

THEO 359 CONFUCIANISM & DAOISM

儒與道教

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT IN THE ZHOU (CHOU) DYNASTY

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

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

Chou 周 [Zhōu] (1046-249 BC) Dynasty

“Heaven” T’ien (天) [Tiān] [Thiên]

“Mandate of Heaven” T’ien-ming (天命 [Tiānmìng] [Thiên Mệnh/Mệnh])

Principle of “depraved last, virtuous first”

Polytheistic society – Hierarchy of Gods

天 [Heaven]

| provincial gods) gods perform
| city gods) socio-political
↓ village gods) duties

土地公 (earth god)

天子 [Emperor]

[“Son of Heaven”]

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Villagers

gods	–	ghosts	–	ancestors) TRIAD
) correlation
political bureaucracy	–	strangers/beggars	–	family/clan) society
		bandits/robbers			
sacrifices to get favor from bureaucracy	–	sacrifices to appease them	–	sacrifices to maintain integrity/well-being of family (ancestor worship)	

Divination using milfoil/yarrow plants

“hsien” [xiān]: 仙 “astral travellers”

“wu” [wū]: 巫 “medium”

“ju” [rú] [nho] 儒 “scholars”

Spring and Autumn (春秋 [chūnqiū]) Period (722-481 B.C.) [Xuân thu]

Warring States (戰國 [Zhànguó]) Period (481-221 B.C.)

Period of the Hundred Schools (百家)

Ch’in Dynasty 秦 [Qín] (221-206 BC)