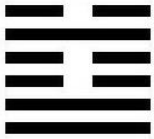


Hexagram 60 Articulating Parts of the Whole



Articulating parts of a whole.

Spiritual influence pervading all.

Disharmonious separation inflicts suffering and not the way of wholeness.

Image Tradition

Articulating parts of the whole.

Spiritual influence pervading all.

Firmness and yielding balanced, firmly centered on the sacred.

Disharmonious interactions inflict suffering, not the way of wholeness.

Rousing to interaction by motivation and challenges.

The wise know boundaries and connections of the parts of the whole.

The whole uses reciprocal interpenetrating of parts for its balance.

The sacred Earth Interbeing furthers its parts and endures.

The whole cuts away from its parts what harms.

Not injuring the valued.

Not harming the interbeing.

Structure: Water ☵ above lake ☱, danger over interaction. Interacting despite danger.

The sacred whole of the Earth Interbeing clearly articulates the complex boundaries and innumerable interactions of its parts. The parts, themselves wholes, do the same for their parts, being also wholes in which other wholes nest. We participate in the mystery of being enmeshed in the wholeness of the Earth Interbeing.

At each level, we have the capacity to correctly identify the parts of the whole and know their essential unity of all parts and levels. We know ourselves as unique beings who interact with other unique beings as equals. We know the sacred love and our beloved Earth Interbeing community. Our interactions with other parts/wholes further the purpose of the whole Earth Interbeing: the continuance of life on Earth in ways that benefit all.

We know our own unique being as a whole. Each of our parts/wholes knows us as a unique being, and we interact with other parts of our being as equals. We know the sacred love, and our beloved Earth being, and our Earth Interbeing community. Our being's parts interact with each other in ways that further our life as a being and furthers the purpose of the whole Earth Interbeing to continue life on Earth in ways that benefit all.

The separation of parts within the wholes of any level of the Earth Interbeing simultaneously establishes the identity of the parts and their connections with each other, their interbeing. No hierarchy, no inequalities separate one part from another. We mutually care for each other by caring for each other and the whole. If some part has a need that weakens it, we provide aid and support for

it to recover its strength. Parts return in some way to the whole being what we need to survive as a whole.

Whole beings at any level find meaning in what they experience as all have awareness, consciousness. People beings communicate meaning through the language of our interactions. We understand ourselves through the language of our feelings and emotions. We understand the majestic and beautiful whole Earth Interbeing through its language of patterns and limits.

As soon as we discern within ourselves a willingness to harm others for self-benefit, we must dissolve this impulse by holding it within a compassionate presence to recover our loving concern for all beings. The wise break up their rigidity of self-cherishing by gently penetrating their conditioned emotional reactions within awareness to free their emotions from the conditioned urges to act in harmful ways.

When dangerously threatened, the whole protects itself by separating from what harms it. The whole changes the very conditions that what harms depends upon for its survival. The Earth Interbeing does not harm the interbeing nor the principles and values of the whole. The wise know they depend upon the wholeness of Earth Interbeing for their survival and reciprocate for what they take from the Earth Interbeing to restore its wholeness.

The wise set as their goal the continuance of life on Earth, and the Earth Interbeing reciprocates by supporting the worthy efforts to recover interbeingness and wholeness. We free ourselves of the worldly concerns for wealth, power, validation, and comfort. Instead, we enter the world to selflessly rescue others by helping them get away from an existing danger or to find a way out of a danger already upon them.

Bringing to life the ways of wholeness¹ into community creates the conditions to collectively overcome the self-centeredness and willingness to harm others for self-benefit that divides us. What was rigid and solid melts into new forms.

Those who work to recover their wholeness and compassion for all have no danger in their hearts even though outwardly dangers may surround them. Sages always have a shrine, an inner refuge, the sacred Earth Interbeing in which they rest. As with any practice, we make mistakes. Yet any true virtuoso knows how to learn from mistakes and master the lessons that they offer.

The sage restores the connection with the sacred and reunites people with interbeing. Only those free of selfish ulterior designs and who persevere in the ways of the sacred Earth Interbeing can dissolve the hardness of self-cherishing and ill-will. In this way, the sage overcomes our separation from each other and the Earth Interbeing. The parts have no other purpose other than that of the whole.

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)

The wise remain pleased with their lives and focus on their duty to benefit all. They use difficulties to nourish joy and use joy to guard against imbalances. The situation may be up to others, but we can always choose to live the ways of wholeness.

Line 1: The line knows that present circumstances impede mutual understanding. The line wisely withdraws inward and quietly waits for the situation to change.

Line 2: It is good to hesitate when the time for action has not come but no longer. The wise quickly seize the moment when the time for action comes. Anxious hesitation leads to regret because of the missed opportunity.

Line 3: Those who do not adhere to the purpose of the whole suffer the consequences of their self-centeredness.

Line 4: The line contentedly lives the ways of the sacred Earth Interbeing, a path that brings blessings.

Line 5: The line joyfully lives the ways of the Earth Interbeing and centers its being on the sacred. Others come to honor it.

Line 6: In its efforts to overcome its separation from the whole, the line inflicts a severe discipline upon itself. While the line stops its harmful ways, it loses the will to follow the immoderate path of joyless asceticism.