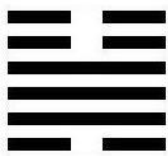


## Hexagram 32 – Enduring Ways of Wholeness



*Staying on the sacred path.*

*Spiritual influence nourishing all.*

*Without fault.*

*Benefit from living the ways of the sacred Earth Interbeing.<sup>1</sup>*

*Benefit from bringing forth the wholeness of the Earth Interbeing.*

**Structure:** Outward movement ☰, inner gentleness and devotion ☷. The outward movement of duration depends upon an inner devotion.

### Image Tradition

Enduring ways of wholeness.

Enduring indeed.

The solid above and-also the supple below.

Action and wisdom reciprocally supporting.

Grounded and emerging.

Solid and supple harmonizing.

Enduring ways of Wholeness.

One nurtures without fault the enduring ways of wholeness.

Benefit from perseverance.

Staying with one's path,

the path of the sacred Earth Interbeing.

Staying on the sacred path that continues and never ends.

Benefit from caring for the Earth Interbeing.

Every end has a beginning.

Sun and moon receive sacred blessings and offer illumination.

The four seasons: gradual changes and also the ordering of needed work.

The sage endures on its sacred path and gradually changes the world of people in ways that fulfills its sacred duties to care for the Earth Interbeing.

Making its place on Earth that it shares with other beings where the sage brings the sacred path of wholeness to life,

In the same ways that all life of the sacred Earth Interbeing actualizes the sacred vision.

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The wholeness of the Earth Interbeing emerges when all beings persevere in interacting with other beings and the Earth in the sacred ways. No being or species invents its own purpose and values, but

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<sup>1</sup> **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. (12/23/24)

rather all follow the purpose to benefit the wholeness of Earth Interbeing and live the values of wholeness. All life furthers the balance and harmony of the Earth Interbeing and receives from wholeness the gifts of life continuing on Earth. Wholeness endures by life obeying the sacred will to care for each other, all life, and the Earth Interbeing.

Duration of wholeness arises when Earth Interbeing embodies the sacred ways. Our care of the Earth Interbeing deepens our spiritual being and renews our capacities to compassionately interbe. Wisdom and action support the other: wise action and enacted wisdom. Persevering in our sacred path leads to the wholeness of the Earth Interbeing enduring.

Persistence alone does not support wholeness. Some may seek persistently in the wrong places, searching forever without finding what they seek. Others constantly busy themselves with unceasing activity, clinging to inconstancy as a constant. Such movement may endure but accomplishes nothing. We will not find what we seek if we do not follow the sacred ways.

Neither does enduring mean sticking to one's corner and not changing. Any fixation does not last. The Earth Interbeing constantly changes. Whatever does not change comes to an end. Sages constantly recover and preserve the balance and harmony of wholeness. The sage remains constant in following the sacred ways of the Earth Interbeing.

The sacred path persists over time and does not get worn down by hindrances. A great imbalance requires careful reflection and gradual work over a long period of time to rebalance. The sage embodies the conditions necessary to move through change by persevering in the ways of the Earth Interbeing.

Through all changes, the union of the sacred and wholeness endures. By keeping their inner strength greater than external circumstances, sages embody the conditions necessary to transform and dissolve resistance to caring for the Earth Interbeing, just as constantly dripping water sculpts rock.

**Line 1:** The line attempts to quickly solve a difficult challenge and acts ignorantly. The situation at this point calls for a careful discernment of the situation and how to respond wisely.

**Line 2:** The line endures in the sacred path and avoids all regret by keeping its balance and harmony with wholeness.

**Line 3:** The line does not consistently adhere to the spiritual path as it cannot tolerate what arises in experience. It remains at the mercy of hopes and fears aroused by the outer world, which leads to distressing experiences and humiliation. The line cannot bear the burdens of life

**Line 4:** We must pursue in the right way what we seek. The line represents persistence in seeking spiritual wisdom without considering its own attitude, beliefs, and behaviors, all of which hinder its efforts. The line wastes its life and achieves nothing. Those who calmly devote themselves to practicing the sacred ways within themselves as well as in the world have what they seek.

**Line 5:** Sages discern how to respond to challenging, changing situations in ways that benefit all. They do not yield to culturally conditioned emotional reactions of aversion and grasping.

**Line 6:** The restless line does not attain an inner calm. It does not endure in the path but moves from one thing to the next without fulfilling its responsibility to care for the Earth Interbeing.