

ZHANG SANFENG'S IDEA OF HEALTH POLITICS FOR THE MODERN TIME

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Abstract

Chinese medicine has gone through many stages of development. It is since the Qing dynasty that there was a systematic rejection of historical progress, and during the nationalist and cultural revolution an outright attempt to destroy it. After which a renewal took place, not so much a restoration but a re-invention.

In the period of developing neo-Confucianism in late Song, Yuan and Ming dynasties, a moral discussion developed on how the public should take care of individual health, and how the state could support that progress in the light of Confucian moral philosophy. Zhang Sanfeng as a historian did write a letter to the emperor with his suggestions elucidating some causes of lack of health in society and what can be offered to alter that. In this lecture I will point out some aspects that might fit into the current insurance rule based healthcare model, and how I applied these ideas in the development of the Daoland Healthcare program.

The lecture will look at Anthropological findings, History, regulation, commerce, entrepreneurialism, communalism, mutualism from a Neo confucian/daoist health oriented perspective.

Biography

Goris R has completed his PhD at the age of 45 years from IOU Foundation University, Formerly the Netherlands and nowadays part of UNAM Mexico. He performed 13 years of immersive research as a daoist monk at the Wudang Mountains to investigate left over from historical traditions. As a monk he was allowed as listener to important Chinese government discussion groups about the future and past of Chinese medicine. He was involved in translation and promotion of daoist health ideas towards western and african cultures, Dialogues with tribal elders in North and Middle America and Australia about dissatisfaction about how westerners and modern science colonizes ancient knowledge. USA. He is the director/professor of IOC Daoland online university, NL-EU and Wudangshan, CN. He has written several books in Dutch and English for student use, and some in commercial press. His articles have been cited by some 200 other authors, and online he has produced over 200 video documents to illustrate aspects of Chinese medicine mostly unknown to modern students of the profession.

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