

Hexagram 42 – Increase



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Benefit from furthering life on Earth.

Benefit from bringing to life the ways of the Earth Interbeing.

Structure: The 4th line of Obstruction (Hexagram 12) offers itself to move to the first line of this hexagram, causing an increase of the trigram below.

On the sacred path, we decrease ourselves by sacrificing what we highly value to increase the wellbeing of the oppressed and the Earth Interbeing. Sacrificing our will to do sacred work arises naturally from within us. We do not force our yielding to the sacred will but gladly surrender our self-centered will to further life on Earth. The sacred illuminates this path.

Furthering life on Earth benefits us. By centering on the sacred and correcting ourselves, we uncover our true nature, our sacredness, and know the sacredness of all life. By bringing to life the living the ways of the Earth Interbeing, we receive sacred blessings.¹ Manifesting the sacred will opens us to the sacred moving through our lives to do the holy work of furthering life on Earth.

The time of increase occurs in the sacred time of new growth. Increasing all harmonizes with this sacred time. We joyfully find ways to share the blessings we have received to further life on Earth, be it material resources, talents, skills, kindness, or wisdom. We overcome the inequality that separates us from other beings. The more we give, the more we have. When those who do not have enough receive more, they rejoice.

All life experiences an increase when we yield to the sacred will to further life on Earth. Daily, we find ways to further our sacred work. Surrendering our will to the sacred extends our sacred work within the world without limit. All abundantly benefit from furthering life on Earth.

Line 1: Normally, one does not act boldly in the beginning. However, here the line acts rashly but nevertheless greatly furthers life on Earth because it fully manifests the sacred will.

Line 2: The unexpected increases the line's power to further life on Earth because line surrenders to the sacred will, lives in harmony with the ways of the Earth Interbeing, centers on the sacred, and perseveres through dangers and difficulties. The line receives blessings to further its work from the support of others, the divine oracle, and knowing the sacred will.

Line 3: In the time of increase, even unfortunate and unexpected experiences support the line's efforts to further life on Earth. The line perceives the sacred within the difficulties and dangers of its efforts to become an interbeing. It receives the sacred knowing of how to respond to adversity in ways that further life and Earth. We come to the sacred through our faults and dangers.

Line 4: This line, within the trigram of the sacred, decreases itself to increase the lower trigram, which causes the transformation into interbeing and moving through obstructions (hexagram 12). The line

¹ **Ways of the sacred Earth Interbeing (work in progress):** devotion to the sacred, receptivity and humbly yielding to the sacred will, knowing the sacred will, wisely responding to experience to further life on Earth, firm discipline to avoid harming the Earth Interbeing, harmonious interactions, equitable sharing, and balance with the Earth Interbeing.

makes the sacred will known to humanity through its actions. A world threatened by dangers and adversity needs to have such sages to move us through the dangers that threaten life on Earth.

Line 5: This line represents the sacred will for life to live harmoniously with each other, which furthers all life on Earth. When life surrenders its will to the sacred, life fully lives its sacredness and thrives.

Line 6: The arrogantly self-centered line resists benefiting others life and the Earth. Its self-centered superiority and other wrong views drive it to harm the Earth Interbeing. It does not change its ways even when knowing it should. Earth. A life resists and assails the line. The sacred decrees the line's fate.