

China	Rest of the World
<p><b>Mythical origins and ancient cosmology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pan-Gu separated Heaven and Earth</li> <li>• Nü-Wa repaired the Heaven (see also in three sovereigns)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Three Sovereigns and Five Emperors (?2900 - ?2100 BC)</b> a group of semi-mythological rulers and culture heroes from ancient China.</p> <p>- Fu-Xi (伏羲), Nü-Wa (女媧), Shen-Nong (神農)  - Yellow Emperor (黃帝), Zhuan-Xu (顓頊), Emperor Ku (嚳), Emperor Yao (堯), Shun (舜)</p>	<p>2900 BC Egypt unified  2700 BC Great Pyramid built  2370 BC Sumerians flourished  2225 BC Troy built</p>
<p><b>Xia Dynasty (?2100 - ?1600 BC)</b> Da Yu. Chinese characters developed.  Bronzeware and pottery.</p>	<p>1900 BC Minoan culture flourished</p>
<p><b>Shang Dynasty (?1600 - ?1027 BC)</b></p> <p>Advanced bronze-casting methods.  Oracle-bones with characters scratched on them. Walled cities at Anyang and Zhengzhou. Human and animal sacrifices at ritual burials.</p>	<p>1500 BC Aryans invaded India  1480 BC Tuthmosis III conquered Palestine and Syria  1250 BC Moses led Exodus out of Egypt  1200 BC Trojan War  Celtic settlements in Britain  1050 BC David King of Israel</p>
<p><b>Zhou Dynasty (? 1027-211 BC)</b>  <b>Western Zhou (? 1027-771 BC)</b>  Emperors known as Tian Zi 'Son of Heaven'. Feudal-type division of land amongst nobles. Frequent wars with nomadic tribes in the north.  Bronzeware reaches a technical and artistic peak.  <b>Eastern Zhou (771-221 BC)</b>  <b>Spring and Autumn Period (771-476 BC)</b>  Iron replaced bronze as the main metal for implements and weapons.  Slaves replaced by peasant farmers. <b>Confucius</b> (Kong Zi) (551-479)  Lao Zi (active 550) founder of <b>Daoism</b>.  Mo Zi (480-400) preached Universal Love.  <b>Warring States Period (476-221)</b>  Metal coinage widespread. 'Hundred Schools of Thought'. Legalists active. Crossbows, writing-brushes, chopsticks in use. Mencius (Meng Zi) (371-289) and Zhuang Zi (365-290) active. The state of Qin conquered all other states by 221 BC.</p>	<p>961 BC Solomon built Temple in Jerusalem 814 BC  Carthage founded  753 BC Rome founded  700 BC Homer</p> <p>560-483 BC Buddha in India  ?500 BC Zoroaster  530 BC Roman Republic founded</p> <p>399 BC Death of Socrates  428-347 BC Plato  336-323BC Alexander the Great</p>