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The Deadly Energy - Overcoming Death Denial and Anxieties in Chinese Societies

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This paper considers the strong death taboo which has long been a feature of Chinese societies. Whilst providing a review of the death denial in Chinese cultures, the paper proposes a possible mechanism for cultural change and then considers how and to what degree these cultures are changed.