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Of heaven and earth

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The ancient narrative history Zuo Zhuan, or Commentaries of Zuo, is attributed to Zuo Qiuming - a contemporary of Confucius.

In it, a doctor named He from the Qing era says heaven consists of six energies (or qi): yin, yang, wind, rain, day and night. These six energies are categorized as follows: a cloudy day is termed as yin; a cloudless day is yang; wind and rain are the movements of clouds; the night is hi; and the day is ming. He adds: "Any imbalance in the equation will end up [creating a] disastrous state."

A few centuries later, Dong Zhongshu wrote in his book Chun Qiu Fan Lu, or Luxuriant Dew of the Spring and Autumn Annals: "The path of heaven is about giving, earth about nurturing, while that of man is about justice and manners. The eyes are for seeing the right colors; the ears are for hearing the right voices. The mouth is for tasting the right flavor and the body is for walking on the right path."

False knowledge and false preaching

It is hard to judge the authenticity of ancient scriptures: some are plagiarized and some created without proper basis.

In pursuing ancient knowledge, many practitioners may have unwittingly learned the wrong thing and passed it on to their followers.

So how do you know which teaching is real and which false? The answer is simply to practice what you have learned and the true teaching will emerge through trial and error. The process may be taxing and at times frustrating, but seek and you shall find.

How can this be done? Use your eyes and find the answers in your heart. For example, the only way to learn the topographical element of fung shui is by observing and experiencing the surrounding nature physically - especially through your eyes. Interpretation, however, is another matter.

In olden days, knowledge of the time aspect, or gua energy, was passed on orally. This tradition resulted in a loss of the great art and science as



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some practitioners took their precious knowledge to the grave without passing it on to anyone.

Thought of the week: Love gives all and requires nothing. If everyone gave their all, what more would you require?

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