

Shin-Myung (神明) is pronounced as *shen ming* in Chinese and *shin myung* in Korean. *Shin* means spirit or god and *Myung* means clear understanding. Thus *Shin-Myung* together means spiritual understanding of the sacred who could intuitively penetrate the surface of phenomena and reaching the inner truth of nature. The concept originates from Taoism and appears in *Chuang Tzu* as 'spirit', 'wisdom' and 'nature'. Being incorporated with Korean indigenous shaman culture, it now means extraordinary or trans-natural power of emotion by which one experiences a supernatural spirit. It also signifies a high state of joyfulness.

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