

Physics Seminar

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Tao Teh Ching and Numbers in Traditional Chinese Culture

Many fundamental phenomena in ancient Chinese literature have a number in them. Some of them are mysterious and not well understood by the general public nowadays. Such concepts as WuJi (0), TaiJi (1), Yin-Yang (2), WuXing (5 elements or phases), and BaGua (8 trigrams) formed unique theoretical frameworks for ancient science and technology, and for medicine and health preservation practices in China for thousands of years. This talk will use Tao Te Ching, one of the most translated Chinese classics, as an anchor to introduce how these concepts reflect traditional worldviews of the Chinese people, and point out their influences in modern societies.

*Please join us for light refreshments
at 4:15pm outside SEB 203.*