

The Whole Elephant Institute

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The Whole Elephant Institute is a non-profit organization

### Dedicated to

Provide assistance to the general public In seeking the whole truth of the universe and

In finding a path of living in harmony with Nature.

We have two key missions:

**Promote Traditional Chinese Culture** 洪扬中国传统之精髓

Open a new field of holistic study of mindbody-spirit 开辟身心灵全息研究之新天地



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Learn these nine Chinese characters will help you to be safe and healthy

法轮大法好!

真善忍好!

#### **Traditional Chinese Divine Culture**

China is a land known for her amazing tradition and culture. It is called the Divine Land (神州) by Chinese people.

On this land history has recorded the colorful display of many different dynasties with totally different culture, unfolding the splendors of the divine creation of the Cosmo.

Three main schools of spiritual teachings are central to the divine culture: Taoism which cultivates Truth, Buddhism which cultivates Compassion, and Confucianism, which sets up moral standards for worldly practices.

Chinese divine culture provides the fundamentals for human world to understand the position of humanity, the relationship of humanity with the physical world and the spiritual worlds, and contains tremendous knowledge and wisdom of human body, time-space and the universe.

For example, Taoism teaches that the human body is a universe and the goal of being a human is to return to one's original true self. Buddhism teaches cultivation ways to transcend human world sufferings through reaching nirvana. The Confucianism teaches "Kindness, loyalty, Etiquette, Wisdom and Faith", which allows an individual to live in harmony with the rules of a normal society.

The culture contains ancient science of human health, emphasizing that all illnesses are rooted in one's desires and pursues. To achieve health, one shall work on attaining a state of tranquility free from excess desires. All negative emotions harm vital organs of the human body, and the negative emotions originated from the various human desires for name, profit and sentimentality.

Modern life science considers human body to be not qualitatively different from animals and hold the notion that human body is simply more complicated in its "machinery". Such research of the cures of human diseases is based upon the studies of animal models.

Ancient Chinese Culture, on the other hand, considers the human body to be a universe and places human spirit to the center of attention when approaching the understanding of the origin of human diseases.

### Welcome to the Whole Elephant Institute to Learn Traditional Chinese Culture!

Some basic terms to start with:

Confucianism 儒教

Kindness, Loyalty, Propriety, Wisdom, Trust 仁义礼智信 Cultivate the body and mind 修身 Harmonize the family 齐家 Bring peace and prosperity to the world 平天下

Buddhism 佛教

Kindness will be rewarded and evil will be punished 善有善报,恶有恶报 Six-folded reincarnation 轮回转世 Value the virtue and do good needs 重德行善

Daoism 道教

Man shall be one with nature天人合一 Cultivate truthfulness and nurture one's true nature 修真养性 Return to one's true self 返本归真 Human is ruled by the law on the earth人法地 Earth is ruled by the law of heaven 地法天 Heaven is ruled by the Dao 天法道 Dao is ruled by Nature 道法自然

Important websites for you to use in learning Traditional Chinese Culture and learn what is happening in Modern Communist China:

> www.falundafa.org www.ShenYunPerformingArts.org www.ntdtv.com www.epochtimes.com