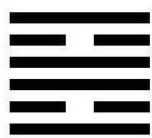


Hexagram 30 - Clarity



Light of clarity.

Benefit from clarity.

Balance with yielding to the spirit.

Significant.

Structure:

- Inner clarity ☱, outer clarity ☷. Inner and outer clarity are one clarity.
- The open yielding lines cling to the strong lines. Within each trigram, openness and yielding are central.

The dark clings to the light like the moon reflecting the sun. People commonly cling to others they depend upon, to their culture, and to the work they do. Within hierarchic cultures, people cling to their exceptionalism, what they want, and their willingness to harm others to get what they want, ignoring the wholeness of Earth Interbeing and the spirit moving within their lives.

Sages cling to wholeness and yield to the spirit without resistance, becoming selfless. Bringing to life the ways of wholeness of Earth Interbeing into the world depends upon our subduing and restraining self-cherishing and hostility for others.

All have the capacity for a spiritual life. Wisdom, seeing things from the perspective of the wholeness of Earth Interbeing, depends upon spiritual knowing. This bright discernment of intuition differs from quantifying reality or dissecting the whole into parts. Within the light of clarity, we know with as much certainty *what is* as what we see in the bright light of the sun. Actions based on this knowing result in a lasting influence.

Sages know and cultivate the sacred dynamics within their lives and community and respond to experience in ways that renew their harmony and balance. With a spiritual understanding, they penetrate harmful beliefs and transform them through the ways of wholeness with the Earth Interbeing.¹ They choose to make the spirit visible in the world by living in the ways of wholeness with Earth Interbeing. Through the clarity of wisdom, sages deepen their spiritual being and fathom their wholeness with the Earth Interbeing ever more clearly, causing the light of the spirit to spread farther and farther.

Sages adhere to the ways of wholeness. Rather than force their way through challenging experiences, they penetrate the moment with understanding to discern how to act with clarity, transforming negative reactions into compassion for what dissatisfies. When we do not know how to respond to difficult and confusing situations, we need to clarify our understanding of the ways of wholeness to discern the way forward. Deepening our spiritual wisdom transforms confusion into comprehension.

¹ **Ways of Wholeness:** We interbe with all our sacred Earth Interbeing relations with love, respect, and care. We know the sacred within all our interactions and open to the loving path through problems and dangers. We live within Earth limits and moral bounds to sustain the sacred balance and harmony of the Earth Interbeing. We reciprocate what we have taken and share the gifts we receive. We lovingly fulfill our own responsibilities to the Earth Interbeing as whole beings, encouraging others to do the same. (Rev. 7-16-24)

No fire burns without fuel. In the same way, restoring and renewing the balance and harmony of Earth Interbeing provides the sage with the spiritual energy needed to respond well to change and to shape the ongoing creative flux. The power of knowing brings wisdom to our actions and lives.

Line 1: At the beginning, the line sees many possible paths to move through a confusing and difficult situation. The wise keep centered on the ways of wholeness and discern their path carefully.

Line 2: Sage radiate the light of clarity. They follow the ways of wholeness to care for the Earth Interbeing, proving their devotion to the spirit and the spiritual path.

Line 3: The setting sun reflects life's impermanence. When caught in this external bondage of mortality, people often lose their resolve for wholeness with the Earth Interbeing. The sense of inescapable decline and death impels them to uninhibited indulgence to enjoy life while it lasts or to lament aging. Such unfortunate attitudes spoil our lives. Sages care not whether death comes early or late but await their allotted time. Even though they recognize that old age leads to oblivion, they simply continue to deepen their interbeing with Earth and all life.

Line 4: The line rushes out to achieve but then comes back, unprepared for the difficulties it confronts, achieving nothing. It burns with energy, then, like ashes, becomes fixed, stagnant. The line cannot bear the burdens of life.

Line 5: The line understands change and how to change itself. It overcomes its resistance to change and accepts the losses that change entails. The line transforms its self-centeredness into caring for the Earth Interbeing, a true change of heart.

Line 6: Self-discipline subdues our willingness to harm others. With clarity, the sage pulls out its harmful beliefs by their roots but tolerates harmless ones. Overly strict asceticism, like undue severe punishment, fails in its purpose. Within the world, we get rid of the roots of harm and save what furthers us in the good. In this way the symptoms resolve themselves.