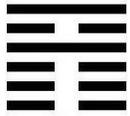


Hexagram 35 – Growing



Growing.

A confident sage uses its spirited strength for all to grow.

The sage brightens its bright virtue.

Image Tradition

Growing. Furthering indeed.

The sage's wisdom rises out the sacred nurturing Earth.

Yielding and-also clinging to the sacred.

By yielding to the sacred will, the sage furthers life on Earth.

The yielding of its will to the sacred transforms the sage.

A confident sage uses its spirited strength to nurture the spiritual growth of all.

The sage brightens its bright virtue.

Structure: Fire ☲ above. Earth ☷ below. Knowing what to do above yielding.

Image: The sun rises above the Earth with ever widening clarity and expansion. The higher the sun rises, the brighter it becomes.

The hexagram tells the story of a feudal lord, entrusted by the emperor with governing a province, who dispenses gifts to benefit the people. In the same way, sages disperse to others the sacred blessings they have received for the benefit of all.

The wise learn from the Earth how to yield to the sacred knowing by bringing to life the common values of furthering life on Earth.¹ They never forget their dependence upon the sacred or the Earth Interbeing for their lives and wisdom. By bringing to life the valued ways, wise become sages.

Danger arises when those who consider themselves sages become intoxicated with the spiritual realizations they have achieved. They relax their vigilance over their willingness to harm others and the Earth. Their behaviors conflict with the valued ways, and they lose what they have gained.

When we follow the sacred and align our lives with the values to further life on Earth, our knowing how to further life on Earth grows, like the rapid and easy rising of the sun with ever greater warmth and illumination. Devoted beings, with an unobscured connection with the

¹**Common Values of furthering life on Earth (work in progress): Common Values of furthering life on Earth (work in progress):** loving awareness of the sacred and the sacredness of all life, reverent contentment with the arising experience, surrendering to the sacred knowing how to further life on Earth, compassion, harmoniously interacting with others by knowing the sacred equality and unity of life, equitable sharing of the Earth commons, acting in valued ways that further life on Earth, and restoring and renewing our balance with Earth, life, and the sacred. By living in these ways, we deepen our loving awareness of the sacred and sacredness of all life.

sacred, cultivate the conditions for others to nurture their spiritual beings. In so doing, sages brighten their bright virtues.

Line 1: The line cultivates its sacred being but it has yet to conform its behavior to its values. However, it persists in following the sacred path to remove how its harms others and the Earth.

Line 2: Although the line works for the benefit of all, conditions make its work difficult. However, the line accepts the situation, remains aligned with the valued ways, and perseveres with sacred support.

Line 3: The line strives confidently to further life on Earth with the cooperation of many. Together, they fulfill their common purpose in valued ways.

Line 4: The line represents those who personally benefit from having a responsible position, not a secure position. In the growing light of the time, others clearly see its selfish actions, putting the line in danger.

Line 5: The line overcomes its self-centeredness and willingness to harm others for self-benefit. It now has a calm heart, free of worry. The line fulfills its sacred purpose to further life on Earth.

Line 6: The strong top line represents the peak of advancing with firm strength. Imposing one's will upon others leads to humiliation. The wise use such aggressive behavior only to discipline themselves.