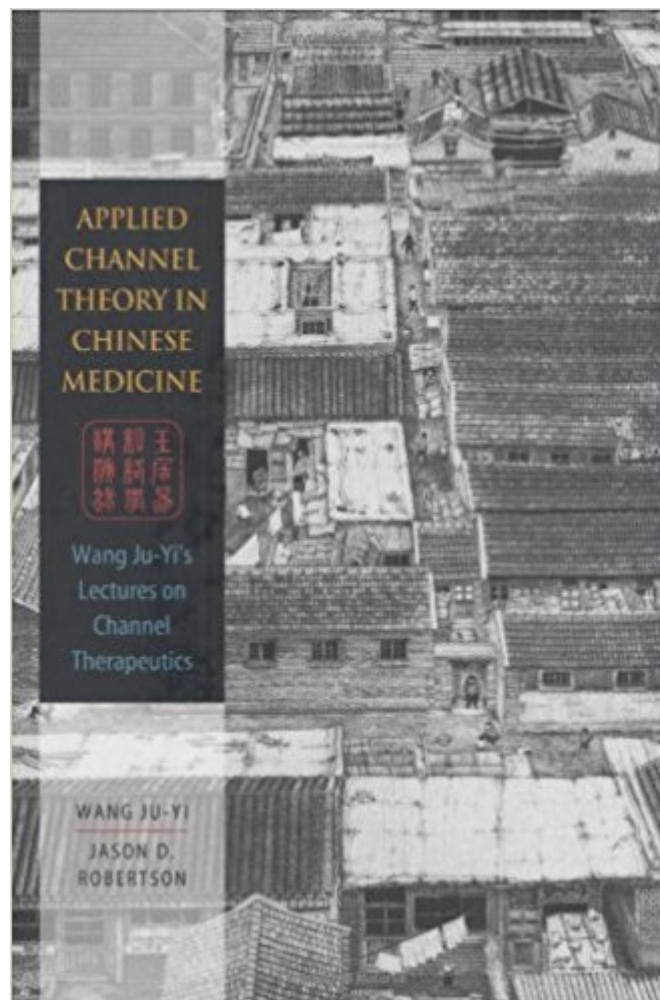


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# Applied Channel Theory In Chinese Medicine Wang Ju-Yi's Lectures On Channel Therapeutics



## Synopsis

Applied Channel Theory in Chinese Medicine demonstrates how a deeper understanding of the interrelationship between organ and channel theory can lead to more precise diagnoses and better clinical results. This book is a collaboration between Wang Ju-Yi, one of modern China's most respected scholars, teachers, and practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine, and his American apprentice and practitioner, Jason Robertson. While most textbooks focus either on the functions of the organs in basic physiology or on the uses of the channels in treatment, this book shows the essential relationships between the two. Theory and practice are connected through a detailed discussion of a channel palpation methodology developed by Dr. Wang, which leads to more precise and effective point selection, location, and technique. Applied Channel Theory in Chinese Medicine was developed during Mr. Robertson's apprenticeship with Dr. Wang in Beijing, and is presented in a unique and highly readable format that preserves the intimacy of dialogue between apprentice and teacher, with questions and answers, narratives, and case studies.

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For those of you reading this text, I fervently hope that you will not become trapped in the surface of acupuncture therapy, striving only to learn experiential points from your teachers and colleagues. Bring the medicine to life by incorporating the system of channel theory, expand its applications, and innovate from a place of theoretical integrity. The field of acupuncture must continue to develop and expand, treating the new diseases of the modern era while always keeping a firm grasp on the

basics. --Wang Ju-Yi, Preface

Wang Ju-Yi is a member of the first graduating class of the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (1962) and has practiced Chinese medicine for over 45 years. After three decades of seeing patients at the Xuan Wu Hospital of Chinese Medicine in Beijing, Dr. Wang retired to edit the prestigious journal Chinese Acupuncture. He has also been a pioneer in developing a private Chinese medical practice in the quickly changing environment of modern Beijing. Jason D. Robertson is a graduate of the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (San Francisco). He has lived and worked in China and Taiwan for over eight years. He studied Chinese language at Washington and Lee University, and then completed a post-graduate language program at Taiwan Normal University. Mr. Robertson currently maintains a private practice in Seattle, and is on the faculty of the Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine.

This is a really special book about Chinese medicine, suitable for both students and practitioners. It will give you new and deeper insights into what you have learned in school and/or experienced in the clinic. It is beautifully, written, illustrated and printed, and nearly literary in its descriptions of the meridians, zang fu and points (with some great stories about China thrown in to give you a flavor of where this medicine comes from). In short, this book was clearly written with heart. While there is plenty of practical information about channel palpation included in this book, you'd really need to take a hands-on workshop to understand how to use that. However, I cannot recommend this book highly enough. It is one of the treasures on my bookshelf that I'm sure I will return to again and again as my own perspective develops and changes.

I have to say a big thank you to the authors of this book for so painstakingly putting their hearts into making Classical Channel Theory so accessible and practical. There are many books out there with great information on Chinese Theory but few offer the same depth of clarity on to how to integrate that information into practice. There is not one Chinese Medical textbook on my shelf that I have read cover to cover like I did this one; the writing is engaging, succinct and sometimes very moving. Coming from a background of classical acupuncture, channel theory was left out in our training and everyone was scrambling to take continuing education classes on this topic from classically trained practitioners after they graduated. Not having the funds or the time to take these classes I felt like I was missing out on a very important aspect of Chinese Medicine. After reading this book I can honestly say I feel like I have a firm foundation of Channel Theory to integrate into

my practice. I have already seen dramatic changes in the outcome of my treatments and love the fact that I use much fewer needles to accomplish this. It is hard to express in words without sounding trite how valuable this book has been to me. I highly recommend this book to any practitioner of Chinese Medicine or anyone interested in a very accessible explanation of Chinese Medical theory.

Fills in the missing link between theories recorded in classic text and clinical observation. Unlike western medicine where theory dictates the direction of studies and trials which lead to the development of clinical guidelines, Chinese medicine flows the opposite way, clinical observations point the direction of possible theories and slowly over time and generations/dynasties, theories develop. Hence it is not surprising that these theories often contradict each other causing pain and suffering to Chinese medical students. This book delivers a possible missing link, suggesting probable mechanisms linking theories and clinical observations. This is by no means the only explanation, nor the best, but much like quantum electrodynamics, more than one theory can deliver the same result either way. Good read for students of Chinese medicine.

Dr Wang visited my school in the late 1990's and I loved the work he did. He had to leave too soon for me! So I was very pleased to see that he came out with a book on his method of diagnosis using palpation of the meridians, which is fascinating and provides a whole new level of diagnostic information. The book is well written, in good English, which makes it easy to concentrate on the nuances of theory & technique. This is not a book for beginners, although basic theory is discussed. I have a deeper understanding of organ function and the meaning of various conditions felt during palpation of the channels after reading this book & will be re-reading it for many months. It is well worth the time. Thank you Dr. Wang for sharing your knowledge & expertise and thank you Jason D Robertson for interpreting the information so clearly. I also really liked the writing style - combining the question/answer style of the ancient classics with a more modern didactic style.

I bought this book a few years ago and was about half way through it when I moved and the post office lost it in transit. I just bought it again because it is THAT good. Well written, great subject matter.

Well crafted book --- Way beyond being a text book. Opened my eyes to the depth of Chinese Medicine. Amazing content. The images and charts were excellent. The authors well qualified with

in-depth background and Great presentation!!

I have a strong background in pure TCM from my school, and this book is so much more interesting and usable than Fundamentals of Chinese Medicine is. He even has a couple gems on herbalism interspersed in this book too. It has a lot of depth on Chinese Physiology yet is a pretty easy read (for a practitioner or upper-year student). I am not even near finished yet but I appreciate how it is layed out so far. It seems like TCM is a conglomerate of disjointed empirical points that merely skims over the channels and wider connections within the body. This book on the other hand doesn't have a spleen chapter and a lung chapter, it has a Tai Yin chapter that breaks itself down into Lung and Spleen. It gives you so much info on how they are related that TCM doesn't delve into. It does go in microscopically and has some pretty nice speculations thrown in about Western Medical parallels which I found useful. But its the fact that it backs up and sees the interrelations that are system wide and more trully holistic that really helps me see the big picture, both literally and figuretively. It does not contradict my TCM training but only a few times from what I've read so far, yet it helps me apply the classics more and deepens my understanding. My intent seems to be sharper during treatments form just the little that I have read. I highly recommend this book to Acupuncturists of ALL styles.

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