

Hexagram 13 – Harmonizing People



*People tending toward merging with interbeing.
Spiritual influence nourishing all.
Benefit from approaching the sacred realm on Earth
Benefit from the ways of the ways of the Earth Interbeing.*

Structure:

- Inner clarity ☵, outward strength ☷. First wisdom, then creative action.
- Creative expressing knowing. Knowing the Creative.

Image Tradition

Harmonizing people.

Those who yield attain their place and equanimity,

And moves toward untiring spiritual energy.

Named: harmonizing people.

Harmonizing people move toward nature.

Sacred influence.

Benefit from fulfilling the great purpose to care for others, life, and the Earth.

Spiritual energy moving indeed.

Persistence in following the ways of Earth Interbeing.

Equanimity correct and harmonizing.

A sage correct indeed.

Verily a sage actions penetrate freely and reciprocally,

Bringing to life the ways of the sacred.

We experience two realms: the parts and the wholeness of the sacred Earth Interbeing. Oppressive cultures divide the world between Us and Them, self and other. The Us might include those who have the same family, associates, skin color, and nationality. Rejecting others opens to inequality, racism, genocide, species extinction, and Earth devastation.

Earth and all life belong within the sacred whole, the Earth Interbeing. Life has no hierarchy of higher or lower, simpler or more complex, primitive or advanced. Instead, we live as equals with all beings as all beings surrender to the ways of the sacred. We all share the same natural processes. All beings live within a mutually interdependent interbeing, not a collection of isolated, individual parts.

Harmonizing with other beings means having the capacities to get along with others, to interbe with them. All life has the same purpose as the whole – for life to continue on Earth. We all depend upon each other, the Earth, and the sun for food, which makes us interdependent. Through the mutuality of reciprocal care and interbeing, we learn how to free ourselves of our self-centeredness and to nurture the balance and harmony of the whole within ourselves and in the interbeing of our place. The Earth Interbeing becomes our teacher in how to live harmoniously.

The wholeness of Earth Interbeing comes from the inclusion of all being within it and draws all to it. The whole emerges out of the harmonious interactions of individual beings with each other and the

Earth, all moving within the ways of the sacred. Because we share the common purpose of life continuing on Earth, we find ways to cooperate and harmonize our efforts. The love for the sacred, Earth, and life unites all and transforms beings into a devoted gathered community of interbeing. Out of this devotion to the sacred creation arises the harmony of the Earth Interbeing.

Even though our culture may not attain interbeing within our lifetime, we persist in following the ways of the Earth Interbeing¹. Relating with others openly in ways that benefit all, without preference and prejudice, brings about a great fellowship of life that leads into interbeing. Knowing Earth Interbeing opens us to the sacred realm of Earth and life. Harmonizing our lives with the living Earth opens us to sacred blessings.

Line 1: Within a harmonious interbeing, relationships have no personal bias, no prejudice, no preferences, no self-centeredness. Beings relate to others equally without divergent aims or secret agreements. All have equal access to the basic principles of Earth Interbeing and the common purpose to care for all.

Line 2: In this situation, people associate only with those based on the similarity of kind. They claim greater rights and privileges than those they deem less worthy than they, the path of shame and harm. Those on the spiritual path renounce this way of relating with others.

Line 3: Hatred, dishonesty, and ambition consume this unbalanced line. It wants what it does not have the right to have; thus, it resorts to cunning, claiming what it wants by rights of privilege. As long as the line persists in this path, it cuts itself off from enjoying life and the spirit. The wise move toward an inner, settled calm.

Line 4: The reconciliation that follows a conflict approaches. Dividing walls still separate one from another, but the consequences of aggression prove too great, bringing the line to its senses. The line recognizes it can no longer justify its harming others and the Earth for self-benefit, which marks a turn for the better.

Line 5: For people to come together and harmonize requires mutual adherence to the great ways of Earth Interbeing and impartiality, both in word and deed. Beings become interbeings, the parts transform into a whole.

Line 6: The line does not attain the sought for Earth Interbeing within the world, but the time has not come for that possibility. Nevertheless, the line joins others of like-mind to prepare the needed conditions for the recovery of our wholeness with the Earth Interbeing.

¹ **The Ways of the Sacred Earth Interbeing:** We worship the sacred through our care for Creation. We interbe with the Wholeness of the Earth Interbeing, interacting with all through 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. (2/23/25)