontation with corruption at 17:18.

31:32 Spirit Inspiration in the Sacred Place: Fix the Omen!

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. It creates a sacred site within the individual to fix the omens of the new spirit, empowering the long struggle with the heritage of corruption that continues throughout the decade of the 30's and culminates in the release of energy bound in old fixations at 39:40.

39:40 Goings and Comings that bring Deliverance from Suffering

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. It releases the energy gathered in the individual struggle to create a just and righteous existence, seen in the decade of the 30's that was empowered by the influx of spirit at 31:32.

45:46 Gather the People and Ascend the Sacred Mountain

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. It is the dissolution and re-assembly of the forces of culture, extending the healing into the institutions of culture. It connects directly with the beginnings of the individual confrontation with corruption at 17:18 and empowers the release of the noble order (47:48) and the founding of a new paradigm or vessel that re-connects us to the spirit (49:50).

55:56 The New King who receives the Mandate and the Wandering Sage who circulates it through the Shadow Lands

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57:58 The Lady of Fates and The Joyous Dancer

This Pair is part of the Secret Sickness Pathways that link personal and cultural disorders, circulating them through a long term healing process. It is the activity of the Intermediaries who search out the hidden causes of disease and give the spirits voice in the human community that empowered the first confrontation with corruption at 17:18.