

CHINESE & ASIAN MEDICINE

Create A Protective Energy Field Using Medical *Qi Gong*

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Many people ask what they can do to protect themselves from outside influences. This is one of my favorite protective meditations from my medical *qi gong* teacher, Dr. Jerry Alan Johnson.

In modern energy healing modalities, it would not be considered unusual to hear of energy fields or auras. Even in Traditional Chinese Medicine the *wei qi* field is known to have a boundary that extends past the skin and its purpose is to offer protection. Pathogenic factors can enter in when our *wei qi* is weak. In addition to the *wei qi* field associated with the physical body, Dr. Jerry Alan Johnson defines a second and third *wei qi* or energy field associated with the mental/emotional and spiritual. With the spiritual energy field begin the furthest energy field out, next is the mental/emotional, and the physical energy field being the closest to the body.

This meditation is great to do before beginning your day of healing work. There are also certain places that one can use additional protection like entering a hospital, subway or airport.

Additionally, if you have tendencies to a weakness in any of your energy fields, adding this meditation to your daily routine would be well advised. This particular meditation called the *Wu Zang* protection meditation comes from the *Ming* Dynasty. In hospitals in China, doctors would perform the meditation before treating patients. In Chinese, *Wu* means five and *Zang* means Organs; thus, the meditation is a protection for your five organs and also links you to the protective energies of Heaven and Earth. The Spleen's energy is associated with Earth. In Chinese philosophy, the Big Dipper was considered the center of the universe so it is used to create the connection to Heaven although one could certainly substitute any spiritual connection one feels an affinity with. The five element qualities as well as the *Shen* attributes is used to create the connection to each organ. So the *Yi* connects to the Spleen, the *Shen* connects to the Heart, and the *Zhi* connects to the Kidneys, the *Hun* connects to the Liver, the *Po* connects to the Lungs.

When any exercise is done with feeling, it will increase the potency of the exercise. So be sure to feel the wisdom of Chinese philosophy linked with the archetypical energies of the animals, directions, colors and spiritual qualities of the organ energies; this will help make the meditation even more powerful for you.

Wu Zang Protection Meditation Instructions

Start by focusing on the center of your body. Imagine opening up the top of your head and being to pull qi from the heavens. Imagine the divine light as a bright shining light, filling your entire body through the top of the head. Imagine this white light energy coalescing into the body's center core, forming a tube of heavenly energy that extends from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet.

Imagine the following by focusing on each organ, one at a time, as described below:

- Imagine a golden yellow mist of *qi* arising from under the Earth and filling your body and connecting with the Spleen organ. Feel this golden light of earth energy envelop your center core of divine white light energy, merging together. This represents the energy of your intention (*Yi*) to root and stabilize your power.
- Begin to focus on your heart and imagine a portal opening and the *qi* flowing out your heart like a red swirling wind in front of you, full of power, protecting you with your spirit (*Shen*) in the form of a fiery red phoenix. The red phoenix represents your innate spirit, alive graceful and powerful.
- Focus on your back, especially the kidneys. Imagine a portal opening and the *qi* flowing from the kidney area like water. From this water grows an enormous black turtle and snake. The shell of the turtle protects you like a might shield, and the snake is poised to attack anyone who approaches from the rear. The turtle represents your ancestral energy, protecting you and supporting you as well as your willpower (*Zhi*) to survive.
- Place your attention on your lungs and visualize a portal opening on the right side of your body under the right ribs. Imagine the lung *qi* flowing out the right side of your body like steam forming a white tiger as strong as steel. Imagine the tiger with four claws and teeth and five weapons. The tiger represents the material soul, the body's animal nature (*Po*); it guards and protects you with an animal passion for survival.
- Place your attention on the liver and visualize a portal on the left side of your body under the left ribs (the *yang* energy of liver is energetically on the left). Imagine the liver *qi* flowing out the left side of your body like steam, forming a green dragon, sinewy and resilient. Imagine the dragon with four claws, teeth and tail to make six weapons. The dragon represents the body's divine nature (*hun*), guarding and protecting you with a spiritual passion for victory.

Imagine the animals begin rotating to the left (counterclockwise), each one protecting, stalking and defending the previous animal's position. Slowly being to circle these archetypical energies and gradually increase their speed until they are spinning faster and faster. As they spin faster and faster and whirl around you, the colors and powers blend together into a cocoon of protective energy.

After forming a protective rainbow energy bubble around your body, inhale deeply and draw the energies back in through the pores and return the energy of each organ back to it's origin. (red to heart, dark blue to the kidneys, green to the liver, and white to the lungs). As the colors return back to their organ of origin, exhale and imagine steam flowing up out of the pores and filling up the energy bubble in your energy field created by the animal's rotations. This forms a solid connection between the body's internal organs and the body's external field of energy.

When the protection of the body with the Five Elements is done. Imagine the seven sparkling lights of the Big Dipper shining above your head like diamonds. The illumination of these seven sparking stars represent your spiritual connection to the will of heaven. You can now perform your activities knowing that you are physically, energetically and spiritually protected.

Resource

- Chinese Medical Oigong Therapy Volume 3: Differential Diagnosis, Clinical
- Foundations, Treatment Principles and Clinical Protocols (pages 264-265)
- By Professor Jerry Alan Johnson