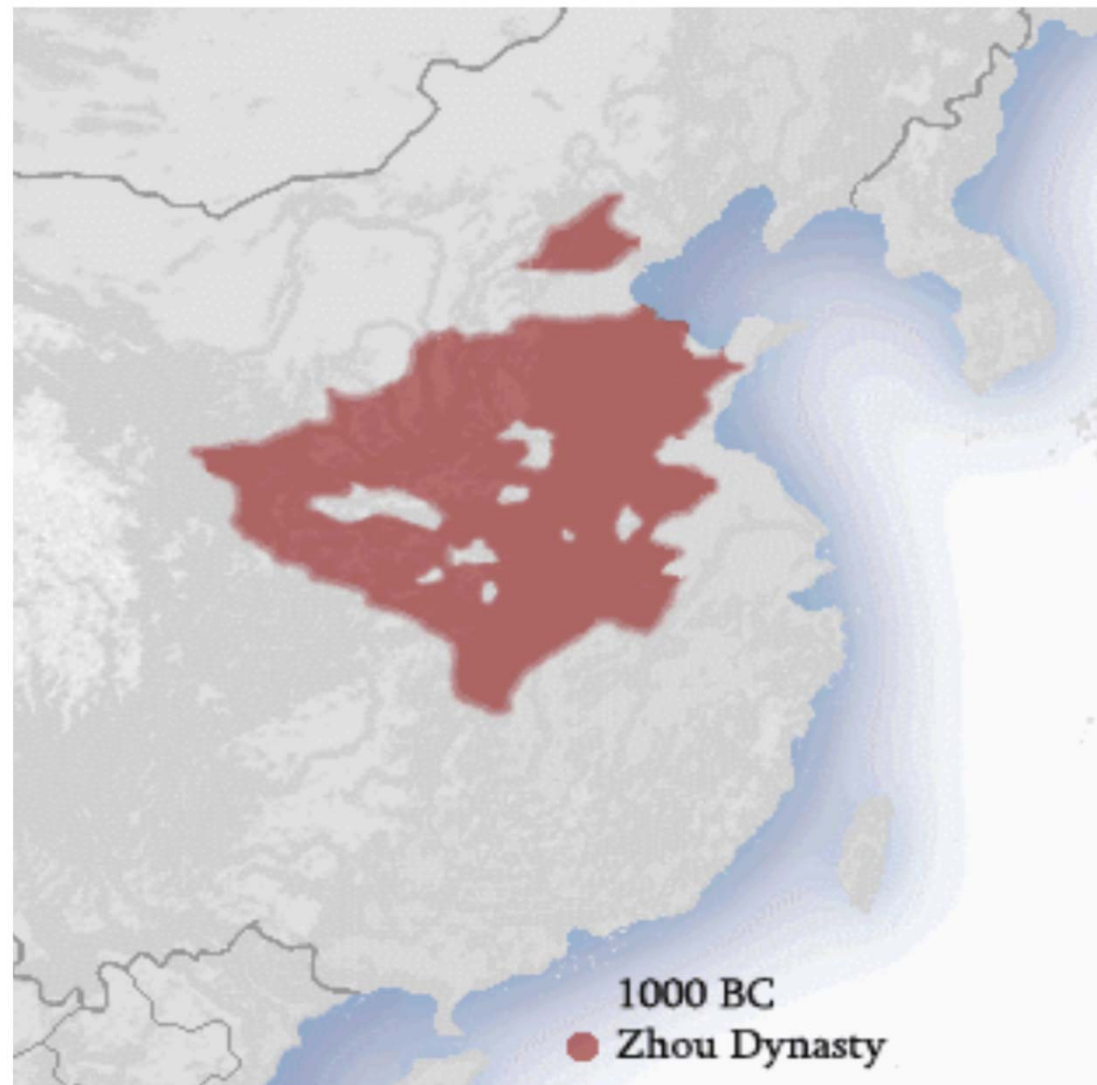


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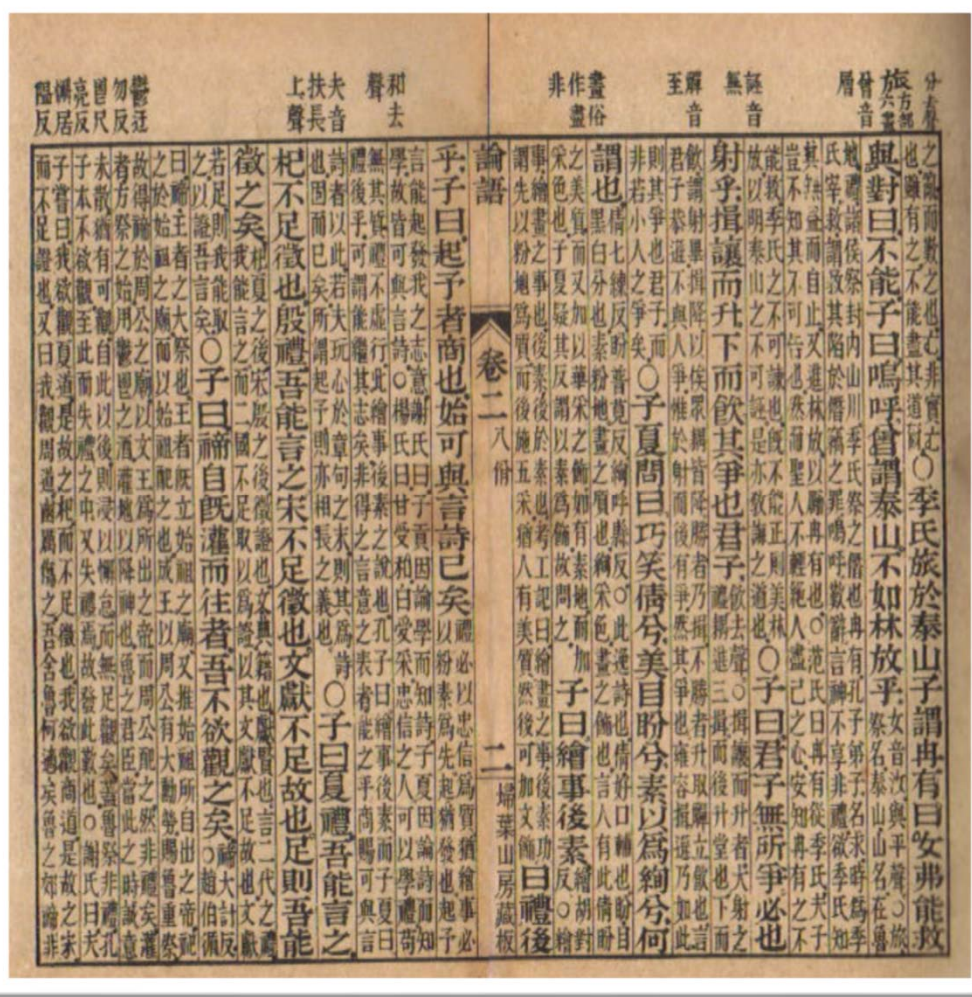
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Confucianism



Portrait of Confucius from the Tang Dynasty



The Confucian Analects, 551-479 BCE

Daoism



Manuscript of Laozi's Classic of the Way and the Virtue, 2nd century BCE



Undated painting of Laozi

Central Historical Question

What did ancient Chinese philosophers think was the ideal form of government?