

Acupuncture, Taoism, Yin and Yang & the New Age **Exposed**

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Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

I Corinthians 2:15: "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things..."

Sermon Overview: Most people do not know that I am also board certified acupuncturist, but after researching this field further I felt heavily convicted to stop this practice years ago.--
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Acupuncture is a Chinese system of new age healing using needles inserted in different points on the body, traditionally believed to balance the yin and yang energies in the body by opening blocked energy channels called meridians. Once the chakras (key points or intersections) are open, the chi, or energy, **supposedly** can then flow through the body bringing all things into harmony. **The religious component that undergirds acupuncture** is primarily Taoism (The **Chinese philosophy teaching that there is no personal God**—similar to the impersonal God-force of pantheism in Hinduism). The Tao is composed of conflicting opposites (Yin and Yang). Missionaries and Christian researchers who have lived in Asia for many years claim that between 95 and 98 percent of the non-Christian population have occult/psychic powers. These vary considerably in strength, depending on the extent to which the person has been involved with the occult practices of Asiatic

religions. What then have psychic powers to do with acupuncture? It is a fact of experience that acupuncture is much more successful with psychic doctors and psychic patients than with those who are not psychic. Many Chinese doctors have indirectly acknowledged this, for a great many of them will not treat Western patients by acupuncture. There are of course exceptions, for in the Western world also there are psychic people. Psychic sensitivity, for the most part unconscious, is the catalyst for successful results in acupuncture.

Acupuncture and the Bible

"Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain..." -**Jeremiah 10:2,3**

Holistic healing

Many people mistakenly accept the body-mind connection of holism because we know that our attitudes often affect our health or recovery from illness. However, attitudes and the contemporary mystical holistic view are two separate things. The holistic view of the body and of health is based in monism, that all is one and one is all, and that a universal force (referred to as chi or qi) connects us and flows through the body. Holism today assumes that all illness is an imbalance of or blockage of the chi and/or the yin-yang forces in the body, and thus the state of one's health is a reflection of this energy/spiritual imbalance or blockage.

Acupuncture

Most holistic healers believe that illness is a spiritual condition, and they use methods based in occultism and Eastern religious views. Acupuncture originates in the belief that the yin-yang forces flow along invisible pathways in the body called meridians, and that illness results from an imbalance in these forces, or the blockage of these forces. Inserting the needles at certain points is supposed to allow a balanced flow of the body's yin and yang energies. Although there are

theories that acupuncture works either because the placement of the needles sends signals to the brain which release endorphins or because the needles block a pain signal to the brain, these theories have not been proven. Even if these theories prove correct, then the conclusion would be that it is not acupuncture that is working, since acupuncture is based on the idea that relief is coming from the flowing of chi and balancing of yin and yang. What would be working is relief of pain through endorphins and the blockage of pain signals. This is not the theory of traditional acupuncture. This relief would have nothing to do with chi, meridians, or yin and yang, but rather with biology and a proper understanding of the body.

Qi

Tai Chi, often called a "moving meditation," is based in Taoism. One of the purposes of Tai Chi is to facilitate "the flow of qi through the body," (Harper's Encyclopedia of Mystical & Paranormal Experience, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, p. 599). The qi (also spelled chi, ki or ji) is an Eastern name for the universal energy supposedly flowing through the body. A fact sheet on the meaning of the 108 moves in Tai Chi, put out by the Taoist Tai Chi Society in the U.S., states that the 36 major and minor yang channels in the body are the "Celestial Deities" while the yin elements in the body are the "72 Terrestrial Deities." The combined total is 108, a "number divined by Chang San Feng himself" (Chang, an 11th century Taoist monk, is considered the founder of Tai Chi). The statement goes on to say that "the full 108 symbolizes the harmonious balance of yin and yang and therefore lead to health. The union of all yin and yang elements represent the return to the holistic and undifferentiated state of the Tao." The term undifferentiated means there are no distinctions; all is one.

The Christian Response

Christians should be discerning about practices such as acupuncture that have as yet no medical basis and "exercises" like Tai Chi that are designed based on spiritual beliefs hostile to Christ's claim to be the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). The fact that such a treatment may work is not a good enough reason for using it. Many things in the occult and mystical world seem to work. The standard for Christians in adopting a spiritually based idea or practice is not whether it works. We are admonished to "not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God..." (1 John 4:1a). These words should be taken to heart in regards to many other holistic and alternative treatments as well. The Tao claims to be the way but offers an undifferentiated whole where there are ultimately no distinctions between yin and yang, or between good and evil. Harmony is based on balancing yin and yang. However, true peace comes only through trusting Christ (John 14:27; Philippians 4:7). There is a Person, Jesus, not a principle or a philosophy, Who said He is the Way (John 14:6), the Way to God and to eternal life (John 5:24; 6:40).

<http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/Other%20Pagan%20Mumbo-Jumbo/acupuncture.htm>

ACUPUNCTURE



Acupuncture claims to restore the balance of energy flow between the body and the universe. Except energy flow does not exist in the human body, so the supposed relationship of energy flow between the body and the universe is also invented. The technique of acupuncture (inserting needles into the body at key points) is used to "unblock and redirect energy flow". It is interesting that many of the needles are inserted in places with no nerve endings. Yet people will insist acupuncture relieves them from pain. But hey so does aspirin. It is truly remarkable how an odd procedure can survive for 3000 years and spread throughout the world without a single scientific study. Can acupuncture be just another harmless pseudoscientific hocus-pocus? It may be that, but then again it is worth remembering that acupuncture is the product of a philosophy that is perfectly inconsistent with Christianity.

Some people say acupuncture does not need to involve the occult. True enough, acupuncture need not involve the occult, but your acupuncturist might! How can you be sure what your acupuncturist is into? Is acupuncture not the practice of Taoism? Taoism is based on the interaction of two forces, yin and yang, influencing our destinies. Your acupuncturist may call himself a 'Christian Acupuncturist', but the two words cancel out each other. Christian means follower of Christ. There is no place for God in Taoism. Acupuncture may seem harmless even beneficial, but in fact it can be a doorway to the occult.

<http://charismatic-heresy.blogspot.com/2006/11/acupuncture.html>

Excerpts from: **“Occult ABC”** by Kurt E. Koch

Acupuncture

http://www.fatheralexander.org/booklets/english/occult_abc_koch.htm#_Toc78601734

The material used in the following account has been collected from every continent. It is impossible for me to use every example that has come to my notice in counseling.

As far as the abundant literature is concerned, one book that gives a good historical and technical introduction to the subject of acupuncture is Marc Duke's *Acupuncture* (Suhrkamp). This book, however, must be read with some caution, for it does not deal with the psychic aspect of acupuncture. It is this latter that constitutes the main problem for the Christian who is considering the use of the treatment. The preface to the book is by Dr. Kohnlechner, and the final chapter by Dr. Scheel. Incidentally, neither of these scholars have noticed the mistake in the opening line of the book. The word "acupuncture" is compounded from two Latin words: *acus*, -us, fern. = needle and *punctum*, -i, neut. = prick — not *punctua*, as stated in the first sentence.

Most doctors in the West are skeptical about acupuncture. In the USA, this form of treatment is forbidden. In the spring of 1975, I saw a TV program in which a young girl was anaesthetized by needles before an operation. After the operation there was a discussion for and against acupuncture. It is evident that up to the present time, German and Swiss doctors in particular either reject or are at most noncommittal about the development of this Chinese method of healing and anaesthesia.

We can see that there are two camps. This was true even in China as long as Chiang Kai-Shek was president of the Chinese mainland. Chiang, who was a Christian, wanted to forbid acupuncture by law. Mao knew how strongly the people clung to their ancient method of healing. After he came to power, he introduced it and favored it everywhere.

The origin of acupuncture goes back to the Emperor Huang Ti, about five thousand years ago. Huang Ti concluded through study of the stars, that harmony and balance reign in the universe. His next conclusion was that man as the microcosm must correspond to the macrocosm. In other words, physical and mental processes must be put in tune with one another. This insight has found new emphasis in the psychosomatic school of our own century. The basic concept of acupuncture is thus philosophical in character, with a leaning to astrology.

The next step came when Emperor Huang Ti worked out a theory as to how this harmony could be brought about or maintained in the human body. He called the energy or life force of a man "Ch'i." This was said to flow into the body at birth and to go out again at death. The Ch'i flows through the body in two systems: Yang and Yin. Yang is the male principle (the sun), Yin the female principle (the

moon). The flow of Yang and Yin throughout the body is through a system of canals, the meridians. These meridians have nothing to do with the circulation of the blood, nor with the lymphatic system, nor with the nerves. For this reason, Yang and Yin are rejected by Western critics as being nonexistent.

The third step is knowledge of how the meridians are arranged. They are said to go under the skin and around the body. The fourteen main meridians are linked by fifteen Luo canals. Branching off from the main meridians are forty-seven subsidiary ones. The meridians pass close to the skin at 365 points. These are the places where needles can be inserted.

What is the idea of inserting the needles? In the entire body, and in every organ, a balance must be maintained between Yang and Yin. If either form of energy is too strong in an organ, then illness results. If, for example, the Yin, or female principle, is too strong, a gold needle is inserted in the appropriate place in order to strengthen the Yang, or male principle. If the Yang is too strong, a silver needle is inserted.

Present-day specialists in acupuncture no longer content themselves with the classic 365 points, but use up to a thousand.

Let us conclude our study of the so-called scientific side of acupuncture by mentioning the greatest error in the classical theory of acupuncture. The ancient Chinese doctors believed that the spleen performed the functions which medicine ascribes to the brain. The brain had a minor role in their view. This gives us something of a yardstick by which to assess how "scientific" the system is.

Let us consider the extremely serious problem raised by acupuncture, which is not mentioned in the book by Marc Duke nor in the majority of books about acupuncture, namely,

The psychic factor: The Western view of the world is rational, the Eastern is what is called psychic. This is a subject which we cannot here consider in detail. It is my intention to deal with it in a forthcoming volume. Here I will give some brief comments.

The ancestor cult and all the religions of the East have a spiritistic or an animistic background. The result is the development of psychic powers. It is extremely difficult to define this term "psychic." It means an openness to that which transcends the mind, to the metaphysical, the supernatural — the demonic.

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The Western view of life is predominantly based on reason. In the West the percentage of people with psychic powers is the reverse of that found in the Eastern world: between 2 and 5 percent of the population are psychic. Only in those areas where magic is practiced is the proportion a higher one.

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It should be mentioned in passing that psychic powers enhance meditation, suggestion of every kind, hypnosis, narcosis, telepathy, and the ability to go into a trance. Practically all spiritistic and magical practices are impossible without psychic powers.

In many cases, acupuncture is a form of psychic anaesthesia (lack of feeling, deadening of pain). Whether this is true in all cases, I do not know.

As far as psychic anaesthesia is concerned, I have seen it practiced in East Asia and have taken photographs of it. In the cases I have observed, there was no need for any piercing with a needle.

Ex 7: During a pagan festival in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, I came upon a procession. Many of those taking part had stuck bamboo sticks through their cheeks, their eyebrows, their ears, the skin of their temples, or the muscles of their upper arms. The procession lasted six to eight hours, during which time the sticks were piercing their bodies. Those who participated claimed they felt no pain. When the sticks were pulled out, the wounds did not bleed and healed up within two hours.

Ex 8: I was particularly fascinated by one impressive scene. A Hindu stuck a knife in between the two bones of his forearm. He said that he could do it by means of a semitrance. He was able by mental concentration to make his forearm insensitive to pain. Here, too, there was no pain, no bleeding, and swift healing. It was not a trick, as Western rationalists would have us believe. In one case, a similar act of putting a knife into the body was recorded by an x-ray photograph.

I know psychic people who can bring about psychic anaesthesia in themselves or in other people. Needles are not necessary, but they can be used in order to enhance the psychological effect.

These examples from East Asia suggest a possible explanation for those cases in which treatment by acupuncture was eminently successful.

There are not many Christian workers in the West who are familiar with the problem of psychic anaesthesia. I will mention a few who are friends and particularly well known to me:

1. Emil Kremer (of Colmar in France) deals with the subject in his book *Geoffnete Augen*, 14th Edition, p. 73.
2. Gottfried Eisenhut, of the Central Mission in Blekendorf, Germany, is very familiar with this subject.
3. Vim Malgo of Pfaffikon, Switzerland, should also be mentioned.
4. The book *Eine gefcihrlche Unwissenheit* by Walter Wilms (Schriftenmission Essen) I also recommend.

In North America, too, there are Christian workers who warn us against all occult practices, including acupuncture.

All these movements which come from the East remind us of the words of Revelation 16:12-14:

"That the way of the kings of the east might be prepared . . . For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world."

Finally we come to two questions. Can Christians also be psychic?

When a person is converted and turns to Christ, the psychic powers he may have inherited or acquired do not always disappear. Because inherited psychic powers are not usually known to those who have them, such Christians experience negative effects in their life of faith without understanding their origin. Christians like this can also be influenced by practitioners of the occult. Perhaps the second example in this chapter comes under this category.

The other question which I am often asked is, May a Christian believer allow himself to be treated by acupuncture? I cannot speak for anyone else. Everyone must make his own decision. If a Christian has been undergoing ordinary medical treatment for years without success and thinks that acupuncture will help him, he is making a serious decision. But under all circumstances he should pray that he may be under the protection of Christ. Psychic powers are dangerous.

Additional note: What are we to make of electro-acupuncture? I have encountered two forms. In the first, the needles are connected to an electric supply at small voltage with a high frequency, with the object of bringing about vibration in the body of the patient. This form deserves the name of electro-acupuncture.

The second form has really nothing in common with acupuncture, and it is misleading to call it electro-acupuncture. I have seen the second form used by two fully qualified German doctors. To diagnose the patient's complaint they placed in his left hand the electrode of a meter. With his right hand, the patient, guided by the doctor, tested various medicines. The electric meter gave various readings during the test. The doctor chose the medicine which had produced the optimum response, and knew at once what was wrong with the patient. How this form of diagnosis and therapy came to be called electro-acupuncture, I am unable to fathom. Methods of healing become stranger every decade.

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Luke 11:26 - Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

A recent edition in Parade Magazine had an article on acupuncture. The article gave the false impression of scholarly detached objectivity, but such was exposed at the end when it was revealed that the writer not only provided acupuncture services but was much impressed with having seen a demonstration of it in

China, where the practice was developed. Make no mistake, acupuncture is a practice that is thoroughly demonic: idolatry, witchcraft, and defilement of the body. As is New Age, yoga, evolution, meditation, and many other things that are being promoted in our culture, it is being promoted as secular, but it is entirely religious. For instance, adherents to this religion pray over the needles before they are used. Its alleged method of healing is balancing the flow of life energy in your body between the good (ying) and bad (yang). Do not be deceived; even if an acupuncture provider is not aware of the religious aspects and is not using needles that have been prayed over, the very act is still every bit as much witchcraft as a person who does not REALLY believe in witchcraft playing around with a crystal ball or ouija board that was not made or commissioned by a witch. Parade Magazine acknowledged in the article that the actual medical/religious practice of "correctly" inserting the needles according to the acupuncture practice does not matter; merely sticking the person at random has the same effect. Yet, failing to puncture the skin (whether the needles were placed correctly according to the acupuncture or not) has no effect. But make no mistake, demons are at work here, and powerful ones. The evidence is the author's eyewitness account of seeing a fully conscious and smiling young woman receive open heart surgery with no anesthesia. She felt no pain at all because of a single acupuncture needle in her ear!

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