

The generation of anything needs the force of the wood;  
growth needs the force of fire;  
transformation needs the force of earth;  
the harvest is collecting the force of metal and  
the storage of the harvest is preserving the force of water.

That which is created, or starts in the universe, needs to be generated.  
That which is generated needs to grow prosperously.  
That which is growing needs to be transformed.  
That which is transformed needs to be harvested.  
That which is harvested needs to be stored.  
That which is stored needs to be recreated for a new beginning.

The force of fire can only be applied on something that is  
planted and sprouting or planned and generating.  
The force of earth can only transform that which has grown.  
The force of metal can only harvest, that which has been transformed.  
The force of water can only store that which has been harvested.  
The generating force of wood can only be applied on that which has been stored.

How can the nourishing fire support growth if it is not generated or initiated?  
Therefore, the fire is dependable on wood.  
How can the transformation force of earth be applied if there is no growth?  
Therefore, the earth is dependable on fire.  
How can the force of metal harvest, if transformation did not take place?  
Therefore, the metal is dependable on the earth.  
How can there be storage if the force of metal is not harvested?  
Therefore, the water is dependable on the metal.  
How can the force of new life be active, if there is no seed?  
Therefore, the wood is dependable on the water.

What use is anything that is generated and not nourished by growth?  
Therefore, the wood is dependable on the fire.  
What has been growing, but not transformed, is it of any value?  
Therefore, the fire is dependable on the earth.  
What has been transformed, but not harvested, is it not a waste of effort?  
Therefore, the earth is dependable on the metal.  
What benefit does the harvest have if it is not stored?  
Therefore, the metal is dependable on the water.  
Isn't it a waste of time and effort if the seeds are not used to generate anything new?  
Therefore, the water is dependable on the wood.

To fulfil the role of the fire it needs the support of the wood; wood nourishes fire.  
To transform, there has to be growth; fire nourishes earth.  
The transformation of the growth will lead to harvest; earth nourishes metal.  
To be stored it needs to be harvested; metal nourishes water.  
To be generated and newly created, the harvest needs the force of water.  
Water nourishes wood.