The design of South Korea’s flag was taken from the Chinese yin and yang symbol. The background of the flag is white and in the center there is a red and blue taeguek {or “Yin and Yang”}. The top half {red} represents the Yin and the bottom half {blue} represents the Yang.

Each of the four corners has four black trigrams. The four trigrams represent Taoist ideas about the universe: balance, circulation, harmony, and symmetry. The trigrams are also said to represent Heaven {three unbroken lines top left}, Earth {three broken lines lower right}, Fire {lower left} and Water {upper right}. The white color of the background represents “cleanliness”.

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