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adj.

Directed or tending toward a goal or purpose; purposeful.

[Greek *telikos*, from *telos*, end; see **k^wel-¹** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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