

Hexagram 49 – Transforming



On the point of transforming.

Thereupon living the ways of sacred.

The ways of the whole Earth Interbeing.

Repenting extinguished.

Structure: Lake ☱ above fire ☲. Joyousness above clarity. Joy comes from clarity. Clarity bounds joy.

Meanings of Ideogram: Transform, change, renew, molt; overthrow; skinning, remove.

When we live in the ways that further life on Earth, we live in harmony with others and experience.¹ The self-centered cause disharmony. We transform ourselves from living as self-centered oppressors to interbeings who further life on Earth.

The hexagram describes changing into something different, a process which requires both individual effort and sacred processes. Transforming ourselves into interbeings depends upon the cumulative changes we make to overcome our self-centeredness and willingness to harm others for self-benefit. When transformed, we interbe within the Earth Interbeing.

We gradually work on our own to change our wrong views and harmful behaviors in the ways that further life on Earth. As we change, we gain increased clarity and understanding of the ways of interbeing. Once we have prepared ourselves, our transformation into interbeings occurs naturally within sacred time. The success of our purpose to further life on Earth depends upon us knowing and living our purpose. Eventually, we reach the point of transformation.

The sun and the Earth bring about the transformation of the seasons according to fixed laws. With the powerful discipline and skills of a warrior, we redress injustices in harmony with the ways of the Earth Interbeing and change the flow of fate. Yielding to the ways of the Earth Interbeing reaches sacredness and harmonizes with life on Earth. The sacred time of transforming is great indeed.

Our transformation into interbeings depends upon us adhering to the ways that further life on Earth, freeing ourselves of self-centeredness and the willingness to harm for self-benefit, and having joy for doing this holy work. Having the much needed purpose to further life on Earth empowers us to patiently bear the difficult work of transforming ourselves.

The sacred calls us to fulfill our responsibility to care for others, all life, and the Earth. We respond by living the sacred way of the Earth Interbeing. We change the world by transforming ourselves into interbeings.

Line 1: Prematurely acting in the world before we know how to live as interbeings has harmful results. We can only know how to respond to experience when we know how to further life on Earth as an interbeing. Before then, we need the utmost restraint from imposing our self-centeredness upon others and the Earth. Instead, we yield to the sacred to know what to do.

¹ **Ways to further life on Earth (work in progress):** honor the sacred, humbleness, humble surrender to sacred knowing, wisely responding to further life on Earth, firm discipline to avoid harming the Earth Interbeing, harmonious interactions, equitable sharing, and staying balanced with the Earth Interbeing.

Line 2: Once fully prepared to live as an Earth interbeing, we naturally become interbeings. Our discipline has successfully overcome our self-centeredness and willingness to harm for self-benefit. We prepare the groundwork for transformation with the knowing that when we have fully prepared ourselves, we will know how to further life on Earth.

Line 3: On the verge of transformation, overconfidence in our capacities may cause us to act rashly and recklessly. The line successfully acts in small ways when it knows what to do. By acting cautiously as an emerging interbeing, we acknowledge our inexperience and take the time to become familiar with our interbeingness.

Line 4: The line act in the ways to further life on Earth as an interbeing in harmony with changing experience. It now has the confidence in acting in ways that can transform the world.

Line 5: A powerful, distinct, and clear-cut transformation into an interbeing has occurred. A situation so glaringly obvious that the line has no room to doubt its transformation. It brings to life the ways to further life on Earth in ways that others understand and support.

Line 6: The transformed line knows that its life as an interbeing depends upon the sacred and remains compliant and submissive to the sacred will to further life on Earth. As it deepens its experience as an interbeing, its deepens its devotion and openness to the sacred. The sacred flows through the line to do the holy in the world.