

CONFUCIANISM & TAOISM: HISTORICAL TIMELINE

Mythical	<p>Legendary Emperors: c. 2852 BCE: Fu Hsi: 伏羲 (Fú Xī) “Legendary Genius” - inventor of writing, nets and traps, hunting and fishing</p> <p>c. 2737 BCE: Shen Nung: 神農 (Shénnóng) “Divine Farmer” - inventor of agriculture and commerce</p> <p>c. 2697 BCE: Huang Ti: 黃帝 (Huángdì) “Yellow Emperor” - inventor of cars, chariots, and medicine</p> <p>Two Sage Kings (聖王 shengwáng): (1) Yao (堯 Yáo) (2) Shun (舜 Shùn) (2255-2205 BCE)</p>
Semi-historical	<p>2205-1751 BCE: Hsia (xià [夏]) Dynasty. Founder: Yü (禹 Yǔ)</p>
Historical (beginning of archaeological evidence.)	<p>1751-1123 BCE: Shang (Shāng [商]) Dynasty.</p> <p>1122-249 BCE: Chou (周 [Zhōu]) Dynasty.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">722-479 BCE: Spring and Autumn (春秋 [Chūnqiū]) Period</p> <p style="text-align: center;">551-479 BCE: Confucius (Kung-tzu 孔子 [Kǒngzǐ])</p> <p style="text-align: center;">c. 600-300 BCE: Lao-tzu (老子 [Lǎozǐ])</p> <p style="text-align: center;">479-221 BCE: Warring States (戰國 [Zhànguó]) Period</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Period of the Hundred Schools (百家 [Bǎijiā])</p> <p style="text-align: center;">390-305 BCE: Mencius (孟子 [Mèngzǐ]) [Confucian]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">340-245 BCE: Hsün-tzu (荀子 [Xúnzǐ]) [Confucian]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">365-290 BCE: Chuang-tzu (莊子 [Zhuāngzǐ]) [Taoist]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">221-206 BCE: Ch'in (秦 [Qín]) Dynasty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">206 BCE – 220 CE: Han (漢 [Hàn]) Dynasty</p>