

HEXAGRAM	30
ICHING NAME	THE CLINGING, FIRE
ENERGY CENTER	SOLAR PLEXUS
GATE	FEELINGS
ANIMAL TOTEM	ELEPHANT
KEYWORD	GROUNDING EMOTION



THE LINES

NINE IN THE SIXTH	NOURISH THE GOOD, KILL THE BAD
SIX IN THE FIFTH	TEARS & GRIEF BRING REAL GROWTH
NINE IN THE FOURTH	OVER ENTHUSIASM FLARES UP & DIES
NINE IN THE THIRD	UNNECESSARY SORROW AT THE END
SIX IN THE SECOND	YOU ARE BALANCED & CLEAR
NINE IN THE FIRST	A CONFUSED BUT CORRECT ADVANCE

**ICHING**

The 30<sup>th</sup> hexagram is named ‘the Clinging, Fire.’ This name indicates that fire clings to wood because it is an unstable combustion and therefore has a dependency on stable fuel. Fire is a luminous thing that needs a dependable source to sustain it. Human life is also inherently dependent and, once this is understood, voluntary dependence on harmonious forces of nature and the cosmos may bring clarity. By becoming submissive, dependent, and docile to the flow of life such as seasonal cycles and astrological patterns, one cultivates inner illumination to a greater and greater degree, spreading their radiant inner light across the world.

**HUMAN DESIGN**

The 30<sup>th</sup> gate belongs to the Solar Plexus, or Emotional, center. The Emotional center has a wave that moves up and down in passion energy. Of the seven Emotional gates, the 30<sup>th</sup> gate has the theme of desire. Its Emotional wave travels up and down a scale of yearning and hunger for its desires. The 30<sup>th</sup> gate employs yearning as an evolutionary drive. The counsel for this enduring desirous energy is to release expectations about failures, disappointments, and unfulfilled desires.

**GENE KEY**

Richard Rudd describes the voracious appetite of the 30<sup>th</sup> Gene Key in its low frequency of desire to be useful for the collective human race but detrimental to the individual. Ancient traditions try to deny, transcend, or harness desire which may only serve to ensnare us deeper. Desire is an inescapable human force. The key to living with desire is to surrender fully, becoming the desire in all its mystery. Trust must be cultivated to accept that your unfathomable desire, if cleanly embraced, will eventually lead you to transcendence.

**ANIMAL TOTEM**

The elephant’s unisex tusks, lengthy trunks, and tree trunk-like feet could explain this incredible totem alone. Their horns and tusks relate to the North direction, spirituality, and ancestors. Their prehensile nose dynamically works with the air Prana. The planted foot holds the kidney meridian point from which earth energy fountains into the body. Elephants are rooted into the universal depth of yin power, heart wisdom, community needs, and ancestral connection. The intelligence, matriarchal society, and compassion found in elephants further the powerful message of this totem. Elephants call for wisdom, awareness, and grounding; to connect to what the heart needs. This totem brings the heart needs, communal needs, and ancestral wisdom into the realm of pragmatic physical manifestation. Handling emotions and heart with radical honesty is needed in order to understand what our needs are and how to meet them. The gravity and heaviness of such an endeavor into the heart cannot be understated, it must be viewed from the widest lens, account for the full context, and be detached from the mind’s assertions of ‘the correct thing to do.’

**REVERSE TOTEM**

This animal totem is one of the most poached animals in the world, their ivory is worth more than gold. Negative elephant totem is a loss of stability, support, or wisdom. It is the subjugation or imprisonment of the feminine or heart needs within us. It is the loss of functional spiritual wisdom. If contrary elephant comes to you, notice if you are committed to an unsustainable pattern, a dependency that does not properly nourish. This may indicate a raging emotion or need that is not being met, which may cause unconscious or harmful acting out in order to claim our needs. Use intense emotions to root out what is causing your suffering in the first place.