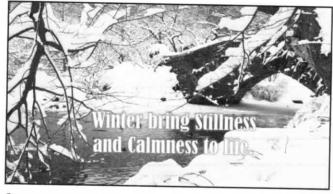
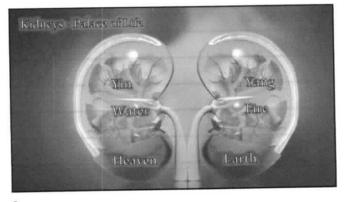
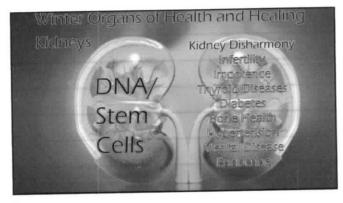


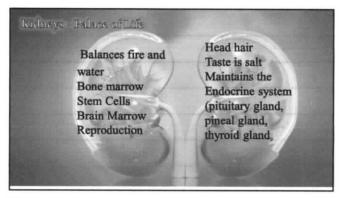
| Large<br>Intestine                           | Evacuation of waste by products | Reabsorbs<br>fluids |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Receive food & drink<br>from small intestine | Constipation                    | Diarrhea            |
| Ulcerative<br>Colitis                        | Irritable<br>Bowel<br>Syndrome  | Hemorrhoids         |

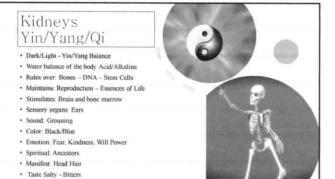












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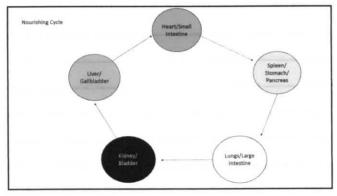
The Five Elements

## The Nourishing Cycle

Within the five elements there are two phases, which govern over how each elements maintain its energy balance with another element. Theses two phases are referred to as the Nourishing /Shen Phase and the Controlling/Destructive Phase.

THE NOURISHING PHASE: gives birth to an element and nourish it through its course of functions and actions. The organs in this phase act as the parents to another set of organs (liver is the parent of the heart, etc.); in that state the parent organ nourishes the child organ. It is the same as when human parents nourish and nutrure their children in life. When the child needs some thing, the parent works to provide the needed element to create balance. If the parent is deficient, then they could draw their needed element from their child. The nourishing Phase works in both ways.

The element relationship is, Wood nourish Fire, Fire nourishes Earth, Earth nourishes Metal, Metal nourishes Water, Water nourishes Wood. Each one of these elements corresponds to a season, and a time of day.



## **The Controlling Cycle**

THE CONTROLLING CYCLE: consist of natures checks and balance system. The controlling factor means that one set of organs control the activities of another set. If for some reason this does not happen, then the controlling set of organs will attack the set they are controlling and make them weak. Wood controls earth, earth controls water, water controls fire, fire controls metal, and metal controls wood.

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