

How do I balance going back to my source and helping others?

Your reading resulted in the following hexagrams:

Hexagram 46

Hexagram 46, Pushing Upward



Key Questions

Is this something you can commit yourself to?
Where might it take you?
What is the next step?

Oracle

*'Pushing upward, creating success from the source.
Make use of seeing great people.
Do not worry.
Set forth to the south, good fortune.'*

The old Chinese character for 'Pushing Upward' shows a small ladle used to measure out offerings and official salaries. It suggests a step-by-step ascent, one measure at a time. This is a vigorous, active time. Come from the source of inspiration and involve it in your work. Make good use of seeing great people, whether in the flesh or with your inner vision, to charge you with the energy to begin your ascent. Use them to inspire you with a vision of possibilities, and for information and help on how to move on upward.

Hard work and steep slopes lie ahead, but the oracle reassures you that you need not worry or doubt. Instead, set your face to the south, as the ruler does: align your initiatives with the natural order (which can be read in the stars and the compass), and set out towards warmth, light and activity.

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*'Centre of the earth gives birth to wood: Pushing Upward.
A noble one with patient character
Builds up small things to attain the high and great.'*

Sequence

Pushing Upward follows from Hexagram 45, Gathering:
'Assembling and moving higher is called Pushing Upward, and so Pushing Upward follows.'

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