

Hexagram 1 – Sacred Power

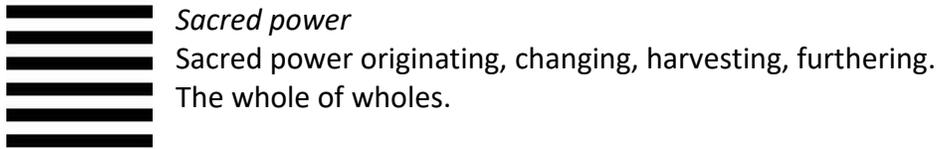


Image Tradition

Originating sacred energy.

The beginning of the Earth Interbeing.

Thereupon the sacred unfolding.

Clouds moving, rain spreading.

The Earth Interbeing flows into forms.

The sacred wisdom completes the beginning.

In the six positions the changes become whole.

The unfolding sacred ways of change lead to wholeness.

The powers of the sacred path transforms and changes all.

Each holding to the great sacred wholeness

Protection: aligning with the sacred harmony.

Thereupon harvesting and furthering.

Out of the need of the diverse myriad of beings for each other emerges the ways of the of the Earth interbeing.

The myriad beings align with the sacred ways to have wellbeing.

Patterns of Wisdom

Dynamic sacred power.

Sages draw upon sacred power to tirelessly further life.

Structure: Lower trigram represents the sacred's power within being. The upper trigram represents the sacred's power within the cosmos, the sacred universe.

The hexagram marks the fourth month in the Chinese calendar, May to June, when the light-giving power of the sun grows the strongest. The hexagram describes the powers of the sacred.

The sage represents people who have learned the sacred ways of how people can further life on Earth and bring those ways to life. Other kinds of being have their own ways appropriate to their kind of being. Yet all the different ways have the common purpose to further the Earth Interbeing so that all life may continue to live on Earth.

Power of Originating Sacredness of All

The sacred has the power to originate all. All are sacred. Beings know their lives depend upon the sacred and know the sacred through the powers of the sacred.

Power of Change Unfolding

The sacred unfolds originating through changes and transformation, continuously differentiating and transforming. Transformation denotes the sudden radical passage of one state to another. Change occurs gradually and often imperceptibly.

The sacred makes the sacred ways of change knowable through observable patterns: increase and decrease; opposites; the activities of the seasons; recurring cycles of life; interdependence; and reciprocity.

Life experiences the never ceasing sacred flux as change, the means by which potential actualizes. The stages of change unfold in a clear sequence: first origination and then protection of what the sacred brings forth. Life depends upon the ever renewing patterns of change. Life yields to the sacred changes.

The powers of the sacred path transforms and changes beings into sages. Sages hold to the sacred ways. They protect their sacred path by aligning their being with the sacred harmony.

Sages overcome what separates them from the sacred to become the vessels through which the sacred flows. They joyfully open to the sacred transforming them and nourish themselves on the unfolding of the sacred purpose within their lives. Sages use change to make visible the sacred within the world, knowing that from each action a new one follows without end.

Power of Harvesting Sacred Path

All life has an awareness of the sacred and the sacred ways. All life harvests the benefits of living the sacred way. The ceaseless strength of the sacred begets life and the experiences of life. Life abides in the sacred and draws upon sacred power to live the sacred ways. Nothing binds beings more firmly together than these sacred ways as all beings want to follow the sacred. In these ways, the Earth Interbeing strengthens, endures, and benefits all life and the Earth.

Power of Furthering Life on Earth Balance and Harmony

The sacred holds all beings within balanced, and harmonious relationships of the Earth Interbeing. The sacred transforms all beings so that each has interdependent relationships with other beings that furthers life on Earth.

Diverse beings each have their own ways to further life on Earth. Out of the interdependent needs of diverse beings for other beings and the Earth emerges the Earth interbeing. The myriad beings align with the sacred ways as their wellbeing depends upon their furthering life on Earth.

Sages further the sacred ways by aligning their being with the sacred harmony and balance through caring relationships and giving back to others and the Earth for what they took. Sages cultivate the conditions that make it possible for all to flourish within the sacred ways. Sages draw upon the sacred powers to awaken and nurture the spiritual being of others. They live and bring to life the sacred patterns.

The Lines

The sacred completes the sage through changes and transformations, as represented in the six positions of the lines.

Line 1: The line has not yet become a sage and, thus, does not fully express the sacred ways of the sage within the world.

Line 2: The line becomes a sage and rests within the sacred to accumulate its spiritual strength to further life on Earth. Yet even now, the line manifest the sacred ways of the sage within the world.

Line 3: The line brings forth the sacred ways of the sage into life. It vigilantly guards itself from harming others. By resting within the sacred, the line enduringly renews its strength to further life on Earth.

Line 4: The line has reached a place of transition. It can freely choose between the path of the holy sage who seeks solitude or the path that actively engages with the world. No general law favors one path over the other. Sages remain true to the path and bring to life the sacred ways of the sage in the manner most suited to them.

Line 5: The line has become a sage. It has delivered itself from what harms and extends to others its spiritual blessings through living the sacred ways of the sage.

Line 6: The line imagines itself greater than the sacred and the Earth Interbeing. It imposes its will harshly and without concern for the harms it inflicts. Such an unnatural path dooms itself. Those who seek to climb so high that they hold themselves above all and the sacred necessarily fail.