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“The heart is the official functioning as the ruler.”

君主之管 jūn zhǔ zhī guān

君 – sovereign; ruler; lord (noble rank) (SCM)

主 - the one in dominant, principle position (SCM)

管 – office for transaction of government business (SCM); official rank in bureaucracy, office to which one is appointed (SCM)

“It is clear and quiet and houses one’s magic power 靈” (Wang Bing)

靈 líng - numinous, sacred; spiritual power or efficacy; potency of the disembodied world; ethereal, supernatural (SMC)

- Life principle, vital principle, embodied realization of the numinous, one’s inner spirit; potency of this principle that may survive the body’s demise (SCM)
- Seemingly divine intelligence or awareness (SCM)

“Spirit brilliance originates from it.”

神 shén - Spirit(ual), divine (SCM)

- Actualizing spirit in humans, that power or agency which makes it possible interaction and relation with nature and other beings (SCM)
- Of a quality surpassing the normally human or transcending the ordinary yin and yang (SCM)
- Natural order, law of nature (SCM)

明 míng – light, luminous; diffusely bright; shed light on, illuminate; evident, clear, manifest; perceptive (SCM)

神明 – “divinely luminous essences” (SCM)

“The lung is the official functioning as chancellor and mentor.”

相傳之管 xiāng fù zhī guān

相 – mutual action

傳 – mentor, adviser, counselor

“Order and moderation originate in it.”

治 zhì – set things in their proper channels; govern (state policy), heal (illness), dress (stones, gems), solve (difficulties) (SCM)

節 jié – node or joint on bamboo; juncture; segment; measure(d), regular(ity); (to) moderate (SCM)

“It is responsible for passage of camp and guard qi.” (Wang Bing)

營 yíng - to lay out, plan; to project; undertake, carry out (SCM)

- encamp(ment), garrison; guard (SCM)
- “Construction” (Wiseman)

衛 wèi - defend, safeguard; guard (SCM)

- “Defense” (Wiseman)

p. 156 Liver – general, “brave and able to pass decisions” (Wang Bing)

Planning and deliberation

謀 móu – take counsel with; consider options; plan, strategize, strategy (SCM)

慮 lù – ponder, think on; reflect on; meditate; infer(ence); anticipate; expect (SCM)

“... develops that which has not sprouted yet.” (Wang Bing)

Gallbladder – rectifier

中 zhōng – in, inner, innermost, inside; among; center, central, middle; intermediate (SCM)

正 zhèng – correct, proper; not inclined to one side, upright; just, impartial; normal (SMC)

- rectify, correct, regulate

- principal, most important

Decisions and judgements

決 jué - breach; flow out; run out; break out/through (SCM)

- decide(dly), decisive; determine(d); resolve, resolute(ly) (SCM)

斷 duàn – break apart; tear off; put a stop to, check (SCM)

“Tough upright and determine”, “straight forward and know no doubts” (Wang Bind)