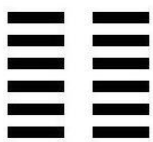


Hexagram 2 – Earth



Earth.

The constant and unerring evolving interactions of the Earth Interbeing arising from receptivity, humbleness, and strength.

Sages have the purpose of furthering life on Earth.

Before becoming a sage: advancing self-centeredness.

After becoming a sage, yielding to the sacred.

As the Earth, sages interbe.

The sage stands alone before the sacred to account for its life.

A settled and contented perseverance in furthering the sacred ways, meaningful.

Structure: The open lines represent the Earth's primal power of yielding.

Time: In the Chinese calendar, the hexagram marks the 10th month (November – December), when darkness culminates.

The sacred causes the Earth and its sacredness. The sacred causes life by indwelling within Earth; thus, the sacredness of all life.

The Earth fully expresses its sacredness by completely surrendering to the sacred will. The Earth has no purpose other than to make visible the sacred will. The Earth's constant and unerring manifestation of the sacred emerges out of its receptivity, humbleness, and strength.

All life depends upon the Earth's receptivity of the sacred. We are Earth, the sunlight, air, water, and rocks of Earth. The Earth to move in sacred ways through gravity, cycles, waves, exchanges, transformations, and all the other changes and forces that renew the Earth balance. Life depends upon this ever fluctuating and renewing balance – rainfall, light and dark, warmth and cold, and all the other conditions that make life on Earth possible. It serves as the enduring ground for life. The Earth's holding quality allows all life to realize their potential within the sacred ways.

The sacred causes life to have a will to choose how to live. Nearly all kinds of life choose to live their sacredness, the sacred will. Life has learned and evolved to live on Earth in ways that furthers life on Earth, causing all to thrive.

People do not fully know our sacredness or how to live the sacred will to further life on Earth. We call sages the people who approach knowing their sacredness and that of all life by living the sacred will to further life on Earth. The sage surrenders to the sacred will and opens receptively to know how to do its holy work in the world.

The Earth supports the conditions necessary for life and forebears how life interacts with it. In the same ways, so do sages. The humble sage cultivates the conditions for life to know how to interact with each other and the Earth, supporting all beings in the unfolding their potential and to thrive.

Knowing their own sacredness and the sacredness of all life, they know the equality of life and the longing of all life to unite with the sacred. Sages harmonize and unite with all life without limit. They embody the humbleness and generosity of the Earth, illuminating their sacredness.

Before people become sages, they advance their self-centeredness in ways that harm the Earth Interbeing. Sages center themselves on the sacred and yield to the sacred will to further life on Earth.

As Earthlings, sages interbe with other life in the sacred ways to further life on Earth. We constantly surrender our willingness to harm others for self-benefit to benefit others. Through compassionately understanding and caring for the needs of others, we relieve their suffering and work to transform the conditions that cause suffering. In this way, we move toward interbeing. As sacred beings, all life stands alone before the sacred to account for our lives.

With a great forbearance, sages tolerate the ignorance of others. Their devotion and receptivity to the sacred opens them to the sacred moving through their lives to do the holy work in the world. Sages have a settled and contented perseverance in furthering the sacred ways. They harmonize with the ways of the Earth without limit. The sages' constant and unerring manifestation of the sacred emerges out of receptivity, humbleness, and strength of the Earth.

Because the Earth surrenders to the sacred will, all its movements manifest the sacred. The sacred causes all beings to have their own unique path to unfold their potential of sacredness. In this way, we have no need for an extra purpose as our lives will mature into how we further life on Earth. Life has an inner sacred direction that it must follow to further its life and that of all life on Earth. We follow the sacred and not our own expectations. The laws of the sacred, even the ones we do not know or ignore, do not change. They cause the matrix in which all change occurs within sacred time. The sage manifests the sacred within the world unerringly.

We may not understand what we become but have the faith and the discipline to open to the sacred will to unfold our inner life and holy work within the world. We act when bidden by the sacred but refrain from interfering with the sacred incomprehensible transformation of our being. Without taking ownership of what we do, we accomplish the sacred will in the world. We know the sacred moving within our lives.

Line 1: The line passively tolerates its harming others and the Earth. The more the line accepts its harmful ways and views, the more harmful it becomes and the more difficulties the line will have changing its ways.

Line 2: The line lives its sacredness as does the Earth.

Line 3: The line remains the faithful servant of the sacred.

Line 4: The time calls for the strictest reticence and patience. Transformation from a self-centered being to an interbeing remains a hidden process in which we cannot consciously intervene. In times of transformation, the line withdraws into obscurity.

Line 5: The humble sage remains modest but lives its sacredness. The meaning and purpose of its life centers on the sacred.

Line 6: The line ignores its responsibilities to care for others, all life, and the Earth. When people exceed their proper limits and assume unfettered dominion over the Earth and all life, the power of the sacred Earth Interbeing comes forward to assert its power against those who have violated its ways. In this struggle, people, all life, and the Earth suffer.