## **Li Kiang ON PATTERNS**

Some aphorisms, sayings, maxims, adages, dictums, epigrams, proverbs, precepts attributed to Li Kiang by Albert G. Wilson.

- 1. Pattern in time: Departure and Return.
- 2. Pattern in time: Diffusion and Focus.
- 3. Pattern in time: Transformation and Exploration.
- 4. Pattern in time: Potentiality and Realization
- 5. Sometimes we discover patterns in our own creations that we did not consciously build into them. Whenever we get more out than we have put in, we have tapped into truth.
- 6. Sameness may be endless repetition of the same pattern regardless of the simplicity of complexity of the pattern.
- 7. [This is actually a commentary by Wilson on LiKiang] It follows from Eddington that a breakdown in sameness is necessary, if not for the creation of existence, then for the manifestation of existence. It follows from Whitehead that recurrence is essential for recognition and therefore for knowledge. These two precepts delimit the knowable world between a certain absence of sameness and recurrence of sameness. If LK's definition of sameness is to be assumed then the existence occurs only where there are irregularities, and knowledge is restricted to those patterns which are irregularly recurrent. Also, we are restrained by Parmenides on one side and by Heraclitus on the other.