Review of: "The Chinese View on Time – A Reflection on The Concept of Time in Dao/Yijing And Modern Science"

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The author explores the character of nature, focusing on the relationship between human beings and their environment. He draws on ideas from Daoism, *Yijing*, and quantum mechanics to present a view of where humans are situated in this relationship and their role in the process of creation in nature, with a focus on human consciousness. The analysis reveals an 'invisible realm' as a category of consciousness that impacts the character of free will and reality. The findings offer an alternative view of our most common understanding of time as linear, with humans as independent observers, and a different way of constructing meaning and interpreting our world.

The Co-Occurrence time model serves as a comprehensive reference for this view's workings on human consciousness, and the author also identifies areas that need further research, such as the directing possibilities of the dao. Our understanding of this view is important, not simply as an alternative and not simply as a Chinese view, but as a view of nature that has been embraced in whole or in part in different geographies and times, and one that describes nature's design for humans in search of definition (R. Ames and D. Hall, *Daodejing*, 2003). The article identifies the impact of this natural process on free will, the creative mind, and reality; however, more attention might be given to their definitions, how and why the process affects their characterization, and the interconnections between them. Ultimately, how humans create realities, in harmony with nature or outside of the entanglement and emergence of nature, will define the human experience and expressions of humanity.

The article format could have a shorter introduction with the main theme and a clear outline of the article, some background of the Chinese philosophies and quantum mechanics and how each is used in the analysis, and more discussion of the relationships between the model and its impacts.