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# TAO OF WELLNESS

## Letter from the Editor

h gosh, happiness is so important to us. We wish for happy friends, happy marriages, happy children, happy pets, happy trails and most importantly...for our own happiness.

Our best-selling Tao of Wellness herbal formula is Anxiety / Sleep, so I suspect that some of us are not exactly happy campers.

Much of Hua-Ching Ni's advice for living a happy life is simple and practical. He recommends that we limit our exposure to television news, particularly at dinner and bedtime. He reminds us to be grateful for what we have, and to reach out to others. His book, *Foundation of a Happy Life*, is a helpful resource.

I am a very happy person and I do what is necessary to grow my own joy. My life is insanely busy, so keeping our house clean and tidy calms me and makes me happy. I organize a weekly urban hike because mini-adventures are important to me. My husband and I keep in touch with our Swiss and Seattle granddaughters on Skype, and I love my job. Rather than contributing to an impersonal charity, I contribute anonymously to Yo San University in many small ways that I know are helpful.

Now that I'm getting older, I really do understand that meaning of the saying, "life is not a dress rehearsal." I am very motivated to do what makes me happy, and to do my best to share my happiness with others. Happiness is communicable, which is one of the nicest things about being a happy person.

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n Chinese Medicine, the Water Element is associated with kidney/bladder function and hormones supporting reproductive health. In the Asian Feng Shui tradition, water features and water fountains have an important place in landscape and home décor...water elements are a reminder of balance and a positive flow of energy.

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- Develop a flexible, dynamic 'water' personality...allow yourself to let go, and go with the flow.

May you live long and well - DR, MAO



## Chinese NUTRITION

BY JIN JUN, L.AC.



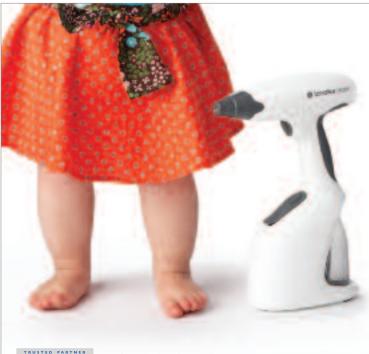
hinese Nutrition is based on natural principles that correspond to Five Elements theory. For example, tomatoes are red, the color associated with the Heart Element. Tomatoes, rich in lipoprotein, are purported to be good for the heart and coincidentally, when sliced open, tomatoes resemble a heart.

In TCM, the color green corresponds with the Liver Element. Dark green leafy vegetables, such as kale, are good for the liver. Their energetic functions include moving Liver Chi energy, and nourishing Liver Blood.



In Chinese medicine, gui zhi or cinnamon twig is used in the treatment of arthritis. Twigs and branches, the extremities of a tree, are used to treat fingers and joints which also happen to be the extremities in humans. Cinnamon twig is warming, so cinnamon is particularly useful for the treatment of cold-damp types of arthritis.

Excerpts from Jin Jun's essay, The Art and Relevance of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Jin is currently the Chief Eating Officer of SeaSnax, and a licensed acupuncturist with a focus on healthy families; she is a 2009 graduate of Yo San University. ■



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## ask dr. mao: fluseason

#### Q. Dear Dr. Mao, how can minimize my chance of getting the flu this season?

A. We are at the beginning of the flu and cold season. In Chinese medicine, prevention is the best cure; therefore it is of utmost importance that you give your immune system a boost.

#### Strategies for Stronger Immunity

- Maintain a positive mental attitude
- Eat lots of warming herbs like garlic, ginger, cilantro and oregano
- Get sufficient sleep; eight hours a night is ideal
- Control stress with meditation, tai chi or yoga

#### Turn on your Immune System

Treatment to stimulate immunity was first mentioned in The Yellow Emperor's Classic of Medicine, the oldest medical book in the world. It involved warming an acupoint on the leg with smoldering mugwort herb. You can achieve the same result by applying firm, steady finger pressure on the immunity point. The point is found on both legs, about four finger-widths below the outside indentation of the knee next to the shin bone.

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— Dr. Mao

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#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- I medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- I small cauliflower, cut into bite-size pieces
- 5 cups chicken stock
- 4 oz. each of shiitake, Portobello and white button mushrooms, cleaned and coarsely chopped
- ½ cup white wine

- One small bunch of fresh cilantro, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Oregano sprigs, for garnish (SERVES: 4 - 6)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Heat oil in a large pot over moderate heat. Stir in onion, garlic and cauliflower. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook until onion and cauliflower are softened, about 5 to 10 minutes. Add stock, mushrooms, wine and three-quarters of the cilantro. Bring to a simmer and cook over moderate heat until mushrooms are softened, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool.
- In small batches, pour soup into a food processor and pulse until smooth. Return to pot and bring to a simmer; salt and pepper to taste.



To serve, ladle into serving bowls and sprinkle with remaining cilantro. Garnish with oregano sprigs, if desired.











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5	1932	1941	1950	1959	1968	1977	1986	1995	2004	2013
4	1933	1942	1951	1960	1969	1978	1987	1996	2005	2014
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#### HARMONY IN THE

hinese astrology influences harmony within the home. If the flow of chi energy is interrupted, or it runs too swiftly, you can apply simple corrections to minimize negativity.

The entrance to your home is very important in feng shui. If a road or path leads directly to the front door, trouble can come right in. Plant shrubs or meander the pathway in order to soften the impact of a straight line to the door.

The entry hall should be spacious and bright so that chi can flow easily. If your hallway is small or dark, use bright lighting and decorations, and install mirrors to reflect as much light as possible. The entry ceiling should be light; dark ceilings signify a stormy sky.

Clutter tangles the flow of chi energy and creates a stagnant environment. Donate unused items regularly and keep rooms neat and tidy in order to encourage a fresh, healthy flow of chi and a lively, stimulating home.



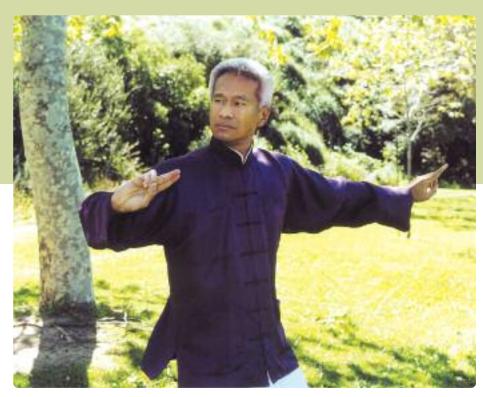
Keep doorways clear to allow chi to flow in smoothly. Windows should be lightly dressed so that chi can enter freely; if you feel the windows are too open, you can place plants on the windowsill to prevent chi from leaving a room too quickly.



Plants can be used to soften sharp corners and absorb negative energy. Bushy plants with rounded leaves help slow the flow of chi; plants with pointed leaves are useful for speeding it up. Here's a surprise; avoid cut flowers because they no longer contain any chi. ■





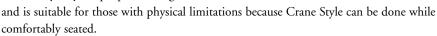


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pices that are good for fueling our fire also happen to be very good for our brains. From the perspective of Traditional Chinese Medicine, it makes sense...foods that tonify the Fire Element increase circulation to the brain and to other delightful parts of our bodies.

Cooking with warming herbs is a natural component of many Chinese dishes. Recipes featuring ginger, garlic, pepper, cinnamon and cloves are all traditional Chinese herbs that can spice up your fire and add spice to your life.

#### GARLIC AND PEPPERCORNS

Garlic and pepper is a favorite addition to many world-wide cuisines...how about a brain and heart-healthy marinara sauce made with fresh garlic, tomatoes and basil, and embellished with freshly-ground pepper.

#### **GINGER**

Brew up some ginger tea by thinly slicing a ½ inch piece of fresh ginger root. Place the ginger in a mug and add boiling water. Steep for 10 minutes, then add honey and lemon if desired. Perfect for settling a queasy stomach.

#### **CINNAMON**

Sprinkle a teaspoon on cinnamon on breakfast cereal. Did you know that cinnamon is an important ingredient in traditional Chinese five-spice powder? This traditional spice also includes star anise, fennel seeds, cloves and Szechuan peppercorns.

It is no accident that in the fall we turn to the warming, circulation-boosting spices in pumpkin pie, gingersnaps and spice cookies, so bake up something spicy and delicious to enjoy with a nice warming cup of ginger tea.

## Chinese FIVE Spice







n addition to being the Dean of Academic and Clinical Affairs at Yo San University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Lawrence Lau is also an inspired

and accomplished cook. Here is his fabulous recipe for duck confit featuring classic Chinese Five-Spice flavors.

#### FIVE-SPICE DUCK CONFIT

From Lawrence Lau, M.D. (Singapore), L.Ac.

- 2 tablespoons coarse sea salt
- 4 tablespoons Five Spice Seasoning
- 2 cloves garlic, unpeeled, tops sliced off
- 2 cloves garlic, unpeeled, smashed
- 6 (whole) bay leaves
- I shallot, peeled and sliced
- 4 duck legs with thighs (about 2 lbs), excessive fat trimmed, leave skin on
- 4 cups rendered duck fat or corn oil

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Lay the duck leg/thighs on a platter, skin side down.
- Gently and evenly rub in the salt and five-spice seasoning mix.
- Transfer the duck into a glass or plastic container.
- Top the duck with the bay leaves and crushed garlic.
- Cover and refrigerate for 12-48 hours.

- Remove the duck from the refrigerator.
- Remove the garlic and bay leaves; wipe off some of the salt and five-spice seasoning with a moist paper towel.
   Reserve the bay leaves.
- Arrange duck in a braising pot, skin side up. Completely immerse with rendered duck fat or corn oil.
- Add bay leaves and unpeeled garlic cloves with tops sliced off to perfume the oil.
- Cover and simmer at low temperature (200-225 degrees F) for about two hours, or until the meat is tender but remains intact on the bone.
- Remove the duck from the fat; strain the fat and reserve.
- Place the duck in a stoneware container;
   cover the duck with the strained fat.
- Allow the duck confit to cool at room temperature before placing it in the refrigerator; the duck confit can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one month.

To serve, remove the duck from the oil. Place duck on a heated searing pan, skin down. Alternatively, place duck skin-side up in a toaster oven to crisp the skin and thoroughly warm the duck.

Serve with salad or your choice of accompaniment. I recommend a frisée and endive salad drizzled with a light vinaignette dressing, together with Chinese plum or Japanese ume sauce for the meat.

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There are many different variations of 'Five Spice'. The most common variant comprises:

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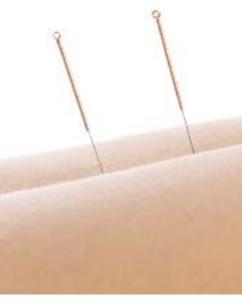


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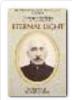
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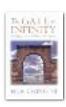
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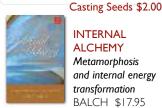
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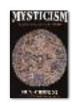
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## The Path of Constructive Life WORKSHOPS

Facilitated by Dr. Mao Shing Ni and Phillip Christman





#### Transform Your Life and the Lives of Others

We invite you to attend one of our Path of Constructive Life workshops. In the workshops you will learn about the Five Healths and will test your balance in each of these important life arenas: physical, mental, spiritual, moral and financial. The Five Healths paradigm is based on Hua-Ching Ni and Mao Shing Ni's Integral Way teachings and on their book, *The Path of Constructive Life*.

During the workshops, assessment tools are utilized to determine areas in which you are overly accomplished or under achieving; you will work with closely with others in the workshop to seek and find personal balance. You will learn to avoid negative habits and attitudes, you will prepare yourself for the opportunity to provide service to others; you will nurture constructive relationships, live within your financial means and will consider sharing abundance with others.

The results of PCL workshops have been very heartening and in some instances, breakthroughs have been astonishing. Participants have experienced exciting positive personal growth; many have found joy and have been able to set forth on a path toward accomplishing life-long goals. Once empowered, some Path of Constructive Life participants go on to become life coaches and are able to use their personal experience to help others gain clarity and reach their full human potential.

For schedule, registration, pricing, and program details, please contact the College of Tao.

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## CLEANSING detox retreats

#### CLEANSING CREATES WELL-BEING

ur body is automatically programmed to cleanse itself daily. However, with our fast-paced modern lifestyle and exposure to an increasing number of harmful and toxic substances, our body's natural cleansing ability has become overworked and compromised.

Many signs and symptoms attributed to stress are now being linked to early signs of exposure to harmful substances such as PCBs, pesticides, herbicides, antibiotics, growth hormones, and mercury in food and liquids as well as dioxins and formaldehyde in the air.

These substances most notably affect the healthy functioning of the liver and immune system. Common symptoms of dysfunction in these systems include:

- Fatigue, anxiety and depression
- Allergies and frequent infections
- Unexplained weight gain and difficulty losing or gaining weight
- Joint pain and muscle weakness
- Difficulty focusing and memory loss
- Indigestion, constipation, diarrhea, gas and/or abdominal bloating
- Skin rashes, skin eruptions and/or acne
- Recurrent yeast/fungal infections
- Rapid aging

Harmful and toxic substances from our chemically-laden food and polluted environment have also become implicated as a leading cause of many serious illnesses such as:

- Cancer
- Degenerative diseases
- Infertility, birth defects and genetic changes

To counter this growing situation, the doctors at Tao of Wellness have developed a Cleansing and Detoxification Program that is unique and highly useful in ridding the body of many harmful and toxic substances.

"An amazing experience...

I am looking forward to experiencing
the lasting effects over the coming
weeks and months."

In designing the detox program, the doctors have drawn upon the centuries-old Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) principles to solve a modern problem. The detox program combines selected TCM techniques that work together synergistically such as: acupuncture, cupping, herbal medicine, dietary therapy, far-infrared sauna, tuina bodywork and chi gong.

"The treatments were wonderful. Each day I felt very refreshed. Definitely lost some weight and inches..."

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Cleansing and Detoxification Program is a three-day retreat at the Tao of Wellness or as a week-long program. The procedures used are designed to stimulate the release of harmful substances stored in the tissues and liver. Once the toxins are released into the circulatory system, it is important to remove them as soon as possible. This is why the chosen treatment modalities are so important.

#### **ACUPUNCTURE**

Acupuncture stimulates neurological, immunological, and endocrine responses beneficial to tissue cleansing and cell rejuvenation. It also stimulates the release of endorphins that reduce the pain and discomfort sometimes experienced when detoxifying and withdrawing from addictive substances such as alcohol, caffeine, drugs, nicotine and sugar.

"I feel an overall openness. My mental clarity is better and the fogginess has lifted."

#### CHINESE HERBAL THERAPY

The proprietary herbal formulations focus on drawing the toxins directly out of the body through increased sweating, urination, and bowel movements. Some of the herbs directly support the filtering function of the liver and assist it in cleansing and promoting cell repair and cell regeneration.



#### DETOX DIET PROTOCOL

Dietary therapy plays a distinct and essential role in the detox program. The prescribed meal plan includes selected foods that cleanse the liver and intestinal tract and provide key nutrients such as all the vitamins and minerals necessary for optimal health.

#### FAR-INFRARED SAUNA

The heat and deeper vibratory action of the sauna's far-infrared energy also promotes the release of toxins through increased circulation and through sweating.

The far-infrared sauna differs from the conventional sauna in its ability to penetrate deeply beneath the superficial layers of the skin. Studies show that the infrared light waves help to rid the body of toxins that are stored beyond the superficial layers of the skin. The excreted toxins include: cholesterol, fat-soluble toxins, toxic heavy metals (such as mercury and aluminum), sulfuric acid, sodium, ammonia and uric acid. The unusually high concentration of heavy metals and other fat-soluble toxins is not found in the sweat from normal exercise or a regular sauna.

"I feel refreshed, optimistic, and my knowledge of my body is improved. Though I'm lighter and calmer, I'm more energetic!"

#### **CUPPING**

Toxins often accumulate in the connective tissues creating blockages and impeding blood and fluid circulation. The strong suction action of the cupping stimulates blood and lymphatic fluid to flow near the skin's surface and to key areas of the body for easy and direct release of toxins.

"Such a great weekend. The staff were so wonderful, and everything was so well organized. I felt at home here. Thank you for all the great attention."

#### WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The Cleansing and Detoxification Retreat is helpful for those wishing to change their habits and adopt a healthier lifestyle. It is effective for people who feel constantly fatigued and for people who are trying to stop smoking, wean off drugs, lose weight, slow aging, prepare for pregnancy or reduce inflammatory conditions.

Many participants have reported significant improvement in their symptoms and conditions after attending a three-day detoxification retreat. All quotations are testimonials from participants in a Tao of Wellness Cleansing and Detoxification Retreat.

#### DAY AND TIME

- Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
- Sunday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

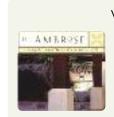
#### YOUR RETREAT PACKAGE INCLUDES (DAILY):

- Acupuncture—special detox protocol
- Cupping and dry brushing
- Lymphatic tuina bodywork
- Far infrared sauna
- Vegetable juice blend
- Special cleansing vegetable broth
- Catered organic breakfast and lunch
- Take home dinners for Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Detox herbs and nutritional supplements
- Lectures on diet, nutrition and environmental health
- Tai chi, chi gong and movement classes
- (Once) InfiniChi® healing session

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Weekend package: \$1150, Tao of Wellness patients \$1050. Total number of participants limited. If you are unable to attend, please contact Adriana Rivera at least two weeks prior to the the Retreat to avoid a cancellation fee.

LOCATION: Tao of Wellness, Santa Monica, California



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# Treat yourself to a FACE & BODY REJUVENATION RETREATS

#### at the TAO OF WELLNESS

ging may be inevitable but poor health is not. Treating yourself to natural rejuvenation care as well as consistent self-care, you can reap the benefits of a youthful vitality that is ageless. When your life's essence becomes depleted by an unhealthy lifestyle, lack of sleep, environmental factors, stress, and improper nutrition, the first place it shows up is on your face. Tao of Wellness is at the forefront of integrative antiaging medicine and has developed a unique program that will help bring that healthy glow back to your face and body, from within and without.



#### COMMON SYMPTOMS OF DEPLETED LIFE ESSENCE INCLUDE:

- Dull, lifeless skin and hair
- Premature skin aging and cellulite
- Low energy and vitality
- Weight gain especially around the waist and hips
- Muscle weakness and bone loss
- Decreased libido and performance, memory loss and poor concentration

#### WHAT WILL THE FACE AND BODY REJUVENATION RETREAT DO FOR ME?

Beauty starts from within. Spend two days at Tao of Wellness refreshing your spirit and rejuvenating your body and skin. Learn restorative movements and anti-aging nutrition. Experience special revitalizing treatments that will enhance your youthful energy from the inside out. This program is aimed at bringing life back to your appearance!

- Restore confidence and joy
- Support healthy collagen production
- Return moisture and hydration to your skin
- Decrease fine lines and wrinkles
- Reduce puffiness
- Revitalize your whole body inside and out

#### YOUR FACE & BODY REJUVENATION RETREAT PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Acupuncture
- Micro-current facial stimulation
- Facial acupressure
- Herbal nutrient mask
- Cupping
- Dry brushing
- Far-infrared sauna
- Special super-mineral vegetable broth
- Three catered organic meals each day
- Workshops on: Anti-aging diet and nutrition; Transforming stress into vitality; and Chi gong and facial self-massage
- A rejuvenating herbal formula and nutritional supplements

#### DAYS AND TIMES:

Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday – 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**COST:** \$850

## **REGISTRATION & INFORMATION** including additional retreats and accommodations: Adriana Rivera, 310-917-2200. Limited space available, so please sign up early!

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Please fill out form with credit card information, or enclose check, and mail to Tao of Wellness at the address above.

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