



EIGHT CONCEPTS OF UM & YANG

1. **KEON** **PURE UM** Represents that which is great & original, penetrating, advantageous, correct & firm; heaven, the sun or light KEON is the beginning of the earth; the power heaven & is the source of creation.
2. **TAE** **JOY** Represents strength of mind, a person with a strong mind appears gentle, smiles & is satisfied.
3. **RI** **FIRE & SUN** Represents the sun, fire & light. The virtue of RI is Brightness & a natural intelligence & also means to be attached too.
4. **JIN** **THUNDER** Represents thunder & exciting power; the things that instill fear, panic, only to disappear bringing blue skies along with sunshine.
5. **SEON** **WIND** Represents the wind because of its penetrating effect; able to find its way into every corner & cranny of the wood because of its flexibility. This symbolizes a strong, flexible & humble state of mind.
6. **GAM** **WATER** Represents water; the element that is flexible, dangerous, formless & mysterious (the symbol of persistence & fidelity). The symbol therefore shows us that the execution of the actions are to be done with powerful movements. Danger & difficulties can be overcome, to face the enemy & fight is the most effective method.
7. **GAN** **TOP STOP** Represents mountains; the mountains symbolize solemn majesty & tranquility with the way they stand upright in their surroundings. The principle teaches that a man should have good judgement, contemplation, & not act hastily.
8. **GON** **PURE YANG** Represent the earth. The earth has strength, firmness & power. The earth also has the advantage to accommodate everything that grows, with the heaven above.

ONLY FOUR CHARACTERS ARE DISPLAYED ON THE KOREAN FLAG

