

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

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It takes me some time to peel through the various concepts to see where this exploration of time and related topics is heading. I find the second part more enjoyable and clearer. And perhaps because of the frequency of the quotes or the mix of concepts, added to the confusion and dilution of the core - which is the dichotomy of timeliness and timelessness, or the circular versus linear way of human experiencing of "time". Both experiences are one.

I like Figure 1 in the article; it made the ideas visual and a lot easier to understand. If I may challenge the "observer" bias, but just to encourage the graph to be presented in some alternative way... As currently presented in the graph, although integrated, the linear and cyclic "time orientations" are still presented as two separate entities. I wonder, what if the "future" of the current linear line of time is the end point back to the start point (a bended arrow instead of a straight one)? In another sense, what if you fold the paper, treat the mid straight line as the "equator" of a globe? When we drive on a highway, we certainly experience the road as linear, but in fact, it is part of the cycle around the globe. In this way, the linear and cyclical will not be split in your graph, and what is linear is actually cyclic, and what is cyclic can always be experienced as "linear" as well depending on the scale of perspective. And the beginning and end points will disappear; it will make the cycle from the observer's standpoint to the original "oneness" interestingly fluid. It could be as big as the whole size of the equator, it could also be as tiny as a dot (if you consider the start point and end point to be where the observer stands). This will truly echo the Dao, which is a concept that not only explains time, but everything; it can be as

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