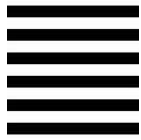


## Hexagram 1 – The Creator



*Unceasing Change.*

*Sacred wholeness.*

**Structure:** Lower trigram represents the Creator’s power within being. The upper trigram represents the Creator’s power within Creation.

**Time:** This hexagram marks the fourth month in the Chinese calendar, May to June, when the light-giving power grows the strongest.

The Creator brings forth Creation and shines through all that we experience. We lack the capacity to know or even imagine the Creator. Even though we cannot define the Creator, the Creator defines us. We have no language to speak of the Creator, yet the Creator makes knowable the sacred ways of living with others on Earth and instructs us how to unfold the sacred ways within ourselves and in community. We experience the Creator as love, which imbues Creation. Love relates all to each other and to the Creator.

The Creator constantly extends and transforms Creation. We experience the never ceasing flux of the creation as change. Change does not impede but serves as the means to make the Creative potential actual, which unfolds in clear sequence. Yet through all change, the unchanging sacred ways endures. The wise see the mysteries of the Creator in the end and beginning, in death and in life, in dissolution and growth.

Among people, the Creator acts through the wise, those who awaken and nurture the spiritual being of others. Sages live the ways of the sacred in the world, bringing to life the fundamental spiritual laws of balance and harmony that govern all of Creation’s interrelationships. We have the sacred responsibility to live in harmony with all of Creation and to give back to Creation in some form what we take for our survival.

The Creator holds all beings in interrelationships of mutual neediness and care. Life depends upon the Earth and each other for survival and well-being, causing a great and lasting loving harmony to arise. The wise cultivate the conditions that make it possible for everything to thrive in their place, which brings about the wholeness of Earth Interbeing.

We experience creativity within our lives when we make connections between things we had considered unrelated. This creativity occurs when we breakthrough how our culture has conditioned us to view ourselves and the world and begin to know ourselves, all life, and Earth, and Creation as a sacred interbeing. Creatively, we bring the ways of wholeness with the Earth Interbeing to life when we move in its sacred ways.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **Ways of Wholeness with Earth Interbeing:** We interbe with all our sacred Earth Interbeing relations with love, equality, 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 gift back 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. We accept responsibility for the consequences of our actions. (Rev. 10-6-24)

Some deny the sacred and our common responsibilities to care for the Earth Interbeing, deliberately distancing themselves from the ways of wholeness. They imagine themselves greater than the sacred and view Creation as their property. By cultivating their self-cherishing and willingness to harm, they impose their will harshly upon others and the Earth without concern for the harms they inflict. Such an unnatural path dooms itself. Those who seek to climb so high that they hold themselves above all will fail.

### **The Lines**

**Line 1:** The sage does not yet act in the world but rather deepens its spiritual being in obscurity. It waits for the opportunity to bring forth the ways of wholeness into life.

**Line 2:** The sage appears. It has many possibilities to unfold the sacred ways of wholeness but has not yet clearly discerned its way forward. Within this uncertainty, the line deepens its spiritual being for guidance in how to best serve the Earth Interbeing.

**Line 3:** The sage's abundant energy matches its increased activity in the world. At the end of the day, it considers the influence it has had upon others to learn how to become free of blame. The sage remains in touch with the dawning time and its demands.

**Line 4:** The line has reached a place of transition. It can freely choose between the way of the sage who seeks solitude or who actively engages the world. No general law favors one path over the other. Sages remain true to the sacred path and manifest the spirit in ways most suited to them.

**Line 5:** The sage has entered its field of activity to bring forth ways of wholeness. The sage has delivered itself from what harms and extends to others its blessings and wisdom.

**Line 6:** The line imagines itself greater than the sacred creation. It enforces its will harshly without concern for the harms it inflicts. Such an unnatural path dooms itself. Those who seek to climb so high that they hold themselves above all necessarily fail.