

Hexagram 14 – Embodying the Great Purpose



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The sacred.

The sacred ways nourish all

Structure:

- Within dwells the firmness and power of the Sacred ☷. On the outside ☰, wisdom prevails.
- The empty line occupies the honored place and possesses all the strong lines.

Image Tradition

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The yielding acquires the honorable position: the great in the center.

And-also above and below harmonize with it.

Named: the great purpose.

One's sacred path: faithful and knowing the sacred wholeness within all.

The sage harmonizes with the sacred and moves within sacred time

To brings the ways of wholeness to the world and nourish all.

Pattern of Wisdom

Fire located above heaven. The great purpose.

A sage ends anger to prove the value of compassion,

And obeys the ways of wholeness to fulfill its sacred responsibilities to the Earth Interbeing.

Image: The sun in the sky radiates far and on everything, illuminating all.

The sacred commands life to care for each other and the Earth. The Earth Interbeing obeys this only command the sacred makes of life by furthering life on Earth in ways that benefit all, the great purpose. We become whole with the Earth Interbeing by living the sacred ways of the Earth Interbeing.¹ Every being centers their life on the great purpose and harmonizes with all other beings, the interbeing.

The wise recenter their lives on the great purpose to devote themselves to furthering the wellbeing of the Earth Interbeing. They use compassion to end their anger toward others and against

¹ **Ways of the Wholeness of the Earth Interbeing:** We worship the sacred through fulfilling the great sacred command to care for and further the Earth Interbeing. 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 and follow the sacred ways for all life may continue to interbe on Earth in ways that benefit all. 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 respond to whatever we experience in the ways of the Earth Interbeing and hold ourselves accountable for our actions. We honor and submit to the sacred ways. 04/29/25)

themselves, which we call self-harming. Anger and self-harming arise out of our ignorance about the conditions that trigger these destructive reactions. Both reveal our compulsive willingness to harm others or ourselves to defend our self-centeredness. Both ignore the suffering they cause and strengthen our willingness to harm for self-benefit.

Compassion looks for the interconnecting conditions that intersected in a moment of confusion, which gave rise to the willingness to harm and more ignorance. Compassion has the willingness to pause and not react harmfully so that we have the time to understand and penetrate the confusion. Compassion urges us to respond in ways that benefit all, the true meaning and purpose of our lives. Our capacities to end our willingness to harm and deepen our compassion measure the strength of our wholeness.

Overcoming our self-centeredness and harmful beliefs takes time and effort. We cannot know the next step on the path until we have mastered the lesson of the step in which we live, the meaning of sacred time. To keep moving through the lessons toward wholeness requires great resolve, patience, and faith in the transformative power of love.

Those who embody the great purpose do not doubt their path and clearly see the sacred within all. Others learn how to interbe with the Earth from their perceptions of how the wise live the ways of wholeness. The wise radiate wholeness and harmonize with the sacred ways of the Earth Interbeing, fulfilling the great purpose to further life on Earth.

Line 1: The line at the beginning of the path of wholeness has no relationship with what harms. Yet the line knows it will have to work hard to overcome the many obstacles and dangers ahead of it. In this way, the line has prepared itself and avoids what harms.

Line 2: The sacred path of wholeness carries those who use it to embodiment of the great purpose. Because of its great virtues and devotion to sacred work, the line becomes whole by repeatedly practicing the ways of wholeness and caring for all.

Line 3: Those centered on the wholeness with the Earth Interbeing become whole. The self-centered move into ever deeper confusion and harm.

Line 4: The line follows the sacred ways with humility and restraint. It uses wisdom to differentiate itself from what harms.

Line 5: The sage remains modest and lives wholeness. Others who experience the deep spiritual being of such sages feel transformed and open to the path of wholeness.

Line 6: The top line brings to life the sacred ways of wholeness with the Earth Interbeing and fully experiences sacred love and protection.