



The web that has no weaver book

Chinese medicine is a healing art that has survived and continues to thrive in East Asia and is increasingly becoming a global resource. A web that doesn't have Weaver is a classic English-language introductory text that explains how medicine so rooted in an archaic past can relate to modern health care. The book demystifies the worldview of Chinese medicine. Yin and yang, dampness and wind are easily grasped. The web allows the reader to see, feel and discover aspects of the disease that modern biomedicine overlooks or can't even understand. The use of acupuncture and herbal medicine to restore harmony and balance is explained. The book is accessible and scientific, and also includes the point of view of modern science. For students, scientists, health professionals and the public at large, the Internet has earned its place as the main synthesis body of Western and Eastern approaches to healing. This revised second edition is the result of years of further reflection on ancient Chinese sources and active participation in advanced scientific research. Ted Kaptchuk, O.M.D., is deputy director of the Center for Alternative Medicine Research and Education at Beth Israel Diacones Medical Center in Boston and an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. A WEB that doesn't HAVE THE WORLD Understanding of Chinese Medicine Is the Internet that doesn't have Weaver opens a great door to understanding the depths of Chinese medicine. - Naive daily, Beijing, China Internet, which does not have Weaver with its diversity of virtues ... is a successful introduction to Chinese medicine. We recommend it to our colleagues in China. - Chinese Journal of Comprehensive Traditional and Chinese Medicine, Beijing, China Ted Kaptchuk book has something for virtually everyone . . . Kapchuk, himself an extraordinary combination of elements, is a thinker whose letters are more accessible than those of Joseph Needham or Manfred Porkert with no less scholarship. There is something to think about, than you can find elsewhere... This may sound like an enthusiastic review: it is. - Journal of Traditional Acupuncture The Web That Has No Weaver is an encyclopedia of how to say from an eastern point of view what is wrong. - Larry Dossi, author of the book Cosmos, Time and Medicine is valuable as a collection of traditional Chinese medical doctrine. -Joseph Needham, author of Science and Civilization in China The only approximation to the authenticity of the Barefoot Doctor's Guide, and it will take readers much further. - Kirkus Reviews Kaptchuk has become a lyricist for the art of healing. 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His combination of scholarship, wisdom and compassion opens a remarkable window into one of the greatest traditions of healing. -Michael Lerner, President of Commonweal, a California nonprofit corporation, author of Choice in Healing: Integrating the best traditional and complementary approaches to cancer by Ted Kaptchuk, is without a doubt one of the most innovative thinkers in traditional Chinese medicine. This new edition is a brilliant synthesis of traditional and scientific knowledge. This is a must-read for those who have a serious interest in this area. - Professor Edzard Ernst, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Department of Complementary Medicine, School of Graduate Medicine and Medical Sciences, University of Exeter In the 20th century, modern China saved its traditional medicine from oblivion at the cost of removing its soul; in the 21st century, Dr. Kapchuk brought the ancient discussion of the soul back to Chinese medicine and modern biomedicine and interprets classical Chinese views on the spirit in relation to the medical and existential aspirations of modern humanity. -Giovanni Maciocia, Honorary Lecturer, Nanjing College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Author of the Basics of Chinese Medicine No. - 2nd p. See the index. ISBN 0-8092-2840-8 1. Medicine, Chinese. 2. Medicine, Chinese-Philosophy. I. Title. R601. 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Caudill In the early 1970s, as a result of a new politically sanctioned exchange of information between China and the United States, appeared in the press a series of anecdotal descriptions of surgery without anesthesia performed in China. A method called acupuncture was used, resulting in thin needles piercing the skin at predetermined pockets on the body, the patient fully awake during the procedure, but not feeling the scalpel. Over the next few years this ancient acupuncture technique enjoyed a brief surge in popularity in the United States, where it was touted by some as a new method to cause analgesia, indeed, as panacea from the East. This sudden enthusiasm was quickly followed by a backlash within the medical establishment, which, having failed to obtain scientific evidence from the claims of acupuncture advocates, was prepared to abandon it and ban its practice in the United States. However, this attempt has not been successful, and studies into the possible use of acupuncture in Western medicine are continuing. Evidence now indicates that acupuncture can cause analgesia and that its use is associated with measurable physiological changes (see chapter 4, note II). Recent medical reviews show that acupuncture is gradually beginning to integrate into certain areas of Western medicine (Journal of the American Medical Association 1998). 280: I5I8-I524). Although acupuncture itself has received some recognition, the Western medical and scientific community has never seriously considered the medical traditions and culture from which this technique originated. As if a full understanding of acupuncture had been covered, knowing where to stick to the needle! This absurdity is compounded by the fact that the idea of isolating parts from its natural environment for research runs counter to the philosophy and culture of the Chinese medical tradition. There may well be inaccuracies, biases, and distortions that have grown around the tradition of acupuncture over the centuries. But any meaningful discussion of acupuncture and its applicability requires more information than has been presented so far. The problem is not just a medical texts are available in English, and those that are available do little or no attempt to present cultural medical traditions in toto. Even translated works pose a problem of a completely unfamiliar with Chinese, naturalist and Taoist philosophy, and with Chinese culture as it was influenced by these philosophies, is able to understand chinese medical tradition. Role models begin an important exhibition of the ancient art of Chinese medicine in terms that can be understood by Western audiences. The author deftly avoided, as far as possible, the pitfalls of interpreting Chinese theory through Western terminology, thus leaving the central Chinese concept of medical models and disharmony intact. A word of caution for those who will judge images and vocabulary as inconsequential or as babbling primitive society because of their own ignorance of terms: for thousands of years the Chinese have observed the life processes and relationships between man and his environment. From this observation, the art of Chinese medicine has developed a vocabulary to describe a multitude of thin bodies The description method is not available for Western medicine because of its emphasis on the state of the disease. The Chinese approach is a more holistic consideration of health and disease and delicate interaction between these opposing forces. At a time when there is a growing awareness of the environment, health and personal responsibility of mankind, it seems that the integration of east and West must be mutually beneficial. Dr. Kapchuk has done the hardest work to begin bridging the gap by making this critical and timely exposure available to those who want to understand the art of medicine, Beth. Caudill, M.D., Ph.D., Ph. Israel Hospital, Boston No. In the same year I wrote my first book on medicine, health and healing, in which I examined a number of medical systems, both conventional and alternative, and discussed their strengths and weaknesses. I found Ted Kapchuk's book the best source of information about the origin, philosophy and practice of traditional Chinese medicine. Remarkably, almost two decades later, it still is. In 1982, most Americans were unfamiliar with Chinese medicine is commonplace in America, with practitioners available across the country. Chinese patent medicines are sold widely, and a number of Chinese herbs, like ginseng, astragalus, and don guai, have become well known. Many American doctors have underwent medical acupuncture courses. Practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine are in demand to join the staff of integrative medical institutions and health centers. Despite the enormous popularity of this unique medical system in our country. American medical students still do not receive formal training in it as part of the necessary research, and most American physicians probably can not generalize its theoretical structure or explain how it differs from Western medicine. I find Chinese medicine very attractive because of its strong emphasis on prevention and because of its practical success with conditions that Western medicine is not so good with inflammatory bowel diseases, for example, as well as a number of autoimmune disorders. I also recognize that the emphasis of Chinese practitioners on energy and its balanced flow throughout the body is a stumbling block for the West, who cannot see beyond the paradigm of materialistic science. As a doctor committed to integrating all and effective treatments in a new kind of medicine for all over I think the Chinese perspective on health and disease is priceless, and I welcome all attempts to make it accessible to western ones. Ted Kaptchuk did a great job of that in the original web edition, which weaver has. In this second edition, he added a lot of new material, including reviews of recent scientific developments in the study of acupuncture and herbal medicine and discussion of the possible side effects of these treatments. He also represents the traditional psychology of the East and his view of the soul. Ted Kapchuk manages to combine the insight of the Taoist sage with the skepticism of a modern, inquisitive scientist. I'm glad to see his classic book re-emerge in a new, extended edition for the new century. I hope this will continue to help bring Eastern and Western medicine at the University of Arizona Medical Center No. For example, the spleen of Chinese medicine differs from the spleen recognized in the West. I capitalized such English words to explain a special meaning rather than overwhelm the reader with Chinese terminology. Only a few terms for which there are no adequate English equivalents are regularly mentioned in romanticized Chinese. Romanization usually follows the Pinyin system used in the People's Republic of China and is now adopted worldwide. (The pronunciation guide appears in xvi.) However, more common spellings persist over several familiar terms and names. Chinese characters are sometimes given in addition to romanticized or translated terms, for two reasons. First, Chinese words can often be romanced and translated in a way that ultimately only forms of character remain a reliable means of identification. Second, the pronunciation of many symbols is identical; for example, the character of the shen, which means the Spirit is different from the snow, which means the kidneys. The presentation of character serves to make such differences clear. Consideration for those who are uninitiated in Chinese are particularly guided by the preparation of notes and chinese are particularly guided by the preparation of notes and chinese are particularly guided by the preparation of notes and chinese are particularly guided by the preparation of notes are particularly guided by the preparation of note (established in Roman style). In the case of quoting a book, the number in brackets corresponds to the measured entry in the chosen bibliography are located as a kind of catalogue of medical literature that may interest readers, even if they are unlikely to ever consult with In Chinese. They are divided into eight sections: Nei Jing and Nan Jing and comments; Other classic classics Guides; Modern introductory texts used to train traditional doctors; Modern works; Various sources (including specialty names); Sources in the history of Chinese medicine; and magazines. Names are given first in English translation, then in Chinese (the same applies to the annotated historical bibliography in Annex I). The reader is encouraged to view the rather extensive notes to each chapter, which contain some interesting deviations from the main text and raise some of the complexities inherent in the material. THE next table shows pronunciations with approximate English equivalents. In brackets are the corresponding letters in the Wade-Giles system. a) as in the distant b (p) as in c (ts', tz') as ts in its ch (ch) as in the church, strongly aspirated d (t) as in door e (e) as in her f (f) as in fit G (k) as in going h (h) as in her, strongly aspirated i (i) as the sound of vowel in food or i in Lord J (c) as in ite jeep K (k') as in the jeep K (k') as in the last m (in) as in the last m (in) as in the park, strongly aspirated g (ch') as ch in cheat r (i) as in red or as z in azure (ss, ss, sz) as in the sister sh (sh) also in French tu v (v) is used only for the production of foreign words, the words of the national minority, and local dialects w (w) semi-vowel in syllables, starting with you when not preceded by consonants, pronounced as in want x (hs), as sh in a sheet of semi-vowel in syllables, starting with i or u, when not preceded by consent, pronounced as yes, tz, as in the zone of zh as the first consonant in the jump ai, as ie in the tie Ao, as ow in how hey as ai in the bay i.e. as ie in the tie Ao, as ow in how hey as ai in the bay i.e. as ie in the tie Ao, as ow in how hey as ai in the bay i.e. as ie in the consonant in the jump ai, as ie in the tie Ao, as ow in how hey as ai in the bay i.e. as ie in the tie Ao, as ow in how hey as ai in the bay i.e. as ie in the tie Ao, as ow in how hey as ai in the bay i.e. as ie in the tie Ao, as ow in how hey as ai in the bay volumes. The depth and nuances in the discussion of Eastern medicine were mostly absent. No agencies helped to conduct dialogue and investigations of classical and modern Asian source materials, as well as scientific papers from anthropology, synology, sociology and history, fuel an explosion of knowledge and research. In the journals of biomedicine, basic sciences and oriental medicine, basic sciences and oriental medicine assign recognized academic degrees. Universities have become the site of a critical examination of East Asian medicine. Acupuncture An ever-expanding presence within mainstream health care Just as Eastern medicine in the West has undergone a transformation, and I am the same. The web was originally written as an attempt to report what I recently learned in Asia. I was a beginner happy to convey what I saw in another world. In the nearly twenty years since the first edition, I have treated many patients and worked in many hospitals. I have come into contact with many other health care systems. For the past ten years have had a full-time academic appointment at Harvard Medical School. For four years I worked as a series consultant for the nine-hour British Broadcasting Company (BBC) television series about health care, and I was sent to visit various healers on three continents. I am currently serving time on the National Advisory Board of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where I have the opportunity to contribute to the reconfiguration of America's pluralistic medical environment. Although my home is now in the West, the Asian past has been a constant source of new inspiration. I pored over sections of classical Chinese medical texts that have often been neglected or considered superstitious in modern China. Modern ideas have also been a continuous challenge for me. Clinical epidemiology and biostatistics are tools that I have been able to acquire, and I am actively involved in scientific research. The history of the disease and anthropology also warned me of the need to be careful and uncertain. The face-to-face meetings were just as compelling. Patients demanded that my practice of Chinese medicine embody authenticity and relevance. Since the original Web, I have written both on Chinese medicine and topics beyond its direct realm. I could leave on the internet that Weaver doesn't have alone. But the Internet was too important to refuse. For many people, it can remain a valuable portal to another way of perceiving the world of health and disease. Instead of giving up my first book, I decided to gently update it, allowing it to have a natural extension. I didn't want it to be a whole new book; I wanted her to maintain her established identity. In this second edition, I raise and highlight new issues and emphasize the various links. My growth is reflected in what has been changed. I have reduced Chinese transliteration; European languages now seem to be able to contain more than I once thought possible. This new web has more psychological and existential derived from historical sources that the first edition overlooked. At the same time, the text is more sensitive to contemporary discussions about scientific effectiveness in biomedical terms. Each chapter was new materials and ideas. Some sections had to be rewritten completely (especially sections about gi, Spirit, Chapter on the patient-doctor relationship.) Added an appendix to Western clinical studies. Some materials have been removed due to new and more complete resources. Despite such changes, I have sought to keep the tone, style and sensitivity of the old Web intact. In Chapter I of the original Web, I mention that the book is another commentary on the reflection. This is no longer the letter of a man who has just come ashore with the need to tell a fantastic story. While still maintaining his clear orientation, it is being said, I hope with the feeling of a man who is based in two different cultures. For me, the changes made in the second edition feel like maturation. I hope the original gi on the internet was an opportunity to unfold. Refreshing and writing this second edition, I had to contend with the contradiction between Talmudic intelligence and the Said soul. I acutely realized that East Asian medicine is a huge ocean of texts and interpretations. Any statement is automatically a complex problem and an opportunity to promote mutual understanding. My hermeneutic tendency would like to continue the paradoxical knowledge gained as a result of irreparable uncertainty. For this publication, this trend was reversed (or at least sometimes just moved to a footnote). I want this Network, like its predecessor, to continue to be an introduction to a consistent and radically distinct approach to medicine. I want to eventually bring hope to life. Patients need strategies. Many intellectual problems have been put aside. In choosing between analytical deconstruction and provocative storytelling, I took the

view that healing should embody art with a compelling and even poetic message. WEB that doesn't HAVE THE WORLD Understanding of Chinese Medicine No. No longer limited to places such as Shanghai, Seoul or Singapore, it has become a dynamic component of healthcare from Sydney to Seattle and Stockholm. Chinese medicine is now international. Acupuncture and oriental herbality have become commonplace in Boston, as in Beijing. This movement of healing techniques, clinical skills, revered literature, traditional knowledge and distinctive philosophy was unusually fast. This speed means that thoughtful and critical consideration may not be scarce. As a result, many Westerners have strange notions about Chinese medicine. Some of them see it as a focus-pocus - a product or magical thinking. If the patient cured with herbs or acupuncture, they see only two possible explanations; either the treatment had a placebo effect, 1 or it was an accident, a happy result of hit-or-miss pin-sticking that the practitioner did not understand. They suggest that the current Westerners have a more favorable but equally erroneous view of Chinese medicine. Deeply and often fairly disturbed by many products of Western science and culture, they suggest that the Chinese system, because it is considered more faithful than Western medicine. This attitude threatens to transform Chinese medicine from a rational body of knowledge into a religious system of faith. Both relationships mystify the subject - one uncritically underestimates it, the other, placing it on a pedestal. Both are barriers to understanding. In fact, Chinese medicine is a consistent and independent system of thought and practice that has been developed over two millennia. Based on ancient texts, it is the result of a continuous process of critical thinking, as well as extensive clinical observations and treats. It is a careful formulation and reformulation of the material by respected doctors and theorists. It is a careful formulation and reformulation of the material by respected doctors and theorists. It is a careful formulation and reformulation and reformulation of the material by respected doctors and theorists. civilization, completely alien to our own. So she developed her own perception of health and disease. Chinese medicine considers important some aspects of the human body and personality that are not significant for Western medicine. At the same time, Western medicine observes and can describe aspects of the human body that are insignificant or not visible to Chinese medicine. For example, Chinese medicine to treat certain neurological disorders. 2 Similarly, Chinese medicine does not perceive the endocrine system. but it treats what Western medicine calls endocrine disorders.3 Does not recognize traditional Chinese medicine Streptococcus pneumonia, but before the discovery of antibiotics, its treatment seemed to offer a reasonable and effective response.⁴ Chinese medicine also uses the terminology of the chinese medicine. that also uses terminology. For example, the Chinese treat certain diseases as caused by damp, heat or wind. Modern Western medicine does not recognize dampness, but can refer to what Chinese medicine does as the dampness of the spleen. Modern Western medicine does not talk about fire, but can, from a Chinese point of view, ignite kidneys or put out excess fire raging out of control in the lungs. In Western medicine, wind is not considered a disease However, Western medicine is able to prevent the liver wind from going to the head, or extinguish the frantic wind in the skin. The perception of these two traditions reflects two different worlds, but both can influence and often heal people, regardless of their cultural affiliation. The difference between these two medications, however, is greater than between their descriptive language. The actual logical structure underlying the methodology, the habitual mental operations that guide physicians of clinical understanding and critical judgment, is radically different historical perceptions in different historical perception historical perceptions in different historical per diseases, not only have the grouping of systems not been the same; but the fundamental thought codes that were applied to the bodies of patients, the field of objects addressed by observations, surfaces and depths, passed by the doctor's gaze, the whole system of orientation of his gaze also changed.⁵ Two different logical structures indicated two drugs in different directions. Biomedicine, a more accurate name for Western medicine, is primarily associated with the overfishing category of diseases or disease agents that it zeroes in on, isolates, and tries to change, control or destroy. Ontologically limited entity is the privileged ideal of the system. The Western doctor starts with a symptom, then looks for the main mechanism - the exact cause of a particular disease can affect different parts of the body, but it is a relatively well-defined, independent phenomenon. Accurate diagnosis frames an accurate, quantifiable description of a narrow area. The logic of a doctor is analytical cutting through the accumulation of bodily phenomena, like surgeons scalpel to isolate one entity or cause. The Chinese doctor, on the other hand, directs his attention to a full physiological and psychological personality. All relevant information, including the symptom, as well as other common characteristics of the patient, are collected and woven together until it forms what Chinese medicine calls a model of disharmony describes the situation of imbalance in the patient's body. Oriental diagnostic technique does not turn out to be the specific essence of the disease or the exact cause, but makes an almost poetic but working description of the whole person. The guestion of cause and effect is always secondary to the overall model. No one asks: What X causes Y? but rather, what is the relationship between X and Y? The Chinese are interested in distinguishing the relationship in human activity occurring at the same time. The logic of Chinese medicine is organism or synthetic, trying to organize symptoms and signs in Configurations, models of disharmony, provide a basis for treatment. The therapy then tries to bring the configuration into balance to restore harmony with the person. This difference between Western and Eastern perception can be illustrated by parts of clinical studies conducted in hospitals in China.⁷ In a typical study a Western physician, using upper-gastrointestinal X-rays or endoscopy using a fiberscope, diagnoses six patients with stomach pain like having ulcers. From the point of view of a Western physician, based on the analytical tendency to narrow diagnosis of the underlying essence, all of these patients to the Chinese doctor for examination. The following results have been found. After guestioning and examining the first patient, the Chinese doctor finds pain that increases to the touch (by palpation), but decreases with the use of cold compresses. The patient has a robust constitution, broad shoulders, a reddish complexion, and a full, deep voice. He seems assertive and even aggressive. I think he's challenging the doctor. He's got constipation and dark yellow urine. His tongue has a bold yellow coating; his pulse is full and cunning. The oriental doctor characterizes this patient as having a pattern of disharmony called moist heat affecting the spleen. When a Chinese doctor examines a second patient, he finds a different set of traits that indicate a different general pattern. The patient is thin. Her complexion is ash, though her cheeks are rosy. She is constantly craving, her palms sweaty, and unable to relax, and complains of a sense of pressure. In her life, she is constantly in motion and can not be in a stable relationship. Her tongue is dry and slightly red, without moss; her pulse is thin as well as a little guick. This patient is said to have a picture of yin deficiency affecting the stomach, disharmony is very different from the first patient. Accordingly, another treatment will be prescribed. A third patient reports that the massage and heat somewhat relieve his pain, which is experienced as a minor but persistent discomfort. He is temporarily relieved of food. The patient does not like cold weather, has a pale face, and wants to sleep a lot. His urine is clean, and urination is common. He looks timid, shy and almost scared. He seems unable to look the doctor in the eye, and his head seems to be hanging in despair. His tongue is moist and pale, his pulse is empty. The patient's condition is diagnosed as a pattern of exhausted fire of the average burner, sometimes referred to as a cold deficiency affecting the spleen. The fourth patient complains of a very severe seizure; its movement and influence And heavy. Hot water bottles relieve pain, but belly massage makes it worse. The patient has a bright white face and a penchant for a loose stool. He is forty years old, and he came to see his mother, with whom he still lives. His passion is a collection of world-class brands, which he constantly learns and wants to talk about. His tongue has a particularly thick, white, damp coating; his pulse is dense and slippery. These signs lead to the diagnosis of a pattern of excess cold dampness affecting the spleen and stomach. The fifth patient experiences a lot of sour burping and headaches. Her pain is acute, and although belly massage does reduce it, the heat and cold have no effect. She's very cranky. Emotional distress, especially anger, seems to precipitate bouts of pain. She feels frustrated and stuck in many of her life activities. During the discussion, she says her husband is far and away. Oddly enough, the patient's tongue is normal, but her pulse is especially uvary. The doctor concludes that it depends on the satern of liver disharmony invading the spleen. The sixth patient has extremely severe stabbing abdominal pain that sometimes goes around to the back. The pain is much worse after eating and is aggravated by touch. He had episodes of vomiting, and produced blackish chairs. The patient is very thin and has a rather dark complexion. His eyes sneak and suspiciously dart around the room, as if to detect a hidden threat. He was physically ill-treated as a political prisoner. His tongue is dark purple and visibly red erupts on the sides. The pulse is choppy. A Chinese doctor describes the patient's problem as disharmony of frozen blood in the stomach. Thus, the Chinese doctor, searching and organizing signs and symptoms that a Western doctor can never admire, distinguishes six models of disharmony. where Western medicine perceives only one disease. Samples of disharmony are similar to what the West calls disease in what their discovery tells a doctor how to prescribe treatment. But they are different from diseases because they cannot be isolated from the patient in whom they occur. For Western medicine, understanding the disease means revealing a separate entity, separate from the substance of the patient; to Chinese medicine, understanding means the perception of the relationship between all the signs and symptoms of the patient in the context of his or her life. When dealing with a patient with abdominal pain, a Western doctor should look beyond the symptoms screen for the underlying pathological mechanism- ulcer in this case, but it could be an infection or a tumor or a nervous disorder. A Chinese doctor who studies the same patient should distinguish a sample of disharmony, consists of the entire accumulation And marks. The Chinese method is based on the idea that no part can be understood except in relation to the whole. Thus, the symptom does not go back to the totality. If a person has a complaint or symptom, Chinese medicine wants to know how the symptom fits into the whole patient's essence and behavior. The disease is in the context of human life and biography. Understanding what the overall picture is, with the symptom as part of it, is a problem of Chinese medical than the Western system, slightly less analytical.⁸ THEORY Logic, which underpins Chinese medical theory - a logic that suggests that a part can only be understood in relation to the whole - can also be called synthetic or dialectical. In Chinese early naturalistic and Taoist thought, this dialectical. In Chinese early naturalistic and Taoist thought attitudes, patterns and changes is called Yin-Yang theory is based on the philosophical design of two polar supplements, called Yin and Yang. These complementary opposites are neither forces nor material entities. Nor are they mythical concepts that go beyond rationality. Rather, they are used to explain the continuous process of natural change. But Yin and Yang are not the only set of correspondence; they are also a way of thinking. In this system of thought, all things are seen as part of the whole. No entity can ever be isolated from one's relationship with other entities; nothing can exist on its own. Fixed essences are abstractions; There are no absolutes. Yin and Yang must certainly contain the possibility of confrontation and change. This is due to such gualities as cold, rest, responsiveness, passivity, darkness, inner, downward, inner, decrease, saturation, calmness and calmness. This is the end, the completion and the fruit realized. The original value of Jan was the sunny side of the slope. The term implies brightness and is part of one common Chinese expression for the sun. Yang is associated with such gualities as heat, stimulation, movement, activity, excitement, strength, light, exterior, upward, outer appearance, and increase. It is excitement, beginning and dynamic potential. Working with these ideas, Chinese thought and the Chinese medical tradition have developed five principles of Yin and Yang.⁹ All things have two aspects: the Yin aspect and the Yang aspect Thus, the time can be divided into day and night, put in the ground and sky, the season in inactive periods (autumn and winter) and active, empty and full of all examples of Yin-Yang categories. These gualities are opposites, but they describe the relative aspects of the same phenomena. Yin and Yang gualities exist in relation to each other. In terms of body, the front is considered yin and posterior Yang. The upper body is considered more Yang than the lower part; The outer parts of the body (skin, hair, etc.) are more yang than internal organs. From the point of view of psyche, his own, desire, and assertiveness, peace and responsibility. Yin and Yang are often described metaphorically as water and fire. Diseases that are characterized by weakness, slowness, coldness and inactivity are Yin; diseases that exhibit strength, force movement, warmth, and excessive activity Jan. The sky is high, the earth is low, and thus Heaven and Earth are fixed. As high and low, it is thus clear, honorable and modest have their place respectively. Since activity and calmness have their constancy, the strengths and weak are thus differentiated . . . The cold and hot season takes a turn... Heaven knows a great beginning, and Earth acts to bring the matter to an end... Heaven is Yang, and Earth is Yin.1° Any aspect of Yin or Yang can be further divided into Yin and Yang. This means that in each category Yin and Yang can be singled out a different category Yin and Yang. It is a continuation of logic that divides all phenomena into aspects of Yin and Yang, allowing further separation within aspects to infinity. For example, the temperature may be divided into cold (yin) and hot (Yang), but the cold can be divided further into icy cold (yin) and moderately cold (Yang). In the back, but the front can be split further so that Yin's abdomen in relation to the chest. In Yin disease characterized by coldness can be aspects of yang, such as sharp, severe contractions. In yang the disease of heat and hyperactivity can be weakness and weight loss, as yin quality. Chuang Tsi), Taoist philosopher (A., probably between 400 and 300 before. CE), describes the deployment of Yin and Yang, and the notion of the unity of opposites. in a radically paradoxical way: There is nothing in the world more than the tip of the hair that grows in the fall, while Mount Tai is small. No one lives longer than a child who dies in infancy, but Peng Tsu (who lived many hundreds of years) died prematurely.11 Yin and Yang mutually create each other. Although Yin and Yang can be distinguished, they cannot be separated. They depend on each other for determination. And what Yin and Yang's qualities. For example, you can not talk about temperature, except its aspects of Yin and Yang, cold and heat. Similarly, it is impossible to talk about height, if there was no height and brevity. Such opposite aspects depend on each other and define each other. Another example might be a relationship between a couple in which one partner can be (relatively) passive only if the other partner is (relatively) aggressive, and vice versa. Passivity and aggression can only be measured in comparison to each other. The activity (Yang) of the body feeds on its physical form (Yin), and the physical form is created and maintained by the activity, and vice versa. Lao Tzu (Lao Chi), the famous founder of Taoism, proclaims in Tao-te Jing (or Tao de Jing-Classic Tao and its virtues); To be and not to be producing each other; Along and short contrast to each other; Along and short contrast to each other; Difficult and easy to complete each other; Along and short contrast to other; Front and back follow each other.12 Yin and Yang control each other. If Yin is excessive, then Yang will be too weak, and vice versa. If the temperature is not too cold and not too hot, then both cold and hot aspects are mutually controlled and checked. If it is too cold, there is not enough heat, and vice versa. Yin and Yang balance each other. In our example pair, the degree to which one partner can be aggressive depends on the degree to which the other is passive, and vice versa. They exert mutual control over each other. Fire disease can be caused by insufficient fire. Lao Tzu hints at this concept when he says: Whoever stands on tiptoe is not sustainable. Whoever steps forward does not go. Whoever justifies himself is not outstanding. Anyone who boasts of himself has no honor. Those who brag don't hold up for long. This principle is the formula for the nature of the organic process. Process.

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