

APOLOGETICS

Reasons for Belief

Lesson 1: Ancient Chinese Culture Confirms Genesis

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" (Genesis 3:1)

INTRODUCTION

The Chinese have 4,000 years of unbroken documented history reaching almost back to the Tower of Babel where the Lord confused the language.

PART 1

The history of the Bronze Tree of Sanxingdui

How was it found?

Who were the people who made it?

The physical aspects of the tree; style, height metal from which it was made.

What are the similarities the Sanxingdui tree has with the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

PART 2

What characteristics does Shang Di have in common with the God of the Bible?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

How long have the Chinese worshipped Shang Di?

The Border Sacrifice

What is the connection with the position of the Border Sacrifice and the events pertaining to the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden?

When did the Border Sacrifice begin and how long has it been going?

Who was the Border Sacrifice to, and what are the parallels with the sacrificial system described in the Bible?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

PART 3

How did Chinese characters develop?

The Oracle Bone Writings

What were they?

What did the Oracle Bone writings pictographs reveal about the ancient Chinese knowledge of the early chapters of Genesis?

Do some modern Chinese radicals and characters reveal the same information?

CONCLUSION

What conclusions can you draw from the Bronze Tree of Sanxingdui, the Worship of Shang Di, the Border Sacrifices and both ancient and modern Chinese radicals and characters?

Resources

For people who would like to know more on this topic, there are two one hour plus YouTube videos shown below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLyVAE_JYFQ#t=142.689289;](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLyVAE_JYFQ#t=142.689289)

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