

Hexagram 35 – Sacred Wisdom



Reaching sacred wisdom.

The equanimous sage extends the blessings of the sacred to benefit all.

Sacred wisdom shines brighter than the sun.

Structure: Fire ☲ above. Earth ☷ below. The Earth Interbeing below, wisdom of sacred above.

Image: The sun rises above the Earth with ever widening clarity and expansion. The higher the sun rises, the brighter it becomes, rising over that which darkens.

Entanglement with self-cherishing, hostility for others and complicity with what harms obscure sacred wisdom, like clouds hiding the sun. The wise free themselves of these obstructions and deepen their spiritual being. The sacred shines ever brighter within their lives, like the bright noonday sun on a clear day.

The hexagram tells the story of a feudal lord, entrusted by the emperor with governing a province, who dispenses gifts to benefit the people. The accomplished sage disperses the sacred wisdom it has received to others for the benefit of all.

The wise follow the course traced by wisdom to fulfill their sacred duties. They never forget their dependence upon the sacred or the Earth Interbeing for their lives and wisdom. Neither do they take credit or feel special for the sacred wisdom they have received. Such beings do not abuse their influence for self-benefit but persist in their efforts to serve creation.

The wise yield to ways of the sacred Earth Interbeing¹ in the midst of difficulties. They persistently hold to the transformative power of love as they have faith in it and know their path as gradual yet certain. Over time, the unreceptive becomes receptive and come to care for the Earth Interbeing.

When we follow the sacred and align our lives with the ways of Earth Interbeing, our wisdom grows, like the rapid and easy rising of the sun with ever greater warmth and illumination.

¹ **The Ways of the Sacred Earth Interbeing:** We worship the sacred through our care for Creation. We interbe with Creation, relating to all with equality, respect, and care so that life continues and thrives on Earth. We know the sacred ways for Creation to continue and thrive and to overcome what keeps us apart. We know and respond to the mutual neediness of life in ways that further the harmony of Earth Interbeing. We know and care for our place as the ground upon which we preserve the balance of Earth Interbeing by reciprocating for what we take through our stewardship of the Earth Interbeing. We live within interbeing's moral boundaries and Earth limits and learn from our life lessons how to overcome what keeps us apart. We live as unique beings in the ways of the Earth Interbeing to preserve Creation's harmony and balance and to overcome what keeps us apart. We respond to whatever we experience in the ways of the Earth Interbeing and hold ourselves accountable for our actions.
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Devoted beings with an unobscured connection shape the condition in which others, all life, and the Earth can flourish. We feel fulfilled when we care for the Earth Interbeing.

Line 1: The line does not have the willing cooperation of others to advance. Instead, it acts on its own in ways that benefit all.

Line 2: Although the line works for the benefit of all, conditions make its work difficult. However, the Earth Interbeing blesses the line with wisdom for its caring efforts.

Line 3: The line strives confidently onward with the support of many and fulfills the common purpose to care for Earth Interbeing, without cause for remorse or regrets.

Line 4: The line represents those who personally benefit from having a responsible position, not a secure position. The line fears and hates the lines below as they are certain to advance because of their devotion to the spiritual path. In the growing light of the time, others clearly see its selfish actions, placing the line in danger.

Line 5: The line overcomes its self-cherishing and hostility for others and now has a calm heart, free of fear and filled with compassion. The line moves away from its self-centeredness and toward the spiritual blessings of caring for Earth Interbeing.

Line 6: The strong top line represents the peak of advancing with firm strength. Such behavior inevitably leads to using force to impose its will upon others. The line has only itself to blame for the harm it causes. Those who adhere to the ways of Earth Interbeing do not act in this manner.