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*Chinese Myth and Culture* Taylor & Francis  
Translations of the Yi jing into western languages have been biased towards the yili ('meaning and pattern') tradition, whereas studies of the xiangshu ('image and number') tradition - which takes as its point of departure the imagery and numerology associated with divination and its hexagrams, trigrams, lines, and related charts and diagrams - has remained relatively unexplored. This major new reference work is organised as a Chinese-English encyclopedia, arranged alphabetically according to the pinyin romanisation, with Chinese characters appended. A character index as well as an English index is included. The entries are of two kinds: technical terms and various other concepts related to the 'image and number' tradition, and bio-bibliographical information on Chinese Yi jing scholars. Each entry in the former category has a brief explanation that includes references to the origins of the term, cross-references, and a reference to an entry giving a more comprehensive treatment of the subject.

*Orientalism in Sinology* Springer Nature  
Ten essays explore the boundaries between the metaphysical and human action in the philosophies of Chinese thinkers of the 17th to the 20th centuries. Some focus on individuals or groups, while others discuss broad patterns of thought and behavior; some consider only the elite culture or only popula

*To Become a God* Hong Kong University Press

A new, transnational, and interdisciplinary understanding of cosmology in Asian history. Cosmologies were not coherent systems belonging to separate cultures but rather complex bodies of knowledge and practice that regularly coexisted and co-mingled in extraordinarily diverse ways.

**Power and Identity in the Chinese World Order** Springer Science & Business

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From the founding of the Qin dynasty in 221 BCE to the present, the Chinese have been preoccupied with the notion of ordering their world. Efforts to create and maintain order are expressed not only in China's bureaucratic institutions and methods of social and economic organization but also in Chinese philosophy, religious and secular ritual, and comprehensive systems of classifying all natural and supernatural phenomena. *Mapping China and Managing the World* focuses on Chinese constructions of order (zhi) and examines the most important ways in which elites in late imperial China sought to order their vast and variegated world. This book begins by exploring the role of ancient texts and maps as the two prominent symbolic devices that the Chinese used to construct cultural meaning, and looks at how changing conceptions of 'the world' shaped Chinese cartography, whilst both shifting and enduring cartographic practices affected how the Chinese regarded the wider world. Richard J. Smith goes on to examine the significance of ritual in overcoming disorder, and by focusing on the importance of divination shows how Chinese at all levels of society sought to manage the future, as well as the past and the present. Finally, the book concludes by emphasizing the enduring relevance of the Yijing (Classic of Changes) in Chinese intellectual and cultural life as well as its place in the history of Sino-foreign interactions. Bringing together a selection of essays by Richard J. Smith, one of the foremost scholars of Chinese intellectual and cultural history, this book will be welcomed by Chinese and East Asian historians, as well as those interested more broadly in the culture of China and East Asia.

**When the Earth Was Flat** University of Hawaii Press

Early Chinese ideas about the construction of an ordered human space received narrative form in a set of stories dealing with the rescue of the world and its inhabitants from a universal flood. This

book demonstrates how early Chinese stories of the re-creation of the world from a watery chaos provided principles underlying such fundamental units as the state, lineage, the married couple, and even the human body. These myths also supplied a charter for the major political and social institutions of Warring States (481-221 BC) and early imperial (220 BC-AD 220) China. In some versions of the tales, the flood was triggered by rebellion, while other versions linked the taming of the flood with the creation of the institution of a lineage, and still others linked the taming to the process in which the divided principles of the masculine and the feminine were joined in the married couple to produce an ordered household. While availing themselves of earlier stories and of central religious rituals of the period, these myths transformed earlier divinities or animal spirits into rulers or ministers and provided both etiologies and legitimation for the emerging political and social institutions that culminated in the creation of a unitary empire.

**Astrology and Cosmology in Early China** State University of New York Press  
The articles in this collection were all selected from the first five volumes of the *Journal of Dialectics of Nature* published by the Chinese Academy of Sciences between 1979 and 1985. The *Journal* was established in 1979 as a comprehensive theoretical publication concerning the history, philosophy and sociology of the natural sciences. It began publication as a response to China's reform, particularly the policy of opening to the outside world. Chinese scholars began to undertake distinctive, original research in these fields. This collection provides a cross-section of their efforts during the initial phase. To enable western scholars to understand the historical process of this change in Chinese academics, Yu Guangyuan's 'On the Emancipation of the Mind' and Xu Liangying's 'Essay on the Role of Science and Democracy in Society' have been included in this collection. Three of the papers included on the philosophy of science are discussions of

philosophical issues in cosmology and biology by scientists themselves. The remaining four are written by philosophers of science and discuss information and cognition, homeostasis and Chinese traditional medicine, the I Ching (Yi Jing) and mathematics, etc. Papers have been selected on the history of both classical and modern science and technology, the most distinctive of which are macro-comparisons of the development of science in China and the west. Some papers discuss the issue of the demarcation of periods in the history of science, the history of ancient Chinese mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, machinery, medicine, etc. Others discuss the history of modern physics and biology, the history of historiography of science in China and the history of regional development of Chinese science and technology. Also included are biographies of three post-eighteenth-century Chinese scholars, Li Shanlan (1811-1882), Hua Hengfang (1833-1902), and Cai Yuanpei (1868-1940), who contributed greatly to the introduction of western science and scholarship to China. In addition, three short papers have been included introducing the interactions between Chinese scholars and three great western scientists, Niels Bohr, Norbert Wiener, and Robert A. Millikan.

*Cosmology and Political Culture in Early China* Good Press

Cosmological ideas influenced every aspect of traditional Chinese culture, from science and medicine to art, philosophy, and religion. Although other premodern societies developed similar conceptions, in no other major civilization were such ideas so pervasive or powerful. In *The Development and Decline of Chinese Cosmology*, John Henderson traces the evolution of Chinese thought on cosmic order from the classical era to the nineteenth century. Unlike many standard studies of premodern cosmologies, this book analyzes the origins, development, and rejection of these models, not just their structure. Moreover, while historians often limit their studies of cosmic order to specialized fields like the history of science, Henderson examines how the cosmological ideas formulated in late classical times permeated various facets of Chinese life, from high philosophy to popular culture. In discussing these ideas, the author draws surprising parallels between the history of Chinese and classical Western cosmologies, identifying general patterns in the development of cosmological conceptions in several premodern civilizations. This volume thus appeals not only to students of Chinese

intellectual history, but anyone interested in cultural anthropology, ancient and medieval philosophy, and the history of science and medicine as well. An understanding of the development and decline of Chinese cosmology illuminates broad areas of traditional Chinese culture and it provides a new perspective for viewing the history of Chinese thought in a larger comparative context. John B. Henderson earned his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley. He is Professor in the Department of History at Louisiana State University. Professor Henderson's previously published works include *Scripture, Canon, and Commentary: A Comparison of Confucian and Western Exegesis* and *Notions of Time in Chinese Historical Thinking*.

*The Religious System of China: book II. On the soul and ancestral worship* World Scientific

This book offers a radical reinterpretation of the formative stages of Chinese culture and history, tracing the central role played by cosmology in the formation of China's early empires. It crosses the disciplines of history, social anthropology, archaeology, and philosophy to illustrate how cosmological systems, particularly the Five Elements, shaped political culture. By focusing on dynamic change in early cosmology, the book undermines the notion that Chinese cosmology was homogenous and unchanging. By arguing that cosmology was intrinsic to power relations, it also challenges prevailing theories of political and intellectual history.

**Translating Sensitive Texts** Academica Press, LLC

In this important and hugely ambitious book, one of the world's leading political scientists working on China demonstrates how Western views of China are flawed because the long tradition of Western scholarship studying China views China from the Western philosophical and intellectual perspective rather than viewing China on its own terms through the lens of China's own long-established and reputable philosophical and intellectual tradition. Providing a deep analysis of Western scholarship on China, including work from Leibniz to Marx to Weber and then to Wittfogel, and a thorough account of the evolution of China's own thinking about governance as expressed in the practices of successive Chinese dynasties, the book goes on to examine how the current Chinese body politic fits with and is the natural outcome of China's own long, well-thought-through and well-practiced intellectual consideration of what the nature of

civilized governance should be. By focusing on philosophical and intellectual approaches rather than on theoretical or methodological ones, the book shows how the huge and increasing disconnect between non-Chinese views of China and Chinese ones has come about.

### **Explorations in Early Chinese**

**Cosmology** BRILL

This book introduces and promotes Dr Lim Boon Keng's thoughts on Confucianism. Dr Lim is an outstanding thinker and an authority on Confucian history of Singapore. His thoughts on Confucianism represent the fusion of Confucianism and Christianity, which is unique in the history of Confucianism. This book is a compilation of articles, published from 1904 to 1917, and is the most representative of Dr Lim's thoughts on Confucianism. Written in a simple and accessible manner, this book will be of interest to anyone interested in knowing more about Confucianism. This book is the first bilingual version (English and Chinese) on Dr Lim Boon Keng's thoughts on Confucianism. Contents: Confucian Cosmogony and Theism; OaAEO-A UaOn(r)Uuo e Confucian View of Human Nature; OaAEO-A UaouC e The Basis of Confucian Ethics; OaAEO-A Uao EaO iC The Confucian Code of Filial Piety; OaAEO-A UaO OUuo e The Confucian Cu

### **The Phoenix a Monthly Magazine for China, Japan & Eastern Asia** Rodopi

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### **Overlapping Cosmologies in Asia** JHU Press

For well over a century, Chinese fengshui, or "geomancy," has interested Western laymen and scholars. Today, hundreds of popular manuals claim to use its principles in their advice on how people can increase their wealth, happiness, longevity, and so on. This study is quite different, approaching fengshui from an academic angle. The focus is on its significance in China, but the recent history of its reinterpretation in the West is also depicted. The author argues that fengshui serves as an alternative tradition of cosmological knowledge, which is used to explain a range of everyday occurrences in rural areas, such as disease, mental disorders, accidents, and common mischief. The study includes a historical account of fengshui over the last 150

years augmented by the results of anthropological fieldwork on contemporary practices in two Chinese rural areas.

Civilization and the Chinese Body Politic  
BRILL

Drawing on a vast array of scholarship, this pioneering text illustrates how profoundly astronomical phenomena shaped ancient Chinese civilization.

**The Taotie Image in Chinese Art, Culture, and Cosmology** University of Chicago Press

Excerpt from *Confucian Cosmogony: A Translation of Section Forty-Nine of the Complete Works* The Greeks designated their First God (geog) Fate, Reason, Nature &c., and regarded Him as an Indivisible Unity; and the Confucianism designate their First God (m) Fate, Reason, Nature, &c., and regard Him as an Indivisible Unity. Plato designates this God the Adorner, and the Yih King designates Him He who adorns (if) the myriad of things. '1 Mind or the second God, the Greeks designated Demon-god (aainwv-oeog), and this same Mind the Confucianists also designate Demon-god W) Amongst the Greeks and Romans the Rational soul was derived from this ethereal Mind and was therefore designated 050g, deus, or God: and in the Confucian Classics the Rational soul is said to be derived from the same ethereal Mind, and is therefore designated filil or God. In a word, every part of the Kosmos and every thing which the Greeks and Romans respectively designated Demon, that the Confucianists also designate Demon; and every thing which the former designated 0505 or Deus, that the latter designate j-filii. Any argument, therefore, supposed to prove that the term if means spirit and not God, must also be admitted to prove that the terms drag and Deus mean Spirit and not God. These three terms must necessarily bear precisely the same meaning for the reasons stated. The fact that the Chinese term fim, (like Geog or Deus) is the designation of that which pervades and animates the to new must be regarded as proof that this term means God in the sense of that term as used by all pagan philosophers, and not pure Spirit, of which latter, in fact, they know nothing whatever. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or

missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

*Confucian Cosmogony* SUNY Press  
In *Chinese Mythology*, Anne Birrell provides English translations of some 300 representative myth narratives selected from over 100 classical texts, many of which have never before been translated into any Western language. Organizing the narratives according to themes and motifs common to world mythology, Birrell addresses issues of source, dating, attribution, textural variants, multiforms, and context. Drawing on exhaustive work in comparative mythology, she surveys the development of Chinese myth studies, summarizes the contribution of Chinese and Japanese scholars to the study of Chinese myth since the 1920s, and examines special aspects of traditional approaches to Chinese myth. The result is an unprecedented guide to the study of Chinese myth for specialists and nonspecialists alike.

*Science in Ancient China* Cambridge University Press

Humans are unique in their ability to create systematic accounts of the world – theories based on guiding cosmological principles. This book is about the role of cognition in creating cosmologies, and explores this through the ethnography and history of Yijing divination in China. Diviners explain the cosmos in terms of a single substance, qi, unfolding across scales of increasing complexity to create natural phenomena and human experience. Combined with an understanding of human cognition, it shows how this conception of scale offers a new way for anthropologists and other social scientists to think about cosmology, comparison and cultural difference.

**Astrology and Cosmology in Early China** Springer

These 130 articles Aisan mythologies and cover such topics as Buddhist and Hindu symbolic systems, myth in pre-Islamic Iran, Chinese cosmology and demons, and the Japanese conceptions of the afterlife and the "vital spirit". Also includes myths from Turkey, Korea, Tibet, and Mongolia. Illustrations.

**Creation and Cosmology** Franklin Watts  
Vittorio Cotesta's *The Heavens and the Earth* traces the origin of the images of the world typical of the Graeco-Roman, Ancient Chinese and Medieval Islamic civilisations. Each of them had its own peculiar way of understanding the universe, life, death, society, power,

humanity and its destiny. The comparative analysis carried out here suggests that they all shared a common human aspiration despite their differences: human being is unique; differences are details which enrich its image. Today, the traditions derived from these civilisations are often in competition and conflict. Reference to a common vision of humanity as a shared universal entity should lead, instead, to a quest for understanding and dialogue.

**Music, Cosmology, and the Politics of Harmony in Early China** Dave Alber

This volume brings together twenty-two of the world's leading translation and interpreting theorists, to address the issue of sensitivity in translation. Whether in novels or legal documents, the Bible or travel brochures, in translating ancient texts or providing simultaneous interpretation, sensitive subject-matter, contentious modes of expression and the sensibilities of the target audience are the biggest obstacles to acceptance of the translator's work. The contributors bring to bear a wide variety of approaches - generative, cognitive, lexical and functional - in confronting this problem, and in negotiating the competing claims of source cultures and target cultures in the areas of cultural, political, religious and sexual sensitivity. All of the articles are presented here for the first time, and in his Introduction Karl Simms gives an overview of the philosophical and linguistic questions which have motivated translators of sensitive texts through the ages. This book will be of interest to all working translators and interpreters, and to teachers of translation theory and practice.

Myths and Legends of China Berghahn Books

Excerpt from *Confucian Cosmogony: A Translation of Section Forty-Nine of the Complete Works* The writings of Choo-taze come next to the Classics in the opinion of the Chinese. 'As regards the learning of Confucius, Choo alone," say the Chinese historians, "fully comprehended its true import; and has transmitted it to future generations so perfect and immaculate, that were Confucius himself, or any of the ancient Sages to come back to life, they would not alter what he has written." The opinions of Choo-foo-tsze, therefore, constitute the orthodoxy of China, and all who differ from him are considered heterodox, inasmuch that some modern, writers, who have dared to dissent from his views, have not only failed in obtaining office, but have also been prevented, through fear of persecution, from publishing their lucubrations." This

philosopher flourished, during the Sung Dynasty. He was born A. D. 1130, in the reign of Kaou-tsung at Hwuy-chow, in the province of Ngan-hwuy; and died A. D. 1201 at the age of 71. His father was a Member of the Board of Office. It is related that when Choo-tsze was only four years of age, his father, pointing to the sky, pronounced the word "Heaven,"

whereupon the child, to the father's astonishment, asked the question, "What is there above it?" About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the

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