

A Newsletter from the Guide of T'ai Chi Chih



Justin's Insights

Sitting Quietly

I like Paul Reps' idea of sitting quietly for five minutes (better make it ten) each day and just allowing yourself to "receive". No thinking, no technique, no mantra repetition, no watching the breath, but just sitting quietly in a chair. In Japan this would be known as "Shikan Taza", or just sitting. The great artisans of the past often did this before starting on some work, such as making a teabowl or a samurai sword. In fact, today, many dress in formal style, hat on head, while doing creative work-I have seen them. It is my feeling that ten minutes of quiet and 'receiving', plus T'ai Chi Chih® practice, may be enough. It is so easy to relax and do nothing, though sitting with the back straight, it may become difficult. We have our worries to agonize over, and, besides, we get fidgety. Therefore it might be good to do it after a little TCC movement. You may receive more than you bargained for.

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Chi Reflections

Stillness as a Bridge

At the end of T'ai Chi Chih practice I often have my class sit in silence for a few minutes or I may have them move into a circle and stand in a relaxed position, with eyes lowered or closed, and reflect inward for a few minutes. This quiet time of non-doing provides an opportunity to recognize how we feel and how the practice has affected us.

If we finish our practice and move right on with our day, the opportunity to cognitively acknowledge how the practice has influenced us may be lost. We may not notice how our mind has, for a while, been lightened of its incessant chattering. We may not notice, as fully, the calm pleasant peaceful experience we are feeling.

Stillness at the end of practice allows time to recognize the gratitude we may be feeling, and the great value of this practice becomes more apparent.

Occasionally I provide limited verbal guidance during our silent time to help the mind stay present, and I will often comment at the end, "Notice your state of mind," or "Notice how you feel," or "Acknowledge your gratitude silently."

This quiet time anchors our experience and acts as a bridge for our T'ai Chi Chih practice to flow into the rest of our day.

Extending those feelings we experience at the end of our practice, like the feelings of peace and calm, the lightheadedness, the gratitude, the joy, or whatever those feelings may be, will further enhance our day.

Sandy McAlister in Hayward, California.

T'ai Chi Chih Events:

<http://www.taichichih.org/calendar-of-events>

Plan now to attend our 2014 Teacher Conference

Theme: Grounded in Growth

Our dates are firm: July 24-27, 2014.

Location: Kean University, Union/Elizabeth, New Jersey 07083

Nearest Airport: Newark Liberty Int'l, Newark, NJ

Nearest Train Stations: AMTRAK, Newark, NJ / NJ Transit: Union, NJ Raritan Valley

T'ai Chi Chih Materials

Justin Stones materials may be purchased from local T'ai Chi Chih Teachers or through Good Karma Publishing.
www.gkpub.com

T'AI CHI CHI PHOTO TEXTBOOK APPS for both iPhone & Android phones can be downloaded and purchased online for only \$9.95.

★ The apps consists of time-lapsed photography of the originator, Justin Stone, performing of all the movements. As well as links to some movements on YouTube.

★ Important points about moving correctly are called out and special essays discuss balancing yin and yang, the Tao, the great circle meditation, serenity, studying with a teacher, function and essence, the power of Chi circulation, body posture, and more.

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Additional excellent references may be found on DVD: Interviews with Justin Stone and Carmen
www.gkpub.com

And on the CD: Justin Stone speaks on T'ai Chi Chih:
www.gkpub.com

Shared Silence

Within each of us there is a silence,
A silence as vast as the universe...

When we experience that silence,
we remember who we are,
creatures of the stars,
created from time and space,
created from silence.

Silence is our deepest nature, our home,
our common ground, our peace...

Silence is where God dwells.
We yearn to be there.
The experience of silence is now so rare
that we must guard it and treasure it.

This is especially true of shared silence.
~ from *Inviting Silence*
by Gunilla Norris

Awareness Flowing

Awareness flowing
Through worlds of thought

T'ai Chi peace and vitality
Erase restlessness,
Soothing and emancipating

Clarity . . .
Being within doing
~Steve Ridley GKP 1996

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*Elizabeth, NJ Northeast Corridor/NJ Coastline
Accommodations: Double or Single w/shared baths in upgraded Dormitory-style Suites.
Meals cafeteria buffet style with dietary choices available.
Intro to Seijaku and Seijaku Accreditation Courses following (July 27-29) at same location.
Contact: [Dan Pienciak](#)
The final contract and pricing information is expected shortly from the University.*

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The International
T'ai Chi Chih Community
of students and accredited teachers
is dedicated to the personal practice of
T'ai Chi Chih® and to sharing with the world
this form of moving meditation and its benefits affecting
body, mind, and spirit.

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Justin Stone's 95th birthday



Nine new T'ai Chi Chih teachers from the New Mexico November 2013 Teacher Accreditation Class.

Front row: Barbara Shambach, Lorraine Dumont, Adabelle Rychtarik, Jeneth Rundle, Betty Farnham
Back row: Pam Towne (TCC Teacher Trainer), Judy Hendricks (host), Stu Goldman, Dana Diller, Stephen Steffin, Douglas Spence, and Mary Ruiz (host).

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