

## 45 *Gathering Them/* *Great Works* CUI

Gather, assemble, bunch together, collect; crowds; a great effort brings a great reward.

### MYTHS FOR CHANGE: THE STORY OF THE TIME

**Charge to the Oracle:** *When beings meet together and couple, we can assemble them. Accept this and use the energy of Gathering. This means assembling.*

Gathering Them refers to the cycle of ancestral sacrifices keyed to the Four Seasons and the Four Directions or Winds, the Hidden Lands, that precedes any great work. It is a procession, 'going-out-to-meet-them' at the Outskirts Altar. It suggests the sacrifice and feast of the Red Bull that opens the fields and the summer *yue*-sacrifice of first fruits to the gathered spirit tablets in the Ancestral Temple that connects living and dead. These are the great sacrifices and represent a gathering of the people, an inner collection of force in view of great projects, like building the great rammed earth walls of palaces, dikes and dams, or casting the bronze vessels. It is a time of communion with spirit powers and assembly with others through sacrifice and open emotions, concentrating a strong force through connection with Heaven. It frees the feelings in a flow of spirit that unites people, purifying and loosening. The key is the Great, having a firm purpose and ruling idea connected with the Way through which you help and protect others. Through the great sacrifice and the great project the King acts to harmonize Heaven and Earth. He offers the great victims and uses the Great People, ritual specialists and sages, Source Beings who connect the living and the dead and release the power to do great things.

### THE RESPONSE

**Gathering Them. Great Works.** Make an offering and you will succeed.

The King approaches his Ancestral Temple to ask blessings for all.

Advantageous to see the Great Person to make the sacrifice.

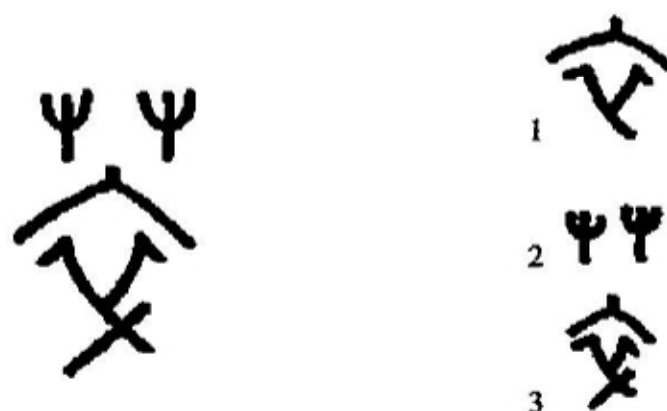


**Advantageous Trial. Harvesting.**

**Use the Great Victims. Wise Words! The Way is open.**

**Advantageous to have a direction to go.**

**Gathering Them, CUI:** gather or call together; groups of people or things; assemble, concentrate, collect; reunite; crowd, multitude, dense vegetation; come to someone's aid. The old character shows two bundles of grass or grain the sign for a soldier or servant who presents them.



CUI (11536/140) shows a jacket or banner (1) with a sign on it (3), the uniform of a soldier or servant, and two bundles of grass (2), assembled or clustered.

Gathering Them describes your situation in terms of collecting and gathering. The way to deal with it is to unite people and things through a common feeling or goal. Concentrate the crowd and turn it into an organized whole. This is pleasing to the spirits. Through it they will give you success, effective power and the capacity to bring the situation to maturity. This is the time for great projects. Be like the King who imagines a temple full of images that unite people and connect them with greater forces. See Great People. Visit those who can help and advise you. Look at your own central idea and how you organize your thoughts. Making a great offering to the spirit of this time generates meaning and good fortune by releasing transformative energy. Put your ideas to the trial. Have a place to go. Impose a direction on things. This brings profit and insight.

### THE SCHOLAR SPEAKS

The hexagram figure shows common labour coming to expression. The mists rise over the Earth. Proceed step by step. First things meet in pairs, then they assemble. Gathering Them means assembling and reuniting. Eliminate the need for fighting and weapons by being alert. Don't be taken by surprise. Gathering

Them implies collecting people together. Labour is its expression. The strong is in the centre and things will correspond to it. This is the source of assembling. Be like the King who imagines having a temple. This involves reverence and presenting things as offerings. See Great People and think about your central idea. This allows you to correct how things come together. Making a great sacrifice generates meaning and good fortune by releasing transformative energy. Having a place to go and imposing a direction on things brings profit and insight. Yield and work with the Heavenly Mandate. By contemplating the place where people come together, you can look at the motives of Heaven, Earth and Myriad Beings.

### THE SHAMAN SPEAKS

**Mists above Earth. Gathering Them.**

**This is a time when Noble One uses eliminating weapons to implement his plans,**

**warning against not taking precautions.**

*Spirit, offered service at the Earth Altar, speaks and spreads joy through the Intermediaries. Joyous Dancer is working with Field. Rising Mists above stimulate and fertilize through joyous words, while Earth below yields and sustains. This is Metal over Earth: an inner field that sustains outer stimulation and interchange. The ideal Realising Person reflects this by eliminating the impulse to resort to arms through carefully prepared measures, anticipating and dissolving possible conflicts. Work through the receptive and the power of Earth. Release the spirit.*

### TRANSFORMING LINES: CHANGE AT WORK

**INITIAL SIX**

**Gathering Them. Great Works.**

**This connection to the spirits is not complete,**

**Thus disorder, then Gathering them.**

**Cry out! Announce the oracle! One grasp of the hand brings laughter.**

**Have no cares. Going on is not a mistake.**





*This means your purpose is in disorder.* You are connected to a deep source of energy, but the link with others is unclear. That is why things are so uneven, one moment joyous, the next moment confused. Don't worry. Let people know your real intent. Reach out and touch them and you will find the source of the disarray. The tension will dissolve into laughter and joy. This is certainly not a mistake. The connection is real.

*Direction:* Follow the stream of events. Proceed step by step. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

#### SIX AT SECOND

**Extending the Gathering.** Drawn and led out to Great Works.

**Wise Words!** The Way is open.

**There is a connection to the spirit that will carry you through.**

**Advantageous to make the summer sacrifice.**

*The centre is not changed.* Extend the group and the activity, include more, and draw things out. This will open the Way. Make the sacrifice to the gathered group of ancestors that opens the way to achievement. This is a time for great things, a time of extended good fortune.

*Direction:* Look within to find the way out. Find supportive friends. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

#### SIX AT THIRD

**Gathering Them, then lamenting.**

**No direction is advantageous.**

**Going on is not a mistake. Being Small brings distress.**

*Go on and penetrate the above.* As soon as you begin to gather together with others, a flood of sorrow and painful memories swamps you. There is really nothing you can do here. Release the spirit of the new. It is not a mistake. If you simply try to adapt to the situation, you will be covered in distress and confusion.

*Direction:* Be open to a new influence. It will couple you with a creative force.

#### NINE AT FOURTH

**Gathering Them. Wise Words! The Great Way opens.**

**This is not a mistake.**

*This is not an appropriate situation.* The Great Way opens from this gathering. You can do anything you want now if you act with a full and loving heart. The Great Way is open. Nothing you do would be a mistake. Take action.

*Direction:* Change your group. Strip away old ideas. Be open and provide what is needed.

#### NINE AT FIFTH

**Gathering Them in ranks. Great Works.**

**This is not a mistake. You do not need to offer victims.**

**Trial: an ever-flowing source.**

**The cause of sorrow disappears.**

*The purpose is not yet shining.* You have a position in this gathering, a long-term source of energy and inspiration. You do not need to make a sacrifice. Keep exploring it by asking the oracle. As you do, doubt and sorrow will disappear and all will come clear.

*Direction:* Gather energy in order to act when the call comes. Re-imagine the situation. Gather energy for a decisive new move.

#### SIX ABOVE

**Gathering Them. Great Works.**

**'Sighs and sobs, tears and moans.'**

**This is not a mistake.**

*This is not yet tranquil above.* Like rites at a funeral, these tears will release the spirit and make a greater connection between people. Expressing emotion is not a mistake. It opens blocked communication.

*Direction:* Communication is obstructed. Proceed step by step. Gather energy for a decisive new move.