

气 (qi)

气 (qi), in traditional Chinese culture, is an active principle forming part of any living thing, from [Wikipedia](<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qi>)

"Human beings are born [because of] the accumulation of qi. When it accumulates there is life. When it dissipates there is death... There is one qi that connects and pervades everything in the world." -- from the great [Zhuangzi](<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhuangzi>) explaining 气 (qi) as material continuity.