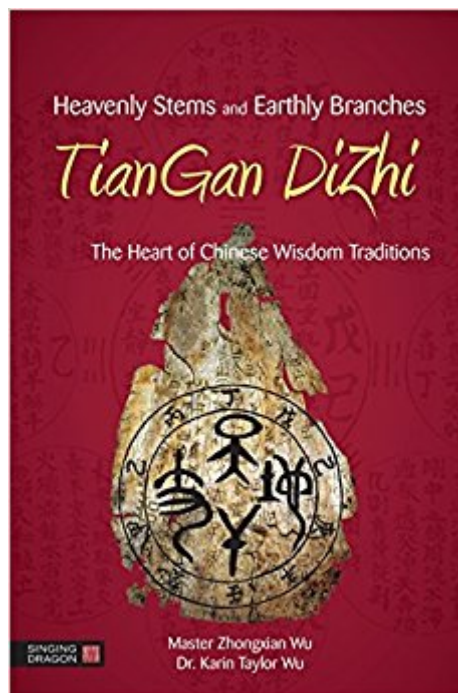




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# Heavenly Stems And Earthly Branches - TianGan DiZhi: The Heart Of Chinese Wisdom Traditions



## Synopsis

Essential reading for serious students of Chinese practical arts, including medicine, martial arts and FengShui, Master Zhongxian Wu and Dr Karin Taylor Wu provide a detailed explanation of the 22 GanZhi symbols in this book, outlining the characteristics of each, and their interactions and relationships. TianGan (Heavenly Stems) and DiZhi (Earthly Branches), commonly abbreviated to GanZhi, originated in the ancient Chinese cosmological sciences and is a complex calendrical system which was created to codify the patterns of life and of the universe itself. The ten symbols of Gan express the Yin or Yang perspective of Five Elements and embody the Way of Heaven. The 12 symbols of Zhi, made manifest in the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, hold the root of each Element and embrace the Way of Earth. Poetic summaries from the Song dynasty give the reader a deep understanding of the nature of each Stem and their relationship to each other. Offering an unprecedented insight into the subtleties and far-reaching influence of this ancient system, this book will be invaluable for the study or practice of Chinese medicine, FengShui, Chinese astrology, traditional Chinese cosmology, Qigong, Taiji, and other inner cultivation practices. A set of study cards (9781848191501), also published by Singing Dragon, are available to accompany this book.

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I have tried to research the origins of the stems and branches system but this book lays out information like I haven't seen, very clear illustrations of the star patterns responsible for the oracle scripts. Goes into great detail about the wu xing, the 4 palaces of the sky, the related body parts, even the lunar mansions. I absolutely adore this book. The meditation stances for each stem is also beautiful.

Daoist Master, Wu Zhongxian, and his wife Dr. Karin Taylor Wu, deliver a profound and thorough introduction to the energetics of time and space in the Chinese wisdom tradition. Indispensable.

closely examined pieces to the puzzle of tiangandizhi with valuable qi gong instruction. At the end this puzzle still needs to be put together by you, great work on a rare subject all in all.

If you study the Heavenly Stems and Earthly Branches, for your own cultivation or for application in Chinese medicine, you will find these cards invaluable. Very high quality production and Master Wu's calligraphy is beautiful. Also very helpful are the cards in this set that show the the stroke order of the Chinese characters, so you can practice your own calligraphy and get the feel for the energy of each Stem and Branch.

I thought this was a book. It is a deck of Chinese characters some with verbiage on the back. I can not read Chinese. Not much help for me.

Ok

good,very detailed information and the cards are easy to use

Well written information I have been looking for.

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