

THEO 359 Confucianism & Daoism

儒與道教

Prehistoric Chinese Religion

Legendary Emperors

- (1) Fu Hsi: 伏羲 (Fú Xī)
- (2) Shen Nung 神農 (Shénnóng)
- (3) Huang Ti (黃帝 Huángdì, Yellow Emperor)

Sage Kings (聖王 sheng wáng)

- (1) Yao (堯 Yáo)
- (2) Shun (舜 Shùn)
- (3) Yü (禹 Yǔ) and the founding of the Hsia 夏 Dynasty ([xià] 2205-1766 BC)

Shang 商 [shāng] (1766-1046 BC) Dynasty

Oracle Bone Inscriptions (甲骨文) jiǎgǔwén

Ancestor worship

Most High Ruler – Shang-ti (上帝 Shàngdì) [**thượng-đế**]

Chou 周 [zhōu] (1046-249 BC) Dynasty

“Heaven” T’ien (天) [tiān] [**thiên**]

Divination using milfoil/yarrow plants

Shamanism: 2 kinds:

(Northern) “hsien” [xiān]: 仙 [travelling to the mountains]

(Southern) “wu” [wū]: 巫 [channeling/spirit possession]

- hereditary office held by oldest daughter

- common in the ancient State of Chu (楚)

spirit 靈 [líng]

儒 [rú] [**nho**] “scholars”