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The Chinese Month of Tiger and The Year of Tiger

What in store for 2010?

The Official Chinese Tiger year will start from February 4th 2010 that is the official day of Spring Arrival. 2010 is the year of Golden Tiger in accordance of Chinese calendar, but this Golden Tiger is not shining at all!

The Weather in the year 2010 is in trouble!

Year 2010 will experience **abnormal and unusual changes in weather** and could lead to:

1. Drought
2. Food shortages
- b) **Another focal point for year 2010 is the major Earthquake in the west.**
- c) **The increasing road accidents should be a concern of all.**

Returning to Dao (歸道) will help you re-organize your thoughts and thus your life destiny. Daoism preach that one must lead by example and take care of his people. That eluded to a point of filial pate a value teaching of Confucius and Daoism.

The teaching of Dao often places great emphasis on Values and Virtues of individual, such collective of personal values and tributes often ended up with mass management or should I say in more fad term, leadership of a group of people like family, enterprises as well as country. -The Yin and Yang theory. The word filial in broader context includes the love for respect, respect especially for elderly, for family, for friends and for human being in general that include your enemy. Such value is often lead or connected to virtues like humanism, trustworthiness, justice, etiquette and camaraderie



Star Earth 8 is in command for the year of Tiger while monthly Star 2 in command for this month. Both Earth elements would only complement each other. The area or sector should be our focal point is the Northeast sector that we can find Star 2 and Star 5 which is detrimental or prone to have bad incidences like health problem or terrorist attack alike!

IN **RED** ANNUAL STAR WHILE IN BLACK MONTHLY STAR

Southeast/SHUN 7 1	South/LEI 3 6	Southwest/KWAN 5 8
East/CHAN 6 9	CENTRAL 8 2	West/TUI 14
Northeast/KAN 2 5	North/HAM 4 7	Northwest/KIN 8 3



The Heavenly Scripture and Earthly Justice & 5 Elements

To begin with I must said Chinese direct translation into English context would lose its core essence but I will try my best and should there be any lost in transition please pardon my ignorant. Such text below was written long ago by Dong Chong Shu, a scholar in Western Han era in regards to 5 elements and the word filial. The 5 elements creation from water breeds wood, wood creates fire, fire breeds earth, earth creates metal and metal creates water and that cycle goes on and on to repeat itself. Such creation lead us to the father and son relationship that is unique, whereby son must show the respect and loyalty to father and mutually would have to obligation of teach and learn respectively. As such the end result would breed filial towards parents!

孝與五行

董仲舒：天有五行，就是木，火，土，金，水。木產生火，火產生土，土產生金，金產生水，水產生木，水與冬季相對應，金與秋季相對應，土與季夏相對應，火與夏季相對應，木與春季相對應。春主管孳生，夏主管長大，季夏管養育，秋主管收穫，冬主管貯藏。由以上五行相生，五時相承的原理可以說明，凡是父親所生育的，他的兒子就有責任使它長大；父親培育大的，兒子要繼續扶養；父親所扶養的，兒子就要使它成熟。大凡父親的作為，他的兒子都要承接下來並且繼續照著下去，不敢不努力去實現父親的意願，竭盡做人的基本道理。因此所謂五行，也就是五種德行。父傳子受，這是上天定下的為人之道。所謂《孝經》中說孝是天的常經，地的大義！

The Three 'H's in Ancient Chinese World- Heaven and Human

Harmony

Western Han Scholar Dong Ching Shu in his mega publication of Chun Qiu Fan Lu (春秋繁露) wrote in great length in regards to The Heaven and Human interact action (天人感應), among others, such rational eluded to the Harmonization of such interaction and any deviation of such would violate such cohesiveness.

Only Human and Heaven (Cosmic) would interact because of Human intelligence. Human would have 366 minor bones that would match 366 days a year, while 12 major bones would relate or match 12 months in a year. Our flesh match the earth's surface while our



blood stream matches the rivers, ocean and mountains. Human's mood of happiness would match the summer day, anger match cloudy day or autumn, joyful relate to spring while grief would relate to winter. Our inner body with Wu Zhang (5 major organ systems) would relate to Wu Xin (5 elements) while four limbs would match four seasons. This is rather systematically approach of our ancient wisdom, in future when anyone condemns that Chinese Culture is superficial and superstitious, you can look at him or her and said quietly that 'ignorant is not bliss'! The concept of Yin and Yang also embedded in our lives, such as when we wake up in the morning we see the sun coming out (Yang) while we go to sleep when the night is dark (Yin). Woman is Yin while Man is Yang; the sky is Yang while the earth is Yin!

Ancient Chinese would come out with all sorts of predictive tools because fear of the unknowns and often the results are either auspicious or inauspicious, in a more concrete approach, unkind energy that generated is often the violation of the cosmic or natural law while the kind energy that inherited is the result of natural flow of energy! In simple form auspicious would have the new definition of natural flow of energy while the inauspicious is the violation of the natural law! The violation of the Human and Heaven interaction! That is why Chinese emphasis greatly on the word **filial**, filial is not only the word respect for parents or elderly per se, it means more than that to respect the mother nature and learn to love the environment that give us life and energy!

What Thunder?

In my previous article I had mentioned that different eras had different first month of the year, for example in the era of Chou (周) the first month begins with the month of Rat (子), Yan and Shang eras (殷商) with Ox (丑) as first month while during Xia era (夏) until now with Tiger as first month. This unique calendar system is based on the lunar and solar movements that reflect on earth, however, such system mechanism were dictated by the ruler of that particular time. Let us examine one important Gua.

De Le Fu Gua (地雷復), one of the 64 Guas that looks like this:



(As you may know that the -- represents Yin while – represents Yang, we termed these as Yaos (爻)

As you may see that the bottom Yao begins with a Yang while the other five are Yin Yaos. This in fact is the Winter Arrival (冬至) of the Year and Ancient Chinese termed this the beginning of a Yang Yao (冬至—陽生). In a more scientific explanation, the earth is receiving the Sun light via the earth center gradually.

This can also explain that the bottom three Yaos Gua (also known as inner Gua) is Thunder Gua (地雷) with the top three Yao (also known as outer Gua) is Kwan Gua (坤卦) or Earth, the combination of Earth and Thunder resulted De Le Fu Gua (地雷復), as this further imply that in this Ancient Calender we would have 8 different Gua associated with



Thunder in other words we have 8 different types of Thunder. See below:

San Lei Yi 山雷頤



Ser He 火雷噬嗑



Tuen 水雷屯



Ye 地雷豫



Yik 風雷益



Wu Mang 天雷無妄



Xui 澤雷隨



Each Month is ascribed with a Gua

The Ancient Chinese had long understood the movement of planets that relate to time and space such concept can be explained by(陰消陽長) Yin Subsides while Yang Dictates. Moon and Sun mutually orbiting, day and night of Universal created heaven and earth which resulted in rain, thunder, wind and etc thus such concept is incorporated and represented by the Gua energies (卦氣) in simpler term Yin and Yang keep exchanging until the state of equilibrium is reached. What ever goes up must come down and what ever hit the bottom will bounce back.

First Six Months of Yang Guas

As mentioned early **De Le Fu Gua (地雷復)** also represent the month of Rat(子月) while the changes in the first two Yaos in the inner Gua resulted in the **Lin Gua (地澤臨)**, the month of Ox (丑月)



The Changes on the first three Yaos of inner Gua resulted as **De Tin Tai (地天泰)** which is month of Tiger (寅月)



The subsequent changes in the first four Yaos resulted in **Lei Tian Da Zhuang (雷天大壯)**, which is the month of Rabbit (卯月)



The changes on the first five Yaos resulted in the following gua, the diagram pretty much explain itself. The last Yin Yao in this month represent the Dragon month (辰月)

Jue 澤天夬



We have come to the important Gua of all Yang, this is termed pure Yang Gua (純陽), This can be explained why during the summer Yang energy is at its peak and resulted long day lights. This is the traditional forth month of lunar calendar or Snake. (巳月)

乾為天



The above 6 months are Yang month while the following 6 months are Yin months. See below.

The Other 6 Yin Months of Yin Guas

We have come to the Summer Arrival(夏至) with the born of first Yin Yao at the bottom or inner Gua. (夏至一陰生). This scenario can be explained by the fact that the Sun is changing its course to South that such impact is descending. Such Gua represent the month of Horse (午月)

Tian Feng Guo 天風姤



The power of Yin energy is increasing and as a result the following Gua is form. We can see that the changes in first two Yaos is the month of Goat (未月), which is the 6 month of the Lunar year.

Tin San Dun 天山遯



The subsequent month is Monkey with the following Gua (申月) or the seventh month of Lunar calendar.

De Tin Pe 天地否



This is the month of Rooster or the eight month of Lunar Calendar.

風地觀



The ninth month of Dog (戌月) Month is represented here.

山地剝



The full Yin Gua is Kwan Gua and that will go on as cycle of event! This is the 10th month of Lunar Calendar or the month of Boar (亥月)

坤為地



The day time activities on normal course in greater than at night, this is the natural way of life and at night we need to rest in the Yin environment. (日出而作，日入而息) that eluded us to the 12 News Guas. And these 12 News Guas are the phenomena of Yin Subsides and Yang dictates and vice versa and the circle begins all



over again

12 News Guas 十二消息卦/辟卦

The importance of the 64 Guas formation is expressing the message of Yin subsides and Yang on the rise, the 12 news Guas or the above mimic the same message, we can see that the left half round of the 64 Guas with 6 Yang Guas of Fu 復, Lin 臨, Tai 泰, Da Chuang 大壯, Kui 夬, Kin 乾, and the next 6 Yin Guas on the right are Kuo 姤, Dun 屯, Pei 否, Koon 觀, Mok 剝, and Kwan 坤 are combined as 12 is the essence of Jing Fang ideology to use the number 6 as base. The Jing Fang 6 Sons Guas (六子卦氣) energies are again using the number 6 as catalyst. Changes are the core message that one can find here. In the Chun Chiu era, Jing Fang also changed the 12 tones to 60 tones (musical temperament) using the gyrate theory. The Lok Shu numbers divided into two paths and gyrate six times to make up a total of 64 Guas. The two paths that mutually gyrate and resulted in with Kwan creates 6 Guas and Kin Gua creates 6 Guas as well that add up to become 12 Guas. And these 12 News Guas are the phenomena of Yin Subsides and Yang dictates and vice versa and the circle begins all over again. This is the Jing Fang round table imperative message. The 12 news Guas resulted from the Lok Shu numbers gyrating are the mainstream identical to human body 12 main bloodstreams. That will dictate the whole body's function. During the gyration period, Kin will not use Ham and Kwan will not use Lei and that is in line with the natural course of Mother Nature.

Watch what you do and say you could be tested!

Straight Yang mentoring Pure Yang 正陽渡純陽

During at drinking session at Chang An, Lu Ju or Pure Yang Lu was tested by Straight Yang Chung Le Chuen 10 times before taking him in as disciple and subsequently became immortal.

呂純陽在長安酒肆遇正陽真人鍾離權，正陽對呂有「十試」的考驗：

Test 1: One day Lu Ju came back from work and found out that his loved one was in serious sickness, without sadness or remorse, he started to prepare the dress and coffin necessary for burial, but later his loved one revived and lives on, Lu Ju is without sadness or joyous feeling.

第一試：呂純陽一日外出回來，突見親人悉皆病死，純陽既不悲傷，也不悔恨，只管置辦壽衣、棺木，準備料理喪事，不一會兒，親人又全都活過來，純陽無哀喜之情。



Test 2: Lu Ju was selling stuff at a market and there came a buyer to bargain with him, after agreeing on the price, Lu Ju handed him the stuff but the buyer refused to pay in full and the walked away. Lu Ju would not bother to let him walk away.

第二試：純陽上街賣貨，與買主討價還價後，說好了價錢，但買主又反悔變卦，只付給一半價錢，純陽不惱，讓買主大搖大擺地把貨物拿走。

Test 3: On the first day of lunar calendar, Lu Ju met with a beggar, after giving some monies, the beggar kept asking for more and threw vulgar words at him, Lu Ju left the scene with a smile.

第三試：春節正月初一，純陽正欲出門，遇一乞丐倚門乞討，純陽急施財物，但乞丐卻沒完沒了，一討再討，口出穢言，純陽只是滿臉堆笑。

Test 4: Lu Ju was once a shepherd; during his tenure a hungry tiger was eyeing to snatch the goats under his care. Lu Ju protected the goats by sending them down to the hillside and stood in front of the Tiger, the hungry tiger was at awe to see this and left the place without hurting Lu Ju.

第四試：純陽牧羊山中，忽遇一餓虎追捕羊群。純陽保護羊群下坡躲避，自己上前以身擋虎，老虎見之悻悻而去。

Test 5: Lu Ju was studying at a small hut on a mountain and suddenly a beautiful and gorgeous lady came by and asking for a night to rest since she was lost. That night, this beautiful lady was flirting and trying to get Lu Ju to have sex, but Lu Ju was untouched by such temptation.

第五試：純陽居山中茅舍讀書，忽然來了一個美女，聲稱自己迷路前來求宿。

繼而，這女子百般挑逗，夜逼共寢，純陽始終神態自若。



Test 6: One day Lu Ju came back and saw his house was burglarized and lost all his belongings, without throwing temper and showing sign of anger he started to work on his farm, suddenly as he dug further on the ground he found countless of precious gold, without greed he uncovered the earth without taking a single piece of the gold.

第六試：純陽一日外出歸來，發現家中遭竊，財產洗劫一空，純陽沒有頹喪，沒有報官，乃躬耕自鋤。鋤地時忽然挖出十幾錠黃金，純陽趕緊用土掩埋，分毫未取。

Test 7: Lu Ju bought some bronze utensils at a market and upon returning to home, he realized all the utensils were gold made and he immediately returned to the seller.

第七試：純陽一次上街買些銅器，回到家中一看，全都是金器，純陽馬上退還給貨主。

Test 8: A mad Taoist was selling medicine, telling people that such magic potion will let you die immediately and become immortal. No one would dare to try but Lu Ju bought and tried the potion but nothing happened to him.

第八試：有個顛狂道士在街巷裡賣藥，聲稱服者立死，來世可以得道。人們聽了，誰個肯自尋死路？純陽不信邪，買回服之、安然無恙。

Test 9: A river was elevated due to heavy rain, Lu Ju and some other passengers were on a boat crossing the river, while reaching the middle path, the weather was getting from bad to worse, all the passengers except Lu Ju were nervous and worried. Lu Ju took life easy and never worried about life and death!



第九試：河水泛濫，純陽與眾人乘舟渡河，行至中游，狂風暴作，波濤洶湧，眾人驚懼，唯純陽神態自若，端然不動，視生死之度外。

Test 10: Lu Ju was alone at home and suddenly weird things had happened, ghost and monsters were killing each other and wanted to do the same to Lu Ju, without fear Lu Ju kept on doing his chaos without paying attention to them. Another group of devils with blood all over tried to take Lu Ju's life away by saying to Lu Ju that he owed his previous life to him since in past life Lu Ju took his life. Without any fear Lu Ju said 'go ahead and take my life since I took yours in past life, this is fair and square!' All of the sudden the sky turned blue and those ghost and devils were disappeared while looking and laughing at him was Straight Yang Chung Le Chuen. (Who happened to be his Master and Mentor in Taoist teaching)

第十試：純陽獨坐室中，忽見無數奇形怪狀的妖魔鬼怪欲殺欲打，純陽毫不畏懼。又一群夜叉，押着一個血淋淋的死囚，前來索命：「你前世殺了我，今當還命！」純陽道：「殺人償命，欠債還錢。」神態自若，端然不動。忽然見空中大喝一聲，鬼怪皆無。一人撫掌大笑，卻是正陽真人鍾離權。

These 10 tests proved that Lu Ju is a pure and dignity person and Master Chung is very satisfied and happy to take Lu Ju to Nan San Her Ling to pass his secret of life and subsequently formed a 'Chung Lu Golden Dan' sect of school. But Lu Ju was not too found on the secret and instead change his formula for inner peace and benefits more human beings; many until today practiced such path to immortals. This is his major effort and contribution. He helped many to walk the right path and improve the health as well as living condition of many!

十試，純陽皆無得失心，以平常心態對待，鍾離權極為滿意。帶着純陽至終南山鶴嶺，傳以靈寶秘法，上真秘法，共同開創了鍾呂金丹派。

但純陽不執著於煉丹、點石成金的法術，改「丹鉛」與「黃白之術」為內功，只以慈悲度世為成道路徑。修仙成功之後，時常下山雲遊四方，為百姓解除疾病，不要任何報酬。

(一說正陽真人鍾離權的師傅東華帝君，是純陽真人呂洞賓的前身。該說法多見明清章回小說以及降筆揮鸞勸善文中，如《八仙得道傳》、《東遊記》等。另據《歷代神仙通鑒》，呂洞賓是上古聖王「皇覃氏」轉世。)

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