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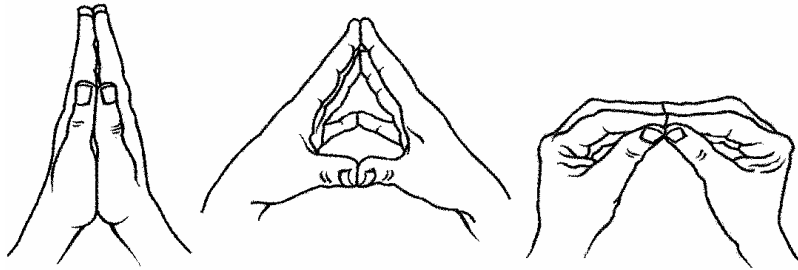
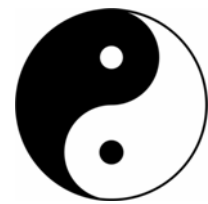
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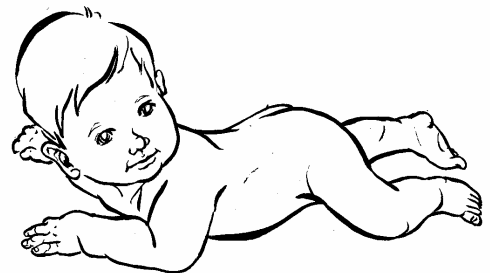


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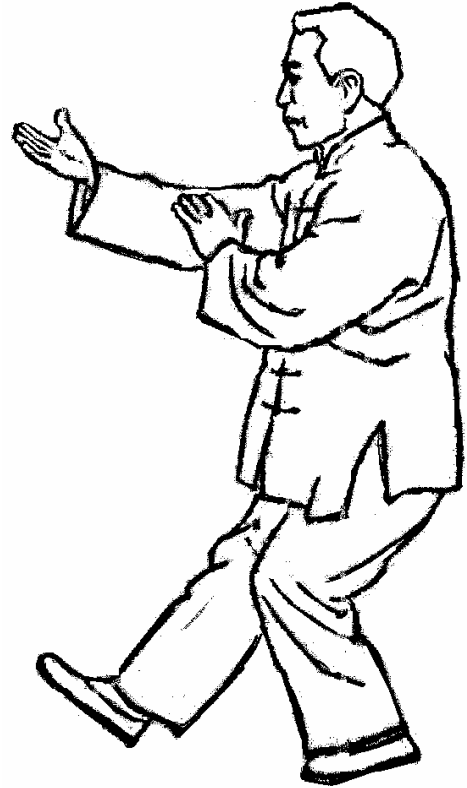


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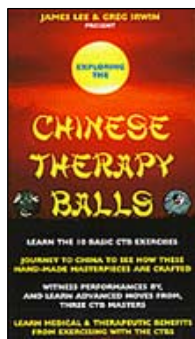
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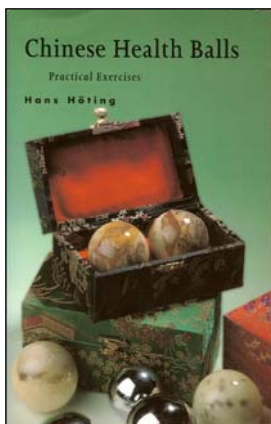
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Editor's Notebook

Welcome to the Winter 2007 issue of 'The Internal Arts', and to a new year. We wish all our current and future students a happy and healthy 2007.

This month our Chief Instructor Master Inoshita asks whether Chi exists at all. Comparing eastern and western ideas the article discusses Chi from differing standpoints.

The first of two articles on the fundamentals of T'ai Chi covers the basics of the 'duck-footed' and 'empty stances'. Our next issue continues with the 'bow stance'.

Our hands are used for almost everything we do during our lives, and yet we spend very little time looking after them. We have a set of exercises to keep our hands flexible, dexterous and strong.

One of the questions we're asked on a regular basis, is what should I wear for T'ai Chi or Qi Gong? Doctor Paul Lam, a well respected T'ai Chi practitioner answers this question for us this month.

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T'ai Chi Stances & Movement ~ Part 1: The 'Duck-footed' & Empty Stances

By John Robertson

Stances are the very foundation of T'ai Chi Ch'uan, and all the remaining components of T'ai Chi can easily be built on top of correct stances. As a beginner it is advisable to spend additional time getting used to the stances, and learning how to move correctly in each one. Time spent here will make later postures much easier, and help build better balance and stability in daily life. We will look at each of the basic stances and how to perform them correctly.

The 'Duck-footed' Stance

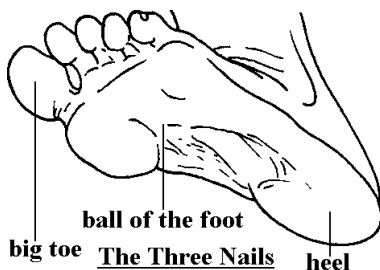


We refer to the 'duck-footed' stance often during class but talk little about it because it only occurs at the beginning and the end of the form.

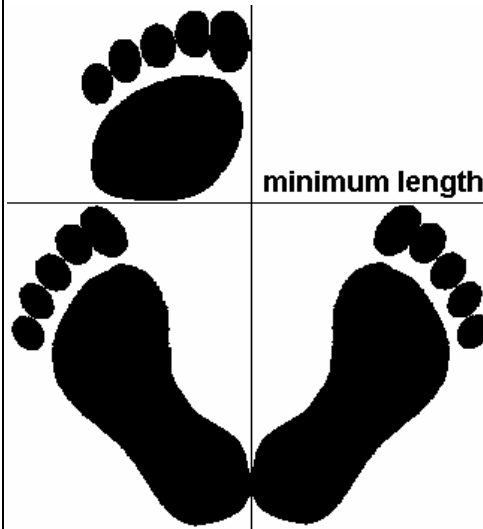
The heels should be together, the toes apart up to a 90° angle with the weight distributed evenly between the feet.

Before beginning the form it is a good idea to take a moment or two while in the 'duck-footed' stance to feel your feet, and the contact that they have with the floor.

Try to ensure that the 'three nails' are 'stuck' evenly and firmly to the floor, and remain so during the form, unless moved by conscious effort.



The Empty Stance



The empty stance is a metaphor for kicking; anytime you are in an empty stance you could be using the front foot to kick.

First, stand in a duck footed posture, heels together, back upright, hands at your sides.

Slowly sink all your weight down into the right leg until you can no longer see the toes of that foot and you can lift your left foot without moving your head.

Pick up the toes of the left foot and, pivoting on the heel, turn the toes in until the foot points straight forward, heels still together.

Advance the left foot straight forward. The foot must clear the toes of the right foot, the heels must remain in line, and the foot must point forward.

All your weight should be on the right foot, the toes of the left foot only support the weight of that leg. You must be able to move your left foot without moving your head.

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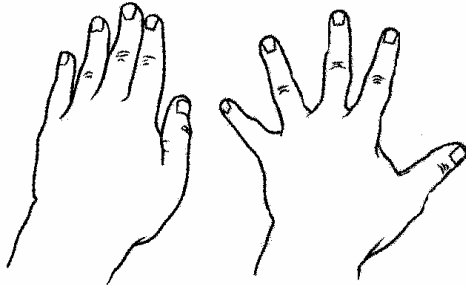


Hand & Wrist Strengthening Exercises

By John Robertson

Almost every action a person makes depends on the agility and strength of the fingers, hands, wrists and forearms, and yet we spend little time trying to keep them healthy. These exercises are designed to keep your hands strong, flexible and improve dexterity. The use of Chinese Therapy Balls is highly recommended as a further method of exercising the hands and maintaining overall good health.

1. Finger Stretch



Sit or stand upright. Breathe naturally, deeply and silently through the nose, keeping the lips sealed.

Hold both hands out straight in front, fingers tight together. Splay the fingers open as far as possible, then bring together.

Open the fingers eight to sixteen times.

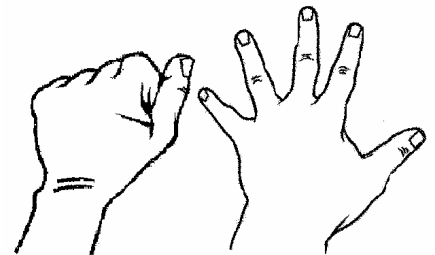
Physical effects: Improves finger dexterity and range of motion.

2. Outside Fist Finger Stretch

Hold both hands out straight in front in a fist with the thumbs on the outside. Splay the fingers open as far as possible, then bring together.

Open the fingers eight to sixteen times.

Physical effects: Improves finger dexterity and range of motion.

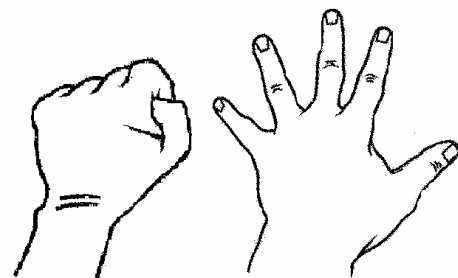


3. Inside Fist Finger Stretch

Hold both hands out straight in front in a fist with the thumbs on the inside. Splay the fingers open as far as possible, then bring together.

Open the fingers eight to sixteen times.

Physical effects: Improves finger dexterity and range of motion.



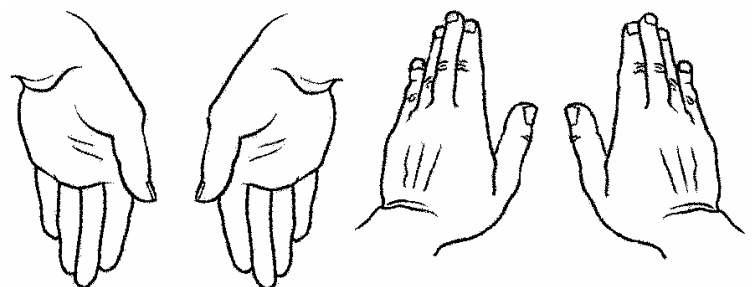
4. Wrist Bend And Straighten

Hold the arms straight out to the front fingers pointing away. Point the fingers to the ground by bending the wrists; hold for eight seconds. Bend the wrists to point the hands forward.

Point the fingers to the sky by bending the wrists; hold for eight seconds. Bend the wrists to point the hands forward.

Bend the wrists eight to sixteen times in each direction.

Physical effects: Strengthens the wrists and forearms. Relieves carpal tunnel syndrome.

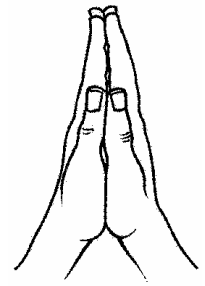


5. Prayer

Press fingers and hands together palms facing, fingers together. Keep pressing the fingers and palms together throughout. Lift the elbows and push the hands down, hold for sixteen seconds.

Bend the wrists eight to sixteen times.

Physical effects: Strengthens the wrists and hands.

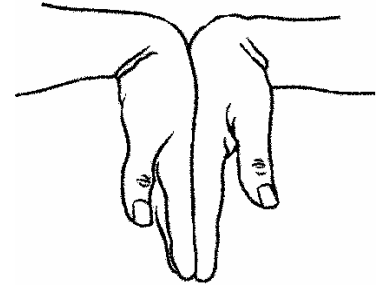


6. Reverse Prayer

Press fingers and hands together backs of the hands facing, fingers together. Keep pressing the fingers and hands together throughout. Lift the hands and push the elbows down, hold for sixteen seconds.

Bend the wrists eight times to sixteen times.

Physical effects: Strengthens the wrists and hands.



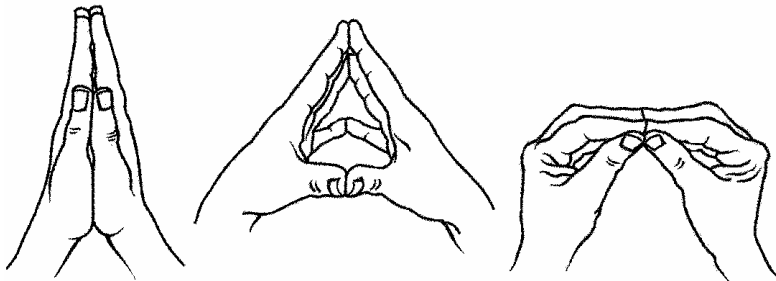
7. Push Away Palms

Hold both hands out straight in front palms inward, interlace the fingers tight together. Bend the wrists away from the body so that the tips of the fingers are pressed firmly against the back of the hands, and the palms face out.

Push the palms away eight to sixteen times.

Physical effects: Improves range of motion.

8. Finger Push-ups



Press fingers and hands together palms facing, fingers splayed. Keep pressing the fingers and palms together throughout.

Arch the palms apart so only the fingertips touch. Bring the finger tips together.

Splay the fingers apart and push the palms together.

Push the fingers away eight to sixteen times.

Physical effects: Improves finger and wrist strength.

9. Touch The Fingertips

With the hand slightly open, touch the tip of each finger with the thumb, moving from left to right, then from right to left.

Touch each finger eight to sixteen times.

Physical effects: Improves finger dexterity and hand-eye coordination.





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Does Chi Exist?

By Master Michael Inoshita

Any discussion of Chi or vital energy is often limited by the question of whether it exists at all.

To ask the whether Chi exists to many Chinese seems silly. The entire traditional understanding of life in China is based on a conceptual framework of Chi Paradigm.

The Chi paradigm is a method of thinking about the world in terms of Chi or vital energy. It is based on the philosophy of Yin and Yang and The Five Elements. The Chi paradigm has been used to explain such varied topics as the medicinal uses of herbs, acupuncture, massage, chi kung, martial arts, and even geography (fung shui).

In modern China these traditional understandings Chi functioning often exist side by side with equivalent Western mechanisms.

The co-existence of Chi theory and western science is important. The Chinese and other cultures which use the Chi paradigm have it so interwoven in to the fabric of their understanding of how the world works that chi theory is not replaced by western concepts but rather cohabitates the consciousness of those cultures. It is imperative that while attempting to understand Chi from a western paradigm that we do not dismiss the Chinese conceptual framework.

We in the west simply have no means to easily adopt this paradigm. Our method of understanding the world is not fundamentally based on Chi. To simply state that we as westerners must just accept it would be short sighted and drastically oversimplify the problem of a westerner utilizing this paradigm.

Cognitive science has identified that eastern and western cultures often approach understanding the world differently. Western philosophy is characterized by analytic thought which involves examining an object independent from its context, and using logic and rules to understand the world. In contrast Eastern Philosophy is thought to be more holistic which examines the

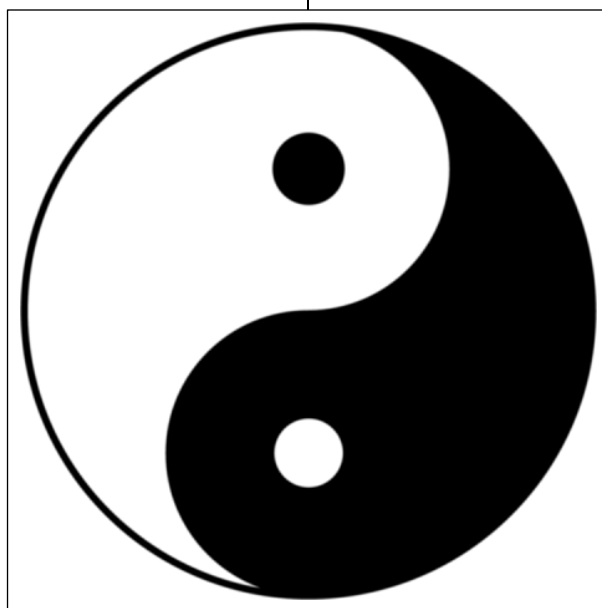
relationship between the object to the field, and prefers to explain or predict events on the basis of those relationships.

Research has also demonstrated that individuals from eastern cultures tend to perceive a greater number of relationships between events. It is important to note that these individuals see a greater number of relationships even when none exists. As a result of their model of perception, individuals from eastern culture view the world as more complex, and tend to expect and accept contradictions among the relationships they perceive. In contrast individuals from western cultures expect consistency, because they believe the world can be understood and explained using logical rules.

The differences in these two methods are important in that they define barriers westerners have to understanding the Chi paradigm. A western mind seeks to remove the object from the context in order to examine it. This tendency makes it difficult to understand the many relationships which exist in the Chi paradigm. For example many things in the Chi paradigm are defined by their Chi and Yin or Yang nature. From the object in question its Yin or Yang nature, Chi, and other attributes can not be determined independently.

It is only by comparing it to other objects that its nature can be determined. As an example the ginseng root is commonly thought of as yang. We know that its character is yang because it, resembles male genitalia (Yang) and is used to treat Yin conditions which are defined as having low energy.

Thus the ginseng root is considered to have a Yang nature. Like wise the amount of ki in ginseng can not be measured independently. Its strength is determined by how effective it is in counteracting Yin conditions. We can see therefore that defining and measuring objects are done in a relational manner, which makes comprehending the fundamental concepts of the



ki paradigm difficult from a western perspective.

The amount of relational definitions used in the Chi paradigm generate contradictions, which is a secondary barrier to understanding the Chi barrier from a western perspective. As an example, there are instances in which the traditional medical theories based on meridians cannot explain a given medical problem. The effectiveness of surgery has no known explanation in the Chi paradigm.

In other cases, acupuncture techniques are shown to be able to treat the problem, but the points used do not fall on traditional meridians or follow the prescribed sequence of treatment.

In these cases the traditional acupuncture meridians are modified with new branches and when that is not sufficient to answer the problem new acupuncture meridians are made.

At times the new meridians or branches formed contradict the other theories about how Chi functions in that meridian. This does not pose a problem in the Chinese methods of thinking because a new relationship has been noted.

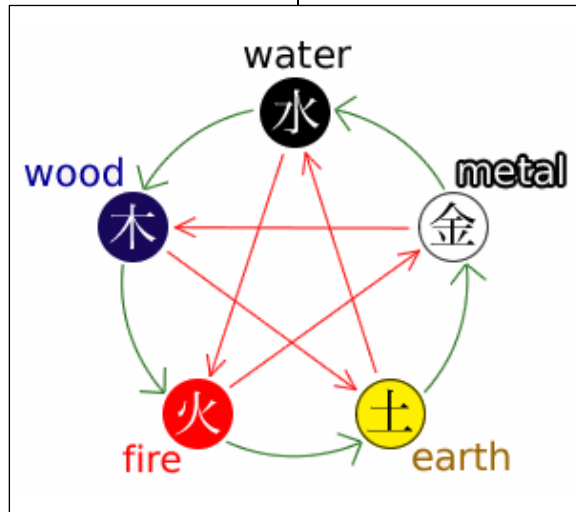
The presence of contradictions with in the paradigm and the inability to measure or define many of the fundamental concepts of the paradigm often makes the westerners dismiss the ki paradigm as superstition or elevate the Chi paradigm as a mystical energy philosophy which can not be understood. I would caution that neither approach is correct. The Chi paradigm does have some fundamental precepts which can be easily understood and applied in a western sense.

The Chi paradigm is often described as a web. In a web those strand which are most often used become thicker and more substantial, and those not used eventually disappear due to lack of use.

The theories of the Chi paradigm imply numerous potential relationships. The Chinese explore and test these relationships with real world problems. Occasionally relationships which are not implied by the theory are discovered to be useful, and likewise occasionally relationships implied by the theory

are found not to be useful. The ones which work are built up and used. The ones which don't are simply discarded.

As martial artists we are often quite comfortable talking about Chi and energy within the context of our martial training. However we may not be as comfortable using these concepts in other areas of our life. An example of the differences in perspective between eastern and western perceptions can be seen by looking at traditional Chinese medicine versus western medicine. The difference between eastern and western thought is aptly described by Dr. Ted Kapchuck in his book the 'Web That Has No Weaver'.



Understanding the pervasive-ness of the Chi paradigm does not fundamentally alter our first impression that whether Chi exists is the fundamental to the study of Chi, when in fact it is not. "Neither the classical nor modern Chinese texts speculate on the nature of Chi, nor do they attempt to conceptualize it. Rather, Chi is perceived functionally by what it does (Kaptchuk)." If we can put aside our desire to define and measure a concept, we can study the Chi paradigm and examine it for concepts or trends which would be useful in the study of Martial Arts.

Our question then becomes not if Chi exists, but rather; how do the Chinese and other traditional cultures perceive the various phenomena known as Chi and how have they used this perception to achieve results in real world situations.

If we view the Chi paradigm as a theory to explain events that occur in real life rather than a mystical force which exists then several interesting possibilities are generated. We can then examine how the Chi paradigm and is associated phenomena relate to us in western life, and how should we incorporate it into our Martial Arts training.

The Chi paradigm has a variety of facets, which are have a variety of applications in medical and martial arts settings. Each of these facets has correlates in western science or perception. While is important that we discuss each of these areas, the vast majority of my discussion will be devoted to the understanding of Chi in traditional martial arts.



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Quiet Awareness

By Doctor Tim Schroeder

For any individual the process of being born into this world is dynamic and vivid. At the moment of birth there is instantaneous awareness of something new. From that time on, each and every moment is filled with discovery. At birth the mind is active and the spirit is pure. The body continues to grow using a very specific set of instructions and demands. The mind continues to develop its individual perceptions based on its own experiences. The spirit is cultivated by an interaction between the body and the mind. Body, mind and spirit are perfectly blended at the moment of birth.

A child who is new to this world is innocent and protected. The newborn is also extremely aware of its external environment. With the proper nurturing the child grows and begins to see the world in his or her own unique way. An optimum goal for every person is to continue, for a lifetime, to live with a complete fusion of mind, body and spirit. It is when the balance of body, mind and spirit is upset that your pure life experience is disturbed.

A newborn child has this balance but often loses it as he or she goes through life. Due to physical, chemical or emotional stresses, the goal to balance mind, body and spirit tend to be ignored.

Unfortunately adult human beings seem to forget the joyful experience that a newborn has. The newborn's experience is a quiet awareness of pure, unencumbered living.

Society has necessarily created an environment that leads us away from quiet awareness. As an adult we can't sit idly by and expect our needs to be met. We must be bright, creative thinkers who interact with our environment in order to have a complete life experience. But we should not allow ourselves to forget the innocence that we had when we were first born.

To be complete we should strive for the enlightened experience of the newborn each and every moment of our life. This will give us the opportunity to step back from the chaos of life to see everything new. A fresh vision will lead us back to quiet awareness amid the harsh requirements of survival in an unnatural, technology driven world.

Quiet awareness creates a mind that is active and relaxed. Just like a newborn, quiet awareness lets a body be at peak performance balanced with the potential to recreate itself with perfection. Quiet awareness allows the spirit to shine unimpeded with unlimited potential for pure love.

So how do we get back to the quiet awareness of a newborn? Look at each moment of your life as new. Although there are moments of time that appear to be mundane, realize that each moment is always a totally new experience. See each new moment as fresh and interesting because each instant you live is truly as new as it is for a newborn. Past experience is good because it allows us to make guided decisions about our future. But any new experience is a different state of mind. Realize that every moment is a new experience.

You have a responsibility to yourself and your family to be creative and productive. When you live with discovery and curiosity you will naturally become more productive. Your mind will be cleaner and clearer. Your body will rejuvenate and express its innate potential to heal. Your spirit will enjoy the journey.

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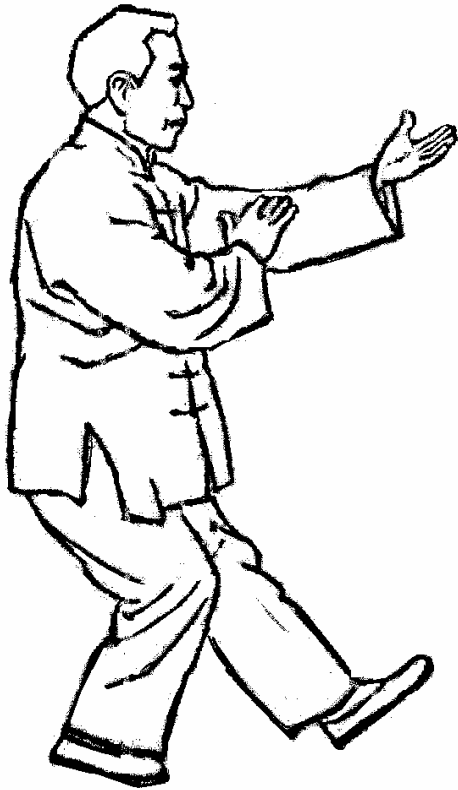
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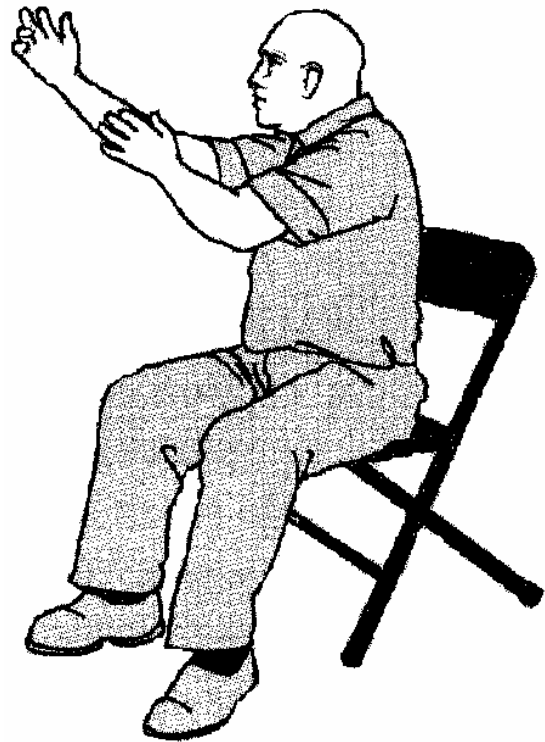
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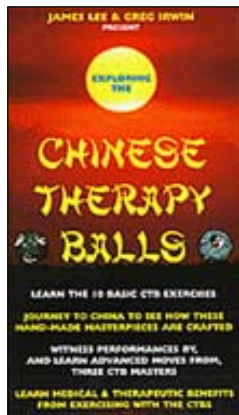
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What Should I Wear To Practice Tai Chi?

By Dr Paul Lam

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What should I wear to practice Tai Chi?

A simple answer is loose, comfortable clothes and flat shoes.

To expand on that:

Clothing For Normal Practice

Cotton is the best type of clothing to wear for everyday practice because it allows your skin to breath and absorbs sweat. It is convenient to dress in layers because in winter, it can be cold but when you practice, you can work up a sweat. You might need to take some clothes off. In summer, you might get overheated. Again, you can remove a layer. But remember, if you are overheated; avoid practicing in a windy area. And when you practice in a colder area, put on a light jacket. After your practice do not subject yourself to extreme change of temperature quickly, for example if you are hot and sweating, do not go to a very cool and windy place, cool down gradually.

Your clothes should be loose and comfortable. While clothing such as leotards might allow your body to move freely, such clothing is not good for Tai Chi. In Tai Chi, mobilizing the Qi is an important goal. Qi travels along its meridians (energy channels), which are close to the surface of the skin, so clothing that stick tightly to the skin such as leotards do not help the flow of Qi. Also avoid tight elastic around your waist and pant legs because, again, this might restrict the flow of Qi.

Shoes

The ideal practice shoes should:

1. Feel very comfortable and soft.
2. Be light, with thin sole.
3. Have broad base support in the sole to help you balance.
4. Have shock absorbent pads in the sole to minimize injury.

Lace-up shoes like the martial art shoes, for example Adidas or Prospect martial art shoes, can be suitable, although they are not designed for Tai Chi practitioners, and they don't offer good base support or shock absorbance. Shoes specifically designed for Tai Chi are needed.

Bare feet

Some people like to practice in bare feet. For others, it might be difficult. Shoes can give you good support and enhance balance. Sometimes the ground might be uneven or dirty. Also, if your feet get cold, it could impede the flow of Qi. For people with diabetes, good shoes are essential.

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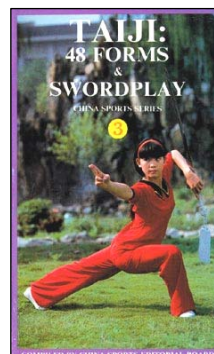
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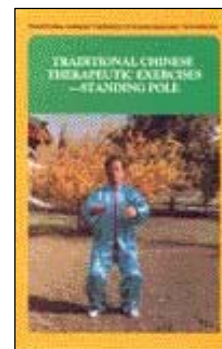
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January 27th - 29th
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February 14th - Valentines Day

February 18th
- Chinese New Year

May 13th - Mothers Day

May 28th
- Memorial Day

June 17th - Fathers Day

July 4th
- Independence Day

July 7th – 9th
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September 3rd
- Labour Day

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- Columbus Day

Nov 3rd - 9:00am
Courts Plus Open House

November 11th - Veterans Day

November 22nd - Thanksgiving

December 22nd - 25th - Christmas

December 31st – January 1st
- New Year

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T'ai Chi for Seniors

Tuesday & Thursday 12:30pm

January 2nd (beginners)

February 6th (continuing)

March 6th (beginners)

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

Thursday 6:30pm

January 4th (beginners)

February 8th (continuing)

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January 15th

April 23rd

August 27th

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February 6th

June 5th

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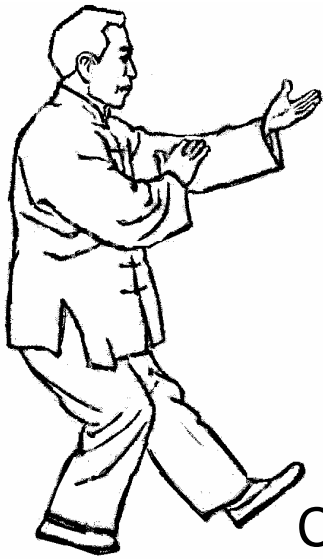
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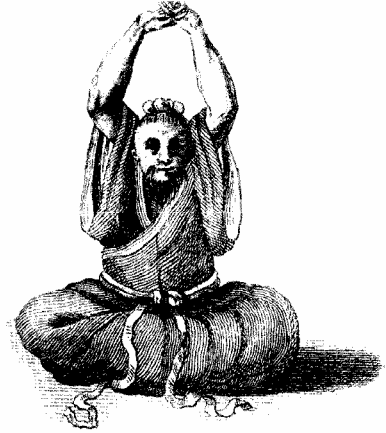
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