The First Agricultural Civilizations
Early Chinese Civilization: The Shang in the Yellow River Valley
Ca. 1766 BCE
Shang Oracle Bone

Start 2 pm
Egyptian Hieroglyphs (pictographic)

Shang Writing (ideographic)

\[ \text{Heavenly} + \text{Emperor} = \text{Shang Ti (God)} \]
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Qin China: 221-206 BC
The Terracotta Army of the Qin Emperor
Kung fu Tzu (Confucius) (551-479 BC)
Han Fei
Legalist
Philosopher
(230 BC)
Lao Tzu: Founder of Taoism (ca. 600 BCE)

“Stop thinking, and end your problems.”
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Chinese Farmhouse and Millet Field
Great Wall of China begun during Spring & Autumn Periods, expanded under Qin
From Peasant Rebel to Emperor: Liu Bang overthrew the repressive Qin Dynasty in 206 BC
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Temüjin later Genghis Khan (r. 1206-1227)
Kublai Khan last ruler of the Mongols, 1260-1271—ruled China until 1294
Japan’s first capital city: Nara (est. 710 AD)
Brother and Sister, Izanagi and Izanami, stir the primordial sea creating the Japanese Islands
Shinto Shrines of Japan
Prince Shotoku promulgated the Seventeen Article Constitution (604 AD)
I have a headache.

Amazing, what is it like?

You are next, apple!