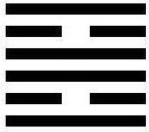


## Hexagram 30 - Sacred Knowing



Sacred knowing.  
*Furthering the Earth Interbeing, persevering wisdom.  
Living the sacred ways. Taming self-will. Significant.*

### Image Tradition

*Sacred knowing. Clinging to the sacred ways indeed.  
Sun and moon cling to the heavens.  
The hundred grains, grasses, trees cling to soil.  
Sacred knowing clings to the sacred ways.  
In this way transformations occur within the world and within.*

*Yielding clings to the sacred by living the sacred ways. .  
That uses taming the self-will, significant indeed*

**Structure:** Inner knowing ☰, outer knowing ☷. Inner and outer knowing one knowing.

Through sages, the sacred illuminates the sacred ways to further life on Earth within the world.<sup>1</sup> Sages know life's dependency on the sacred. They have the wisdom to further life on Earth, releasing the power of having the sacred knowing of what to do. Living the sacred ways depends upon us choosing to voluntarily surrender our will to the sacred.

All our capacities have a sacred origin. We acknowledge we do not know what to do when we refrain from imposing our will upon others and situations. We willingly surrender to the sacred will to receive the sacred knowing of how to use our capacities to further life on Earth. By acknowledging our ignorance, we can quietly bring forth the sacred into our lives and the world.

The sacred constantly blesses us with insights, those aha moment when we now know something we did not know before. Until we have clarified our knowing by overcoming our self-centeredness and willingness to harm for self-benefit, most of these insights race past us as we do not know how to connect with them. As we free ourselves from our harmful views and ways and humbly accept our ignorance, we want to comprehend and nourish our sacred being upon these insights, as do plants on parched land want rain.

We cultivate the capacity to bring to life our knowing the sacred ways in everyday choices despite the difficulties and dangers that might surround us. Just as plants depend upon the sun, the expansion of sacred knowing depends upon knowing our sacredness. Living the sacred ways and our sacredness transforms us into Earth interbeings. The sage clings to what furthers life on Earth, making the invisible sacred visible through how the sage lives and fulfills the sacred command to further life on Earth.

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<sup>1</sup> **Ways of the sacred path to further life on Earth (work in progress):** Love, humbleness, joyful surrender to the sacred knowing, balance, firm self-discipline, compassion, harmony, and equitable sharing.

**Line 1:** Our initial response to an interaction frames our experience of it as it conditions all that follows. The wise meet an interaction with care and reverence, as they would sacredness. They discipline themselves not to bring any negativity to it and refrain from responding until they know how to respond in harmonious and equitable ways.

**Line 2:** The line preserves the reasonable and moderate attitude of the middle way, avoiding extremes. It humbly remains open to the sacred insights of knowing what to do and adheres to the valued ways of the Earth Interbeing. The line knows the sacred within what it experiences.

**Line 3:** The setting sun reflects life's impermanence. Some worry about their inescapable decline and death and may feel impelled to indulge themselves to enjoy life while it lasts or to lament aging. In this way, people lose their resolve to further life on Earth. Such unfortunate attitudes spoil our lives. Sages care not whether death comes early or late but await their allotted sacred time. Even though they recognize that old age leads to oblivion, they simply continue to deepen their knowing their sacredness and furthering life on Earth.

**Line 4:** The line rushes out to achieve but then comes back, unprepared for the difficulties it confronts, and achieves nothing. It burns with energy, then, like ashes, becomes fixed, stagnant. The line cannot bear the burdens of life.

**Line 5:** The line suffers from its struggles to overcome its self-centeredness and willingness to harm. However, it comes to know that what it suffers causes it to spiritually mature. The line puts aside its hopes and fears to more clearly focus on furthering life on Earth. We cannot bear suffering if we do not understand it. A sacred view gives us the necessary insights into the meaning and reason for our suffering as through it we transform ourselves into interbeings. The line transforms its willingness to harm for self-benefit into wanting to further life on Earth, a true change of heart.

**Line 6:** To know the sacred and our sacredness requires us to displace our self-centeredness and overcome our willingness to harm others through self-discipline. However, overly strict asceticism and severe self-punishment fail in their purpose. We seek an inner balance, not perfection. We root out what most harms and manage the less harmful.