

Warp and Weft: An Exploration of Chinese Language and Culture

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The Chinese language is believed to date back to as early as 8000 years ago.

Warp and Weft: Chinese Language and Culture by scholar and writer Keekok Lee will help Western culture understand the rich and fascinating stories that can be revealed through linguistic excavation of certain key clusters of Chinese characters and words.

Chinese characters are recognized as beautiful illustrations, artistic-like in their design. But what do these characters represent? You'll be fascinated to learn that they illustrate certain themes which involve cultural practices, important personages and key events in Chinese history.

Chinese civilization can be conceived as one long woven bolt of silk – the language is the warp, the culture the web. Certain key clusters of Chinese characters and words center on life's most concrete as well as most abstract themes such food and shelter, pleasure and leisure, rites and rituals, paternity and patriarchy. Others focus on opposites such as male and female, war and peace. Lee's linguistic exploration reveals aspects of ancient Chinese religion, cosmology, philosophy, political theory, law, medicine, astronomy, physics, and geography, amongst many others. You'll also learn what constitutes Chinese identity, the core values of Chinese culture, and the centuries old glue that holds their society together.

Expertly and lucidly written, Lee's Warp and Weft: Chinese Language and Culture is a significant work that will prove to be essential reading and reference as China plays a vital and important role in the 21st century.

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