

The Power of Gua Sha, Cupping Therapy and Essential Oils:

Harnessing the Secrets of Ancient Chinese Medicine



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**"Unlock the Secrets of Ancient Chinese Medicine and Energize Your
Mind, Body, and Soul with Proven Techniques of Gua Sha, Cupping,
and Aromatherapy!"**

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Dedication

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What Is Chinese Medicine?

Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) has been around for over 2000 years. Unlike modern medicine, Chinese medicine has preserved its original practice in its purest form for the most part. The principle behind Chinese medicine is that the vital life force called Qi surges through the body. Diseases are believed to result from any imbalance in Qi, caused by the opposite force called yin and yang. Traditional Chinese medicine stands on the premise that in order to be healthy, one must seek to restore and maintain a balance between the internal body organs and the external elements of earth, fire, water, wood, and metal. Any imbalance, even in the minutest form between yin and yang, can lead to illnesses and disease.

Chinese remedies involved in restoring balance and healing include:

- Acupuncture: manual pressure mainly using the fingertips is applied to acupoints.
- Acupressure: pressure applied to specific body points using extremely thin needles.
- Brewed tea: comprises one or more medicinal plants or dried animals, (example snakes or scorpion).
- Cupping
- Gua Sha
- Moxibustion: the burning of herbal leaves on or near the body and acupoints.
- Brewed herbal remedies
- Movement and concentration exercises example, Tai Chi.

In TCM, the life force Qi flows through the body via invisible channels called meridians. Qi connects atoms, tissues, organs, veins, nerve cells, and consciousness. According to Chinese medicine, there are 12 meridians. One of each meridian connects to one of the 12 major organs of the body. Included in TCM theory is the premise that the Meridians are responsible for several phenomena. These include planetary movements, seasonal changes, and circadian rhythms, hence creating an even larger invisible network.