

SHANG RELIGION

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Did you know that at one point others believed that the Shang never existed? People thought that they were like myths made up. They sooner discovered the Oracle bones what now the shang are known for. When the Chinese found the bones they were amazed by all the bronze vessels. Thats how the Shang are known today. Also the Shang beilevd in many things.

The Shang believed in worshipping the "Shang Ti".The Shang Ti was known as the "Lord of high". For the shang the Shang ti was a king a god They believed Shang Ti had powers to send droughts and floods. The Shang Ti also used the enemies of the Shang as an instrument of punishment by putting curses over them. The Shang also believed that sacrifices should be made when a king or ancestor died. Not only did they believe in one god but 2 gods. One god was the god ruler above. The Second god was the god on earth.

Not only did they believe in that, they also believed in an afterlife. The afterlife resembled physical world and the possessions in this world. For the

Shang to worship their kings, gods and ancestors they put food in a bronze container called "Fang Ding Zun". They also poured wine into a container called the "Jia". The Shang also believed that sacrifices should be made when a king or ancestor died.



* "jia" What the shang used to worship there god a bronze vessel.
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This is an oracle bone that The Shang use to talk to The gods and ancestors.

<http://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/uclib/bones/ob01.gif>



The Shang were known for Oracle bones. In ancient China, they were pieces of bone or turtle shell used by Shang priests to tell the future. They would write a question addressed to either one of the gods, or an ancestor on the bone, then heat it until it cracked. They believed that by studying the pattern of cracks, one could learn the answer to the question. Oracle bones are the oldest example of Chinese writing .

The Shang had a special way of honoring their gods and ancestors . Their tradition is still alive and still many more questions to be answered.

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