

Summary of Chapter 11 of the Líng Shū

Jīng Bié – The Branches of the Twelve Channels

Paragraph 1

Huáng Dì says: "The five Zàng organs correspond to the five tones, five colours, five seasons, five tastes and the five orientations respectively inside.

The rule of the six Fǔ organs correspond to the six-rule of music of Yáng outside.

The channels coordinate with the 12 months, 12 branches of the duodecimal cycle, 12 solar terms, 12 rivers, 12 two-hour periods and the 12 channels.

The 12 channels are the passage of the flowing of Xuè and Qì in the human body, it has a close correlation with the existence of man, the forming of disease, health and the recovery of disease.

I want to know the pathway of the channel branches (Jīng Bié)."

Qí Bó says that only the astute physician studies this subject carefully.

Paragraph 2

Here Qí Bó explains the pathway of the divergent channel of the Zú Tàiyáng Páng Guāng Jīng (Urinary Bladder) and the Zú Shǎoyīn Shèn Jīng (Kidney).

For a graphical representation, please see a book like *A Manual of Acupuncture* written by Deadman et al [3].

Paragraph 3

Here Qí Bó explains the pathway of the divergent channel of the Zú Shào yáng Dǎn Jīng (Gallbladder) and the Zú Jué yīn Gān Jīng (Liver).

For a graphical representation, please see a book like *A Manual of Acupuncture* written by Deadman et al [3].

Paragraph 4

Here Qí Bó explains the pathway of the divergent channel of the Zú Yáng míng Wèi Jīng (Stomach) and the Zú Tàiyīn Pí Jīng (Spleen).

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Paragraph 5

Here Qí Bó explains the pathway of the divergent channel of the Shǒu Tàiyáng Xiǎo Cháng Jīng (Small Intestine) and the Shǒu Shǎoyīn Xīn Jīng (Heart).

For a graphical representation, please see a book like *A Manual of Acupuncture* written by Deadman et al [3].

Paragraph 6

Here Qí Bó explains the pathway of the divergent channel of the Shǒu Shào yáng Sān Jiāo Jīng (Triple Warmer) and the Shǒu Jué yīn Xīn bāo Jīng (Pericardium).

For a graphical representation, please see a book like *A Manual of Acupuncture* written by Deadman et al [3].

Paragraph 7

Here Qí Bó explains the pathway of the divergent channel of the Shǒu Yáng míng Dà Cháng Jīng (Large Intestine) and the Shǒu Tàiyīn Fèi Jīng (Lung).

For a graphical representation, please see a book like *A Manual of Acupuncture* written by Deadman et al [3].

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