



### **22 degree of Sagittarius: 'A Chinese laundry'**

This is very much a North American image/symbol whose meaning may not be obvious to people from other countries. Chinese immigrants to the USA and Canada were often forced to take on occupations like laundering because no many other opportunities were offered by a society that openly discriminated them. In this light a Chinese laundry is a place where disempowered people could find a humble but dignified way to survive and somehow fit in an alien world.

The level of service had to be very high. A Chinese laundry was not just a place for washing dirty linen, because, in the first place, these items would have been collected from the client's home, then soaked, scrubbed, hand washed, starched, wrung out and dried, mended if necessary, ironed, properly folded and delivered back in record time.

With the resourcefulness often born of grave difficulties these displaced people found a niche that they were able to fill by hard labour and thriftiness.

Here is indicated a way to be humble and practical in order to find solutions to one's problem in life. Great success stories had often modest beginnings because they made the most of difficult circumstances.

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