Section 4: characters and the first two-character works

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Master Eri Takase's fourth six lessons: 見 and 喜, and four works of two characters, 天地, 春風, 克己 and 洗心, where the two are brushed as one piece. For practice, print out the samples for reference. The pages after this one are her sheets, one to a page: lay one under your practice paper and write over it, or dry-brush on the page itself. Each comes in two: her finished model (お手本, *otehon*), and the same model with the brush's path, direction and stroke order marked in red. Print every page at 100 %, not "fit to page".

Lesson 19: 見, see

It can also be read as *ken* as in 一見 which is read *ikken* meaning "glance." The style of *tatega* we will use is the *ro* or dewdrop. The two horizontal lines are spaced roughly equidistant however the inner rectangle is slightly smaller than the two outer rectangles.

Lesson 20: 天地, heaven and earth

天地 combines the character for sky 天, *ten*, and ground 地, *chi*. At the end of the line, raise the brush a bit and then again gently press down.

Lesson 21: 春風, spring wind

harukaze 春風 combines Spring 春 *haru* and Wind 風 *kaze*. The first two *yokoga* are slanted slightly upward.

Lesson 22: 克己, self-restraint

Notice that the word is read *kokki* and not *kokuki*! Start the *yokoga* just left of center.

Lesson 23: 洗心, clear mind

senshin 洗心 means Clear Mind and combines *sen* 洗 meaning "to clean" and *shin* 心 meaning "mind" or "heart." The second *ten* is more horizontal.

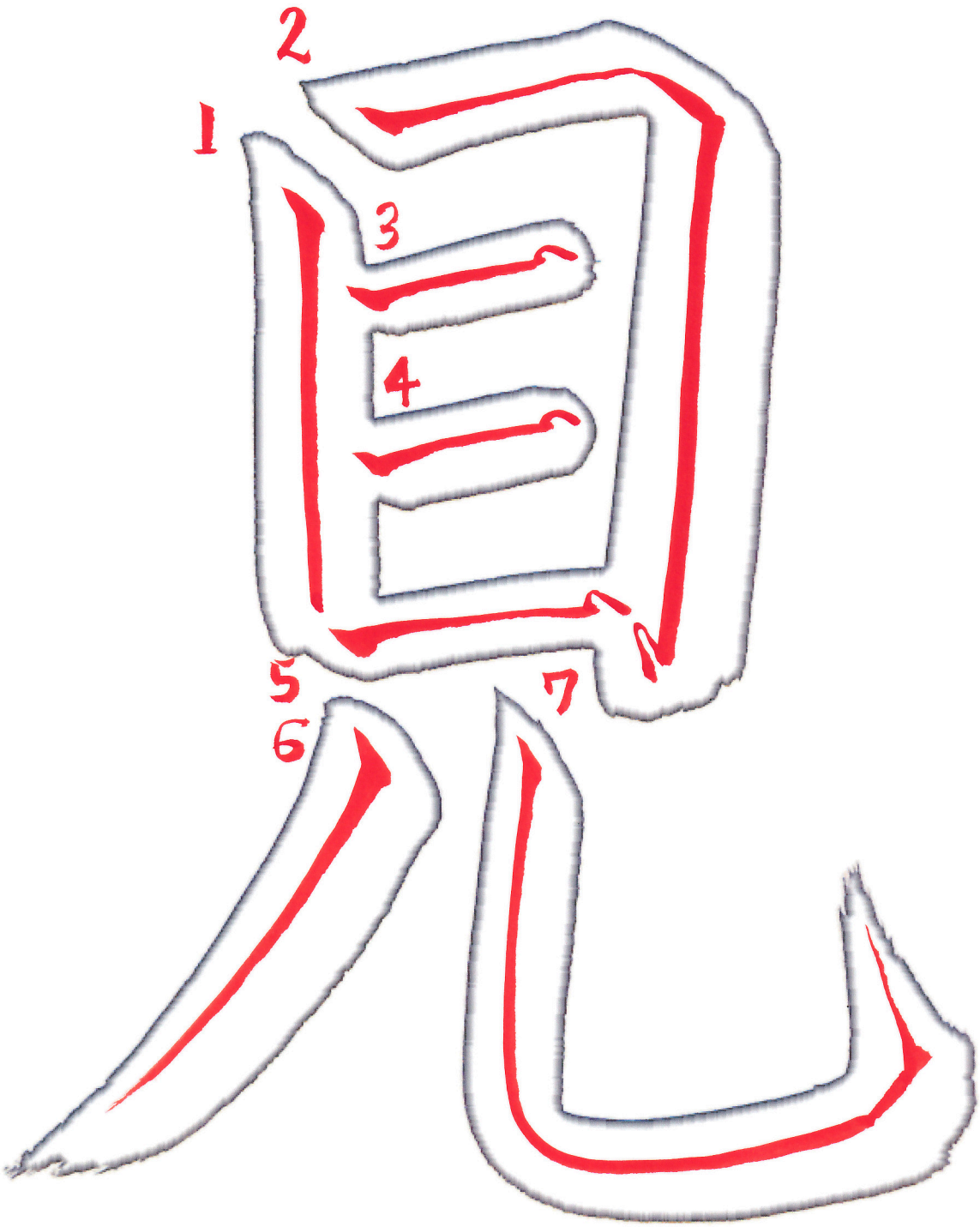
Lesson 24: 喜, joy

The top part should be tightened up a bit. There is too much space between the two *yokoga*. However, we cannot work on balance unless the lines and strokes themselves are fundamentally strong.

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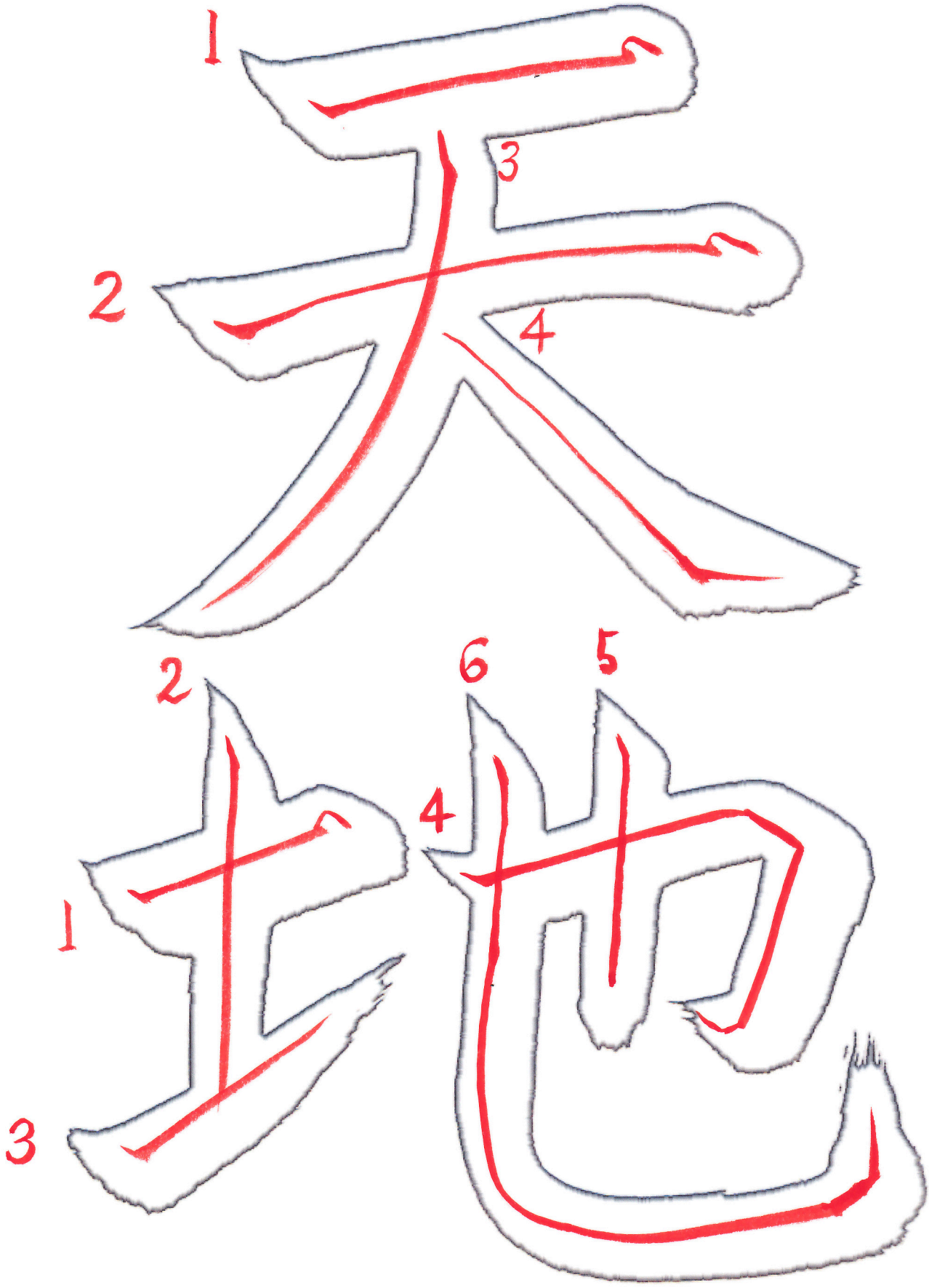
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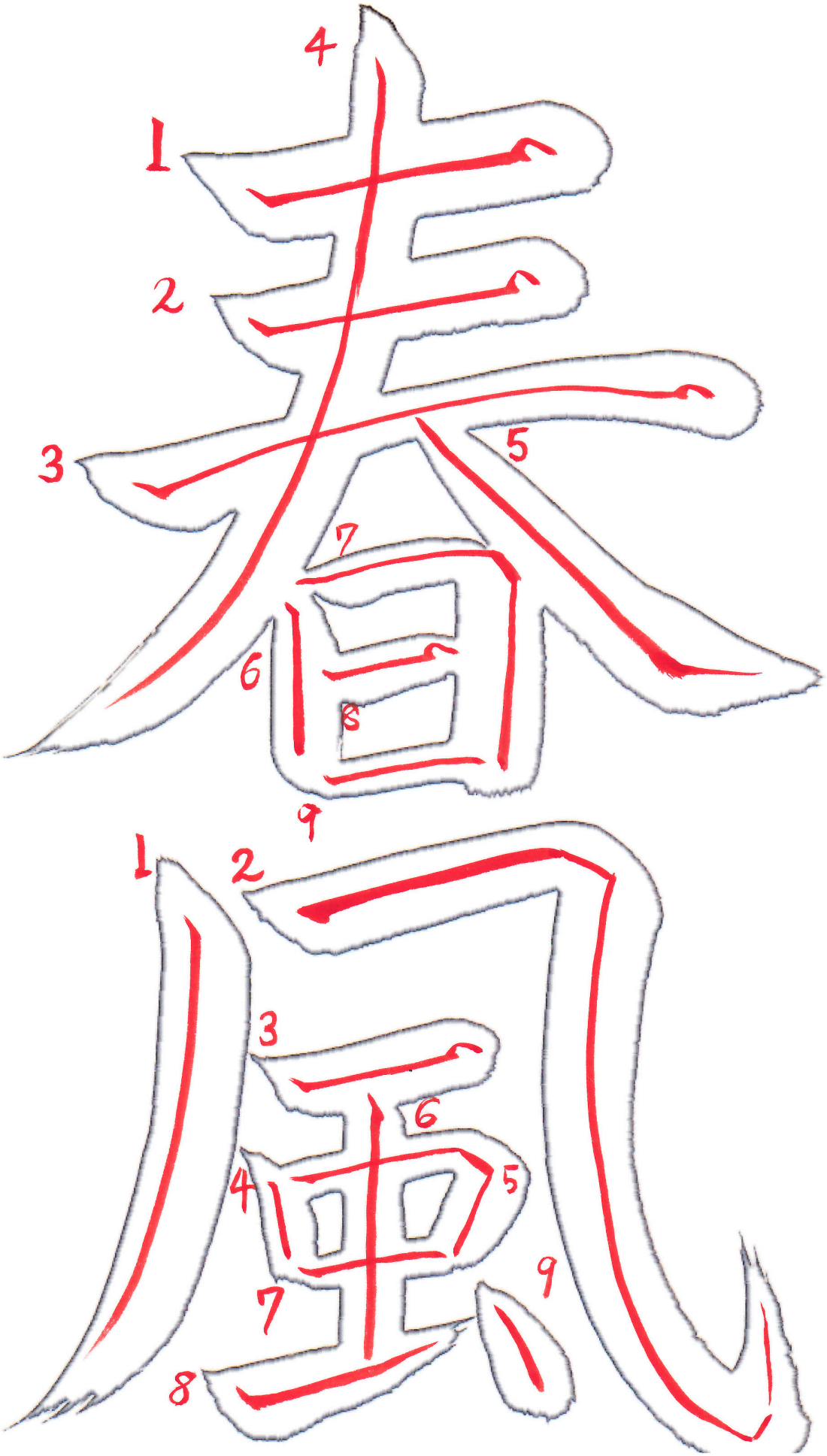
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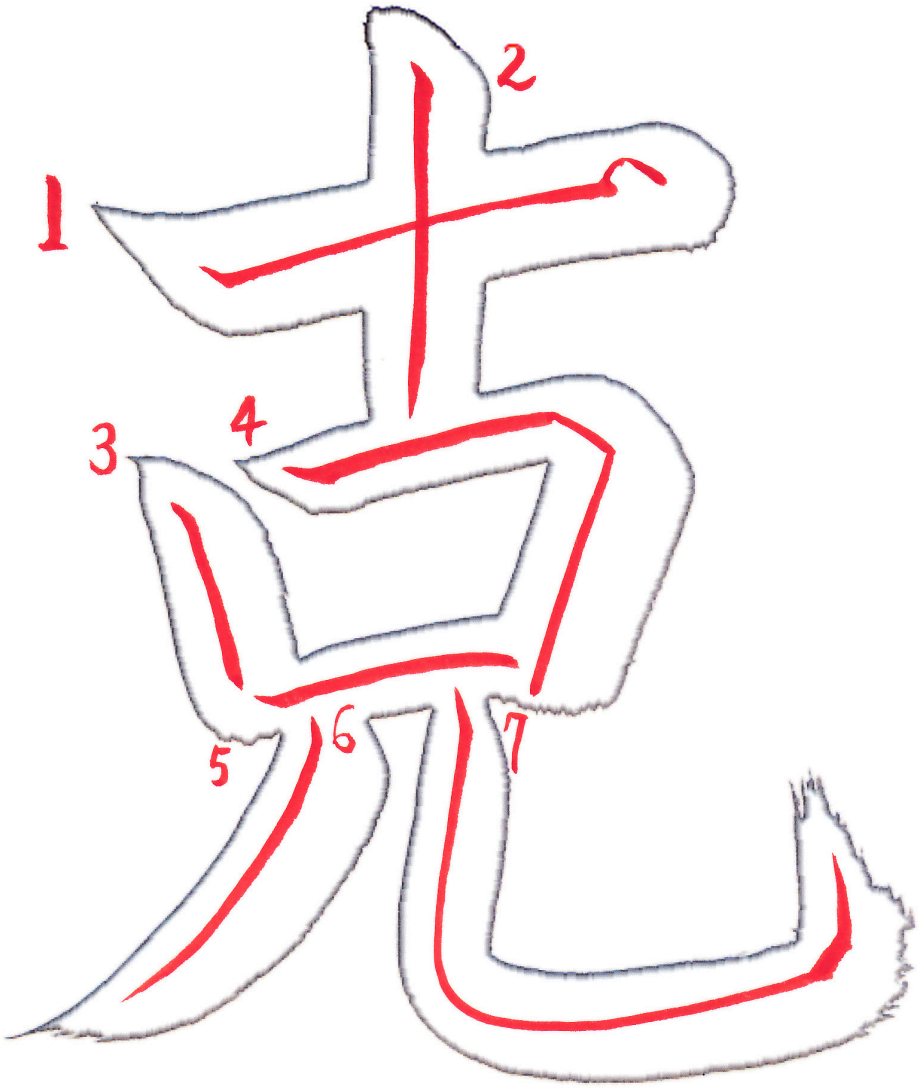
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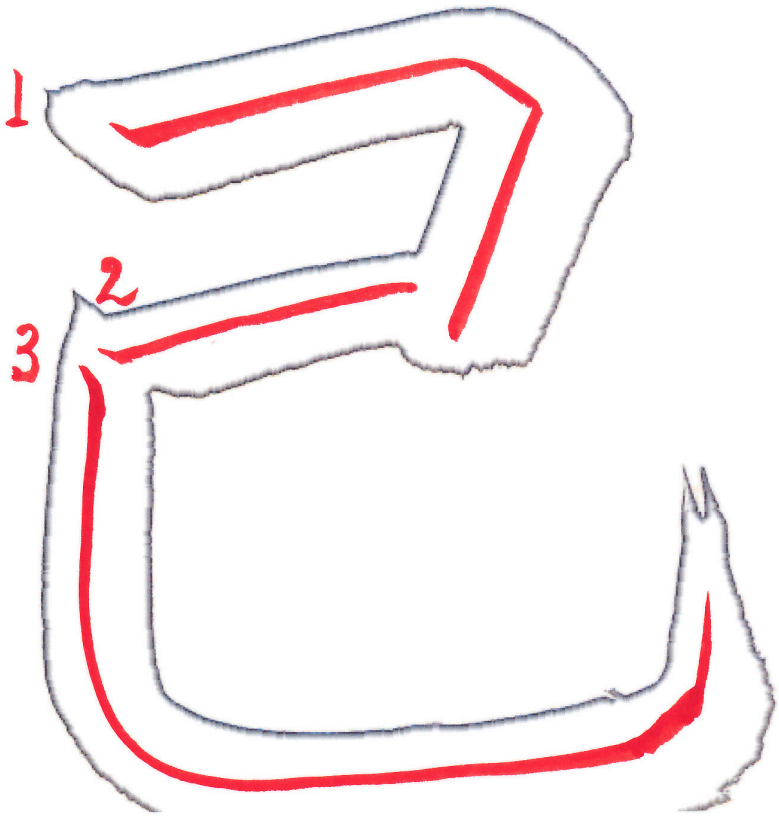


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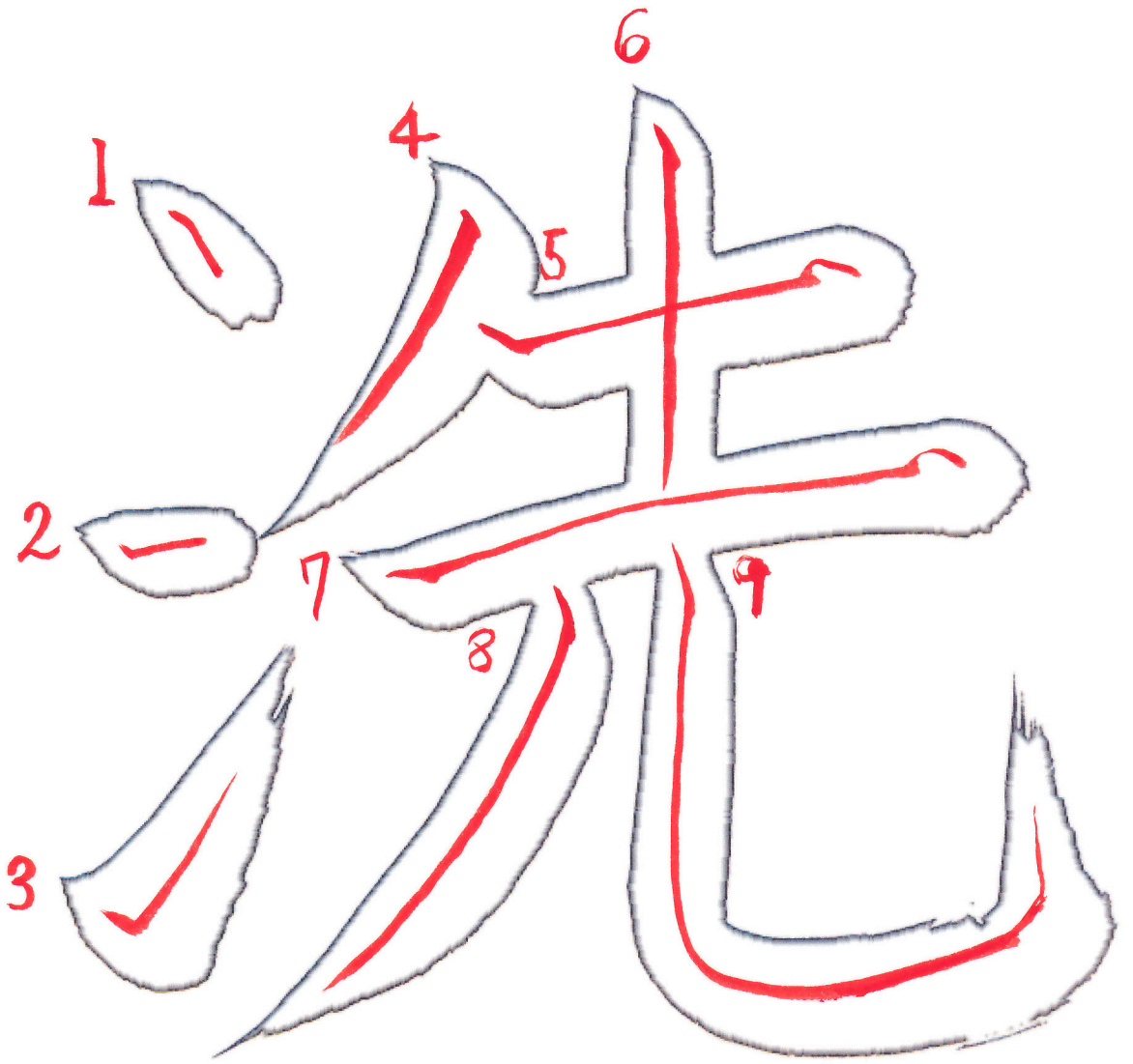


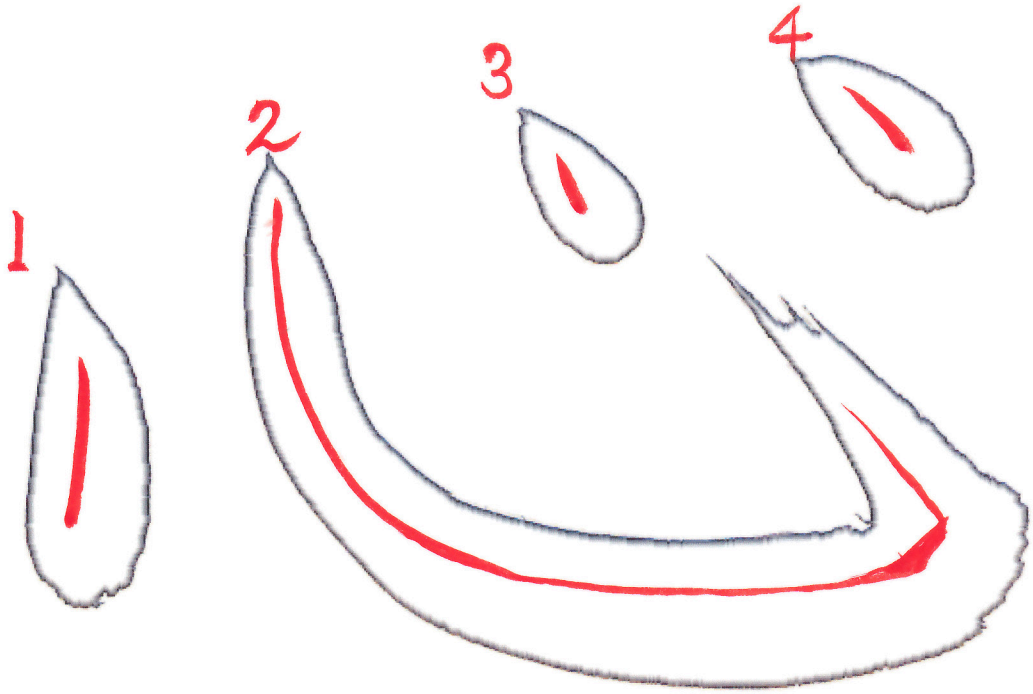


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Lesson 23: 洗心 · *senshin* (Clear Mind) 洗心
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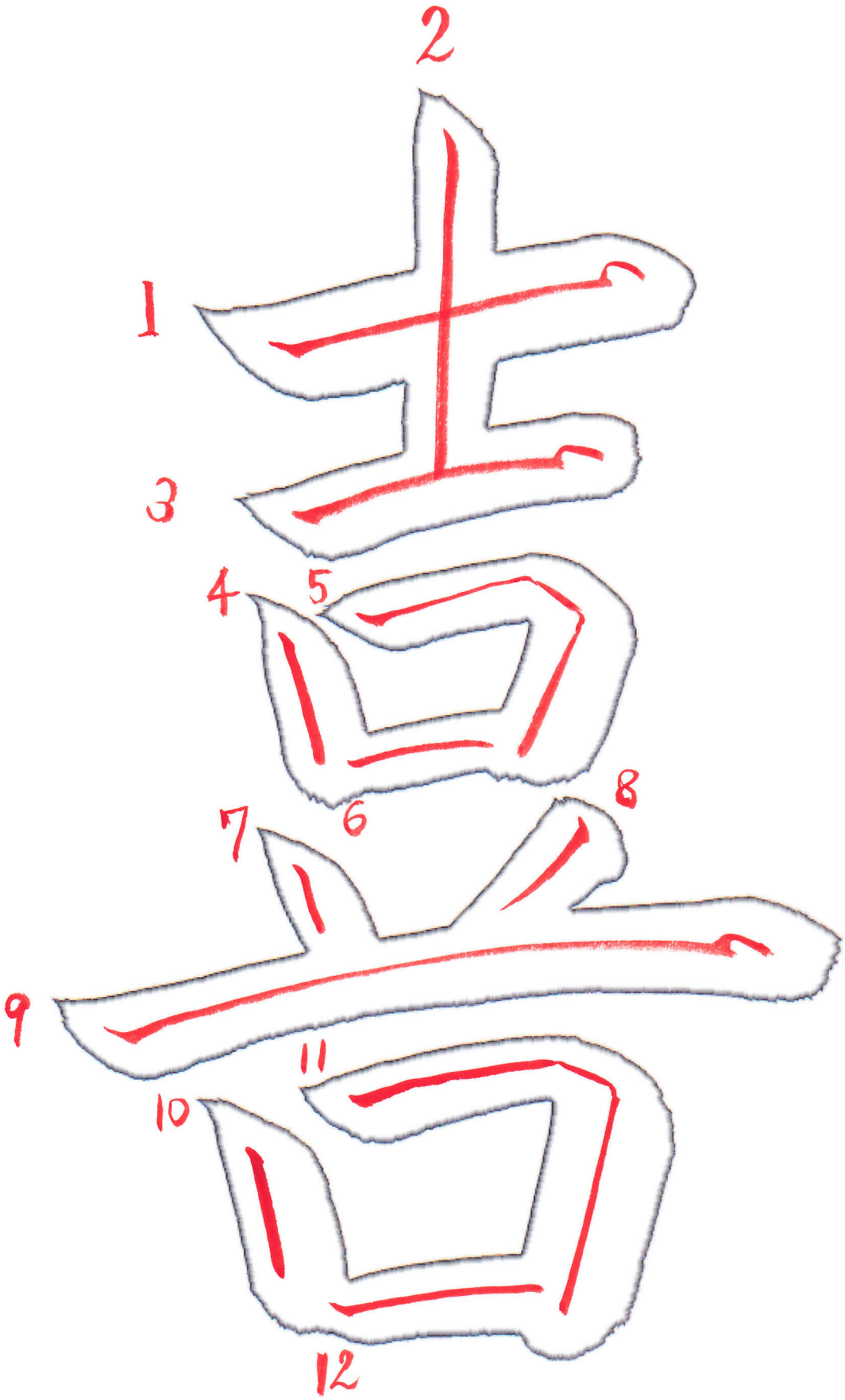




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