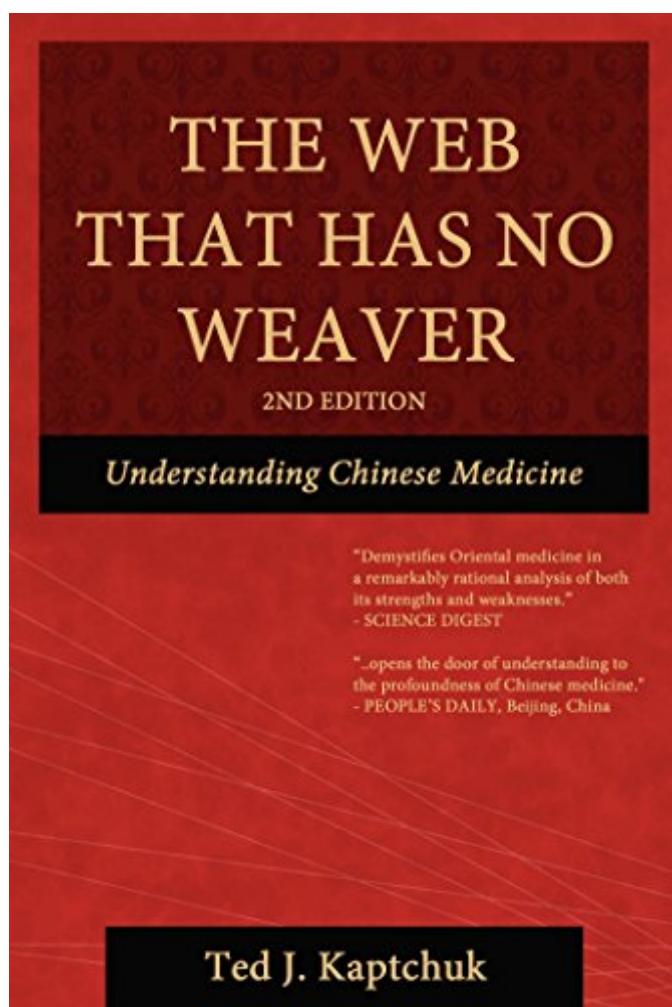


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# The Web That Has No Weaver: Understanding Chinese Medicine



## **Synopsis**

Chinese medicine is a healing art that has survived and continues to thrive in East Asia and is increasingly becoming a global resource. The Web That Has No Weaver is the classic English language introductory text that explains how medicine so rooted in the archaic past can be relevant to modern health care. The book demystifies the worldview of Chinese medicine. Yin and yang, dampness and wind are easily comprehended. The Web lets the reader see, feel and discover aspects of illness that modern biomedicine overlooks or cannot even understand. The use of acupuncture and herbal medicine to regain harmony and balance is explained. The book is both accessible and scholarly and also incorporates the viewpoint of modern science. For students, scholars, health care providers and the general public, The Web has earned its place as the foremost authority synthesizing Western and Eastern approaches to healing. This revised second edition is the product of years of further reflection on ancient Chinese sources and active involvement in cutting-edge scientific research. Chapter include: 1. Medicine East and West: Two Ways of Seeing, Two Ways of Thinking / and the landscape patterns of nature and humans. 2. The Fundamental Textures: Qi, Blood, Essence, Spirit, and Fluids/ or the basic ingredients of human life. 3. The Organs of the Body: The Harmonious Landscape/ and on anatomy and its absence. 4. The Meridians: The Warp and Woof/and on acupuncture and herbology. 5. Origins of Disharmony: Stormy Weather/or when a cause is not a cause. 6. The Four Examinations: Signs and Symptoms/ and Aristotle and Lao Tzu revisited. 7. The Eight Principal Patterns: The Faces of Yin and Yang/ the patterns' basic texture and composition. 8. The Patterns of the Human Landscape//the details of the clinical scene. 9. Chinese Medicine as an Art/ or on the Penetrating Divine Illumination. 10. The Web That Has No Weaver--and Mount Sina/ or on the location of truth.

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Recommended by my acupuncturist to help me understand the Chinese philosophy of medicine, including our acupuncture sessions and use of herbs.

I've been receiving acupuncture treatment at the local Oregon Chinese School of Medicine (OCOM), and this was recommended by my practitioner. We both agreed that it has the essential information, and makes for a good read; yet, there are times that it appeared a bit too verbose when providing the historical background of Chinese medicine (it went beyond the 'sweet spot'). Then again, there was section that were a bit too technical (I'm just a 'lay person'). Overall, I would still recommend it as an essential read should a lay person warrant the need for 'more', to explain what Chinese medicine is, with the caveat of the aforementioned.

Definitely enhanced my understanding of Chinese medicine. Wonderful book.

Excellent book to learn about Chinese medicine & the principals of it. Easy to understand for a "newbie."

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A great comprehensive introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine. I highly recommend reading the footnotes as you read and taking notes -- there is so much information!

Chinese medicine is a complex subject which presents you not only with the patterns of disharmonies to learn but also with the patterns of confusion to find yourself in. This book takes a

different angle at the subject. I read close to a dozen so far and found it to be a valuable link in clarifying certain concepts. There are other books which are more concrete and clear-cut, however, I found this book to elaborate on certain topics (like Qi, Essence, etc.) in a much more comprehensive manner. It also gives you great critique on different theories (such as 5 Phase theory) that I wasn't able to find in other sources. The language is not your everyday English, it took me lots of trips to the dictionary, as a foreigner, however for an intelligent reader it should not pose a problem. Quite recommend for someone who wants to dig deeper or finds too much confusion in other sources.

Good product, no issues.

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