

The Great Wheel

The Great Wheel spans 12,480 years and is divided into four Cycles, each lasting 3,120 years and representing one of the Four Houses of the Creative I Ching. The first of these, named The Conception of The Great Wheel, is composed of four Inner Wheels of 780 years each. The Inner Wheels also represent one of the Four Houses and are composed of 13 sixty year periods, each representing the 13 Hexagrams of that House. Each 60 year Era is the culmination of 6 ten year periods, one for each line of the corresponding Hexagram. 52 Eras times 60 years results in the 3,120 year term of each of the Four Cycles.

At the beginning and ending of The Great Wheel, as at the beginning and ending of each cycle, is a portal leading back to the Source of all things. These portals are represented by the Hexagram of Potential. Potential is formed by viewing Existence in the light of the Creative Spirit. With K'un placed in front of Chi'en, a partial eclipse manifests in which the bottom and top lines of K'un appear to be replaced by the bottom and top lines of Chi'en. As potential splits into the Hexagrams of Conception and Completion, the Cycles of The Great Wheel are defined and creative experience is made possible.

The Great Wheel is an extended calendar that brings the sequence of the Creative I Ching to life over a period of 12,480 years. The three levels of The Great Wheel provide context for the daily practice and the annual calendar. The various levels of the entire practice work like gears on a bicycle. The template of the Inside Circle and the Inner Circle bring the potential for creative experience into being. The daily practice identifies the energy patterns specific to that day's experience. The days build into a new level of the 52 weeks of the year. Another level higher and the four Houses are experienced. Every 10 years completes one line of each of the 52 Eras that make up the four Cycles. The four Cycles themselves comprise the 2nd to last level which culminates in The Great Wheel itself.

The Great Wheel is divided into four Cycles. Each Cycle is formed by 13 Ages each spanning 240 years, representing the Hexagrams of the corresponding House of the Creative I Ching. The following represents the Hexagrams of each Cycle, corresponding to their respective Houses. Each of the 240 year periods is further divided into six 40 year spans representing each of the six lines of that Hexagram.

Cycle #1 - The House of The Conception of The Great Wheel;

The Age of Conception	February, 2000	to February, 2240
The Age of Will	February, 2240	to February, 2480
The Age of Cultivation	February, 2480	to February, 2720
The Age of Force	February, 2720	to February, 2960
The Age of Choice	February, 2960	to February, 3200
The Age of Inspiration	February, 3200	to February, 3440
The Age of Revolution	February, 3440	to February, 3680
The Age of Evolution	February, 3680	to February, 3920
The Age of Gratitude	February, 3920	to February, 4160
The Age of Momentum	February, 4160	to February, 4400
The Age of Influence	February, 4400	to February, 4640
The Age of Strength	February, 4640	to February, 4880
The Age of Change	February, 4880	to February, 5120

Cycle #2 - The House of The Creation of The Great Wheel;

The Age of Progress	February, 5120	to February, 5360
The Age of Confidence	February, 5360	to February, 5600
The Age of Magic	February, 5600	to February, 5840
The Age of Furthering	February, 5840	to February, 6080
The Age of Love	February, 6080	to February, 6320
The Age of The Cauldron	February, 6320	to February, 6560
The Age of Consciousness	February, 6560	to February, 6800
The Age of Enlightenment	February, 6800	to February, 7040
The Age of Optimism	February, 7040	to February, 7280
The Age of Freedom	February, 7280	to February, 7520
The Age of Peace	February, 7520	to February, 7760
The Age of Accomplishment	February, 7760	to February, 8000
The Age of Success	February, 8000	to February, 8240

Cycle #3 - The House of The Compassion of The Great Wheel;

The Age of Sincerity	February, 8240	to February, 8480
The Age of Attention	February, 8480	to February, 8720
The Age of Goodwill	February, 8720	to February, 8960
The Age of Reason	February, 8960	to February, 9200
The Age of Understanding	February, 9200	to February, 9440
The Age of Gathering Together	February, 9440	to February, 9680
The Age of Celebration	February, 9680	to February, 9920
The Age of Harmony	February, 9920	to February, 10160
The Age of Happiness	February, 10160	to February, 10400
The Age of Spirituality	February, 10400	to February, 10640
The Age of Kindness	February, 10640	to February, 10880
The Age of Enjoyment	February, 10880	to February, 11120
The Age of Enthusiasm	February, 11120	to February, 11360

Cycle #4 - The House of The Completion of The Great Wheel;

The Age of Being	February, 11360	to February, 11600
The Age of Nature	February, 11600	to February, 11840
The Age of Mindfulness	February, 11840	to February, 12080
The Age of Interest	February, 12080	to February, 12320
The Age of Perspective	February, 12320	to February, 12560
The Age of The Well	February, 12560	to February, 12800
The Age of Duration	February, 12800	to February, 13040
The Age of Experience	February, 13040	to February, 13280
The Age of Perseverance	February, 13280	to February, 13520
The Age of Contemplation	February, 13520	to February, 13760
The Age of Time	February, 13760	to February, 14000
The Age of Appearance	February, 14000	to February, 14240
The Age of Completion	February, 14240	to February, 14480

The Sequence of The Inner Wheels

All four Cycles of the Great Wheel are divided into 52 Eras of sixty years each. The first sixty year Era, beginning in February, 2000 and ending in February, 2060 is named The Era of Conception in The Cycle of The Conception of The Great Wheel. Each new year of The Great Wheel begins on the day 6 weeks prior to the Vernal Equinox of that year.

The sixteen Inner Wheels of The Great Wheel are:

Cycle #1 - The House of The Conception of The Great Wheel;

The Experience of the Cycle of Conception	February, 2000	to February, 2780
The Creation of the Cycle of Conception	February, 2780	to February, 3560
The Compassion of the Cycle of Conception	February, 3560	to February, 4340
The Completion of the Cycle of Conception	February, 4340	to February, 5120

Cycle #2 - The House of The Creation of The Great Wheel;

The Conception of the Cycle of Creation	February, 5120	to February, 5900
The Experience of the Cycle of Creation	February, 5900	to February, 6680
The Compassion of the Cycle of Creation	February, 6680	to February, 7460
The Completion of the Cycle of Creation	February, 7460	to February, 8240

Cycle #3 - The House of The Compassion of The Great Wheel;

The Conception of the Cycle of Compassion	February, 8240	to February, 9020
The Creation of the Cycle of Compassion	February, 9020	to February, 9800
The Experience of the Cycle of Compassion	February, 9800	to February, 10580
The Completion of the Cycle of Compassion	February, 10580	to February, 11360

Cycle #4 - The House of The Completion of The Great Wheel;

The Conception of the Cycle of Completion	February, 11360	to February, 12140
The Creation of the Cycle of Completion	February, 12140	to February, 12920
The Compassion of the Cycle of Completion	February, 12920	to February, 13700
The Experience of the Cycle of Completion	February, 13700	to February, 14480

The Inner Wheel of The Experience of the Cycle of Conception is composed of 13 sixty year Eras beginning with Conception and ending with Change.

The Inner Wheel of The Creation of the Cycle of Conception is composed of 13 sixty year Eras beginning with Progress and ending with Success.

The Inner Wheel of The Compassion of the Cycle of Conception is composed of 13 sixty year Eras beginning with Sincerity and ending with Enthusiasm.

The Inner Wheel of The Completion of the Cycle of Conception is composed of 13 sixty year Eras beginning with Being and ending with Completion.