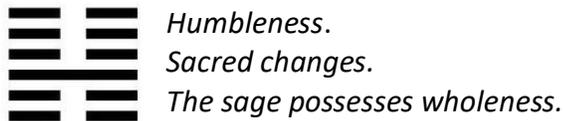


Hexagram 15 – Humbleness



Humbling.

Growing.

A jun zi possesses completing.

Image Tradition

Humbling, Sacred changes.

Sacred ways: completing purpose and shining wisdom.

Ways of the Earth Interbeing: humble and inspired by the sacred.

Sacred ways lessen overfilling and enhance humbling.

Ways of the Earth Interbeing transforms overfilling and extends humbling.

Sacred and sacredness harm overfilling and bless humbling.

People by nature hate overfilling and love humbling.

Humbling: noble and radiant.

Lowliness and not transgressive.

A sage's completion indeed

Structure: Mountain ☶ inside; the Receptive ☷ outside. Inwardly firm while outwardly yielding.

The wise do not consider themselves greater than other beings. They know the ways of the sacred and the Earth Interbeing.¹ All life and the Earth yield to the sacred. All life shares the sacred purpose to care for Creation so that life may continue.

Sages remain humble, like the Earth, nourishing all and bearing the burdens that life places upon them. The humble know the sacred ways to serve the Earth Interbeing. They care for life and the place they interbe with life, the place the sacred planted them. Earth interbeings have humility and open to sacred knowing of how to live with others on Earth.

The humble decreases inequality and increases humbling by applying to life the valued ways of sacredness. The sacred and the Earth Interbeing harm the arrogant and bless the humble. People naturally hate arrogance and love the humble.

The honorable ways of humbling illuminate our sacred natures of compassion, generosity, and lovingkindness. The lowly never transgress the ways that further life on Earth. In these ways, the humble become sages. Loving and caring for others flows from humility.

¹ **Values, ways, and natures of the sacred path to further life on Earth (work in progress):** Love, humbleness, joyful surrender to the sacred, balance, firm discipline, compassion, harmony, and equitable sharing.

Humility allows us to deeply understand and appreciate our interdependence with others. All beings, Earth, everything we experience interconnect with us. Our wellbeing depends upon the wellbeing of all. We celebrate the gifts we receive and share what we have with others. From understanding our interrelation and equality with all beings flows the beliefs and behaviors that move us to humbly bring the sacred to life and into the world.

Line 1: The sage humbles its humbleness. It adheres to sacred instruction and ways.

Line 2: The line proclaims its humbleness through its behaviors. The humble line yields to the sacred knowing of what to do, responding to the needs of the time with versatility.

Line 3: The humble sage works tirelessly to further life on Earth even when surrounded by dangers. It inspires others by proving the value of the sacred path. .

Line 4: The does not resist the sacred knowing of how to meet the needs of the moment. This path of least resistance permits the humble to naturally fulfill their purpose to further life on Earth.

Line 5: The line knows its depends upon others for its well-being in balanced ways. It disciplines itself not to impose itself on others and preserves its integrity by not allowing others to impose their will upon it.

Line 6: The line has not yet achieved humility. It further works on freeing itself of self-centeredness and willingness to harm others and the Earth for self-benefit through self-discipline and by living in harmony and equality with all. It takes responsibility for its own life by not allowing external influences to determine it.