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# **Abstract**

The term *siling* in this thesis, literally "four divine creatures", refers to this group of four animal spirits with directional significance commonly represented in the Han Dynasty and later periods, namely, the *qinglong* of the East, *baihu* of the West, *zhuque* of the South, and the *xuanwu* of the North.

My thesis will explore the place occupied by the second group of four animal symbols in various pictorial art forms among the material remains of the Han, aiming to trace the emergence and spread of the visual representations of the *siling*. This study argues that, although individual animal images of the *siling* did not appear simultaneously, and although all four had much more ancient origins and associations with the cardinal directions, it was in the Western Han dynasty and in the neighbourhood of the capital Chang'an that the images of the four animals first emerged in a consistent iconography.

The major concern of this research project is the meaning and usage and of the set of *siling* symbols, mainly in Han funerary contexts, taking into account relevant textual sources and the association of the *siling* with Han cosmological thought and some of the intellectual ideas that were predominant during the Han dynasty. By means of a comprehensive study of the set of *siling* representations, I aim to contribute to the knowledge of Han period archaeology and provide a new channel for the understanding of Han dynasty culture and beliefs.

# Introduction

According to textual evidence, there are two groups of four animals. The animals of the first group were interpreted as auspicious omens: lin (unicorn), feng (phoenix), gui (turtle), long (dragon). The animals in the second group are directly related to the four cardinal directions, including the qinglong 青龍 or canglong 蒼龍 (green dragon) of the East, the baihu 白虎 (white tiger) of the West, the zhuque 朱雀, zhuniao 朱鳥 or chiniao 赤鳥 (red bird) of the South, and the xuanwu 玄武 (black warrior or dark warrior) of the North. Animal images have been used in artistic representation in China a very long period of time, ever since the Neolithic period. Animal subjects are frequently expressed in Chinese tomb art because Chinese believed that all depictions of animals in their natural state possessed supernatural powers which enabled them to influence both the material and the spiritual worlds, therefore, they could facilitate contact with the other world and help the soul of the deceased on its perilous journey to its new abode. In the Han dynasty, the four animals were used particularly in a funerary context, both to indicate the cardinal directions and to guard the dead soul on its journey to heaven. The term *siling* in this thesis, literally "four divine creatures", refers to this group of four animal spirits with directional significance commonly represented in the Han Dynasty and later periods.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Paludan 1991: 9.

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The aesthetic issues surrounding the existing material, are not part of the focus of the thesis, which concentrates purely on the material culture aspects of *siling* representations. The major concern of this research project is the meaning and usage and of the set of *siling* symbols, mainly in Han funerary contexts, taking into account relevant textual sources and the association of the *siling* with Han cosmological thought and some of the intellectual ideas that were predominant during the Han dynasty.

The basic and principal research materials of this thesis are the visual examples of the *siling* in pictorial form excavated from tombs, architectural sites or preserved in museums; relevant literary records will be used as complementary references. Excavated or collected materials of the *siling* artefacts were acquired through three main sources: (1) personal examination of objects or sites;<sup>2</sup> (2) archaeological reports;<sup>3</sup> (3) other relevant publications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In the course of this research, I have visited sites and museums in different places in China. These places included Beijing; Jinan, Tai'an, Qufu and Tengzhou in Shandong Province; Xuzhou, Yangzhou, Zhenjiang, Nanjing, Wuxi and Suzhou in Jiangsu Province; Shanghai; Hengzhou in Zhejiang Province, Zhengzhou, Nanyang and Luoyang in Henan Province, Xi'an, Xianyang and Lintong in Shaanxi Province, Chengdu in Sichuan Province. Some overseas museums, in which siling examples used in this research are preserved, were also visited, such as the British Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Art Institute of Chicago, Cleveland Museum of Art, Buffalo Museum of Science, and Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These include preliminary reports of excavated sites, from which examples of siling representations were found, published in the major local journals, and other related site reports, such

Prior to the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949, controlled excavations were rarely carried out in China and very few excavated materials were available for the study of the Han dynasty. Wilma Fairbank, one of the western pioneers of Chinese art and archaeological studies, started her pursuit more than sixty years ago. Her effort in reconstructing the offering shrine of Wu Liang (A.D. 78-151) in the southwestern part of Shandong Province drew attention to the positional significance of different scenes and decorative schemes in funerary shrines, and has provided the foundation for later studies of Han Dynasty architectural remains and decorations in their funerary and architectural context. In 1950, immediately after a one-year field trip to Sichuan, Richard C. Rudolph published a catalogue, Han Tomb art in West China, with Wen Yu (Wen You), the editor of Studia Serica in Sichuan. The book, in which a hundred rubbings of Han Dynasty bas-reliefs from West China were introduced for the first time, is one of the earliest published catalogues of Han pictorial art.

Since the founding of new China, fresh evidence began to accumulate through large-scale excavations, specifically of tombs. Chinese archaeologists, through many controlled excavations of tombs and sites since the 1950s, have provided the archaeological reports and related publications we need for the study of Han Dynasty art. Specimens of the siling were found from the Western and Eastern Han capitals, Chang'an and Luoyang, and in different areas in China. These siling

as Zeng Zhaoyu 1956, Shaanxisheng kaogu yanjiusuo and Xi'an Jiaotong daxue 1991.

<sup>5</sup> Rudolph & Wen 1951.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Her first article in Chinese art and archaeology, "The offering Shrines of 'Wu Liang Tz'e'", was published in March 1941 (Fairbank 1972a). She published another article called A structural Key to Han Mural Art" in April 1942 (Fairbank 1972b).

images mainly appear as decorative motifs on tomb and architectural remains, and on various kinds of funerary objects called *mingqi* (spirit articles). These excavated materials provide a much clearer picture of how the four animal symbols were applied to funerary art and architecture, and what their functions and meaning may have been.

A few specialists in Han studies, with different concerns, approaches and methods, have provided valuable research that remains the basis of our knowledge of the Han Dynasty and its society. Among them, Michael Loewe's *Ways to Paradise* and *Chinese Ideas of Life and Death* have been specially relevant throughout this research project, to help us understand how funerary art and related decorative images were used by the Han people to articulate their beliefs and wishes.<sup>6</sup>

Benefiting from the pioneering efforts in the study of the offering shrine of Wu Liang by Wilma Fairbank and others, Wu Hung combined traditional Chinese scholarship and the methodology of Western art history for a full study of the cemetery. By consulting a variety of early Chinese texts that illuminate Han history, literature, philosophy, art and archaeology, he provides an appraisal of the evidence and a comprehensive presentation of the ideology of this renowned specimen of Han Dynasty pictorial art.

Martin Powers takes a different approach in Han Studies. In his Art and Political Expression in Early China, 8 Martin Powers examines how the art and politics of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Loewe 1994a, 1994b.

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<sup>.</sup> wu 1989.

the Han Dynasty were shaped by the rise of the Confucian literati. By studying the structures and decorations of burial tombs and shrines, he distinguishes three major traditions of taste and sites, each of which was located within a narrative of political rivalries in northeast China.

These studies provide a solid foundation for all later research on the Han Dynasty. However, these pioneers of Han studies have yet to examine in detail the *siling* and their artistic representations. This research project aims to fill the gap and to explore the significance of the *siling* representations in the social and cultural life of the Han Dynasty.

This thesis is divided into three main parts: (1) siling in funerary and architectural context; (2) siling in literary references; (3) discussion. An Appendix in table form is also added to provide detailed information of the examples of siling representation, including excavated location or place of collection, date, owner, media and orientation of the motifs, measurement of the artefacts and sources of the information.

Part One is the documentation of the *siling* in their funerary and architectural context. The study materials used in this part mainly come from archaeological excavations. A few of these study materials are pre-Han specimens with known dating which help in tracing the possible precursors of the set of *siling* motifs, such as the paired animal patterns from the Neolithic tomb at Xishuipo, Henan, and the depictions on the lid of the clothes chest from the tomb of Zeng Hou Yi at Suizhou, Hubei. However, most of these study materials are chosen from the abundance of

Han tombs and sites which have been scientifically excavated since the 1950s. As by no means all the available materials can be considered, these Han Dynasty specimens have been chosen according to three criteria: (1) cases of identified siling symbols or similar animal images that can help to explain the development of the siling; (2) examples of known date or examples that can be dated with the help of relevant references; (3) examples excavated from the metropolitan areas of Chang'an and Luoyang, and from the Shaanxi Plain, the Central Plains, the East Coast and Sichuan. Examples excavated from peripheral or remote areas, where they are far less common, are not included.<sup>9</sup>

In Part One, I will bring together these chosen excavated examples of the *siling* in different combinations and categorize them into three main groups according to the different characters of their funerary and architectural contexts. They are listed in table form in Appendix One. Chapter One discusses examples of combinations of the *siling* in tomb decorations, mainly from tombs built of hollow bricks, small bricks or stone. Chapter Two relates to different combinations of the *siling* in above-ground structures, including *siling* patterns found on architectural components, shrines and *que*-towers. Chapter Three traces individual funerary artefacts bearing the *siling* patterns, including stone sarcophagi and objects in other media, such as bronze and lacquer.

These archaeological materials of the *siling* in different combinations and contexts listed and discussed in Part One, on the one hand, clearly identify the main

<sup>9</sup> These peripheral or remote areas include Liaoning and places beyond, Gansu and places beyond, Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Guangdong, Jiangxi and Fujian. In these places, either no complete set of Han *siling* was found, or there are only one or two isolated examples so that no pattern of use can emerge.

problems, and on the other hand, provide significant references to solve these problems. One major problem these artefacts show is the variable positions of the four cardinal animals when they are depicted in a set: by listing and analyzing these materials, this thesis is able to come up with several possible solutions to this problem.

Part Two lists and discusses related textual references, aiming to show the role of the *siling* in literary context during the Han era, which is a formative stage of the Chinese culture when the academic tendency to systematize all kinds of knowledge by means of cosmological principles started. Chapter Four traces the usage of the term "*siling*" in relevant classical texts. Chapter Five relates the term "*siling*" to the system of twenty-eight *xiu* lunar mansions (or lodges) and the *yinyang wuxing* doctrines.

Part Three is the principal discussion section. Chapter Six compiles relevant examples in order to discuss the positions and arrangement of the *siling* patterns in different art media. Chapter Seven discusses individual *siling* images and explains, with archaeological examples, how these four individual animal motifs were paired and grouped, and finally combined into the complete set of four cardinal symbols. Chapter Eight argues with archaeological evidence that the complete set of *siling* images was first used in the reign of Emperor Wudi (r. 140-87 B.C.) in the neighbourhood of Chang'an, at or near the Maoling, and that from this date and place of origin, the set of motifs spread to other regions, mainly in funerary contexts.

<sup>10</sup> Sun & Kistemaker 1997: 5.

Although the individual *siling* motifs have a long history and much more ancient origins, depiction of the complete set of *siling* symbols is a Han Dynasty product. The Han Dynasty is a crucial stage in the formation of Chinese culture, during which there was a conspicuous reorganization of many aspects of society. The main concern of this research project is the meaning and usage of the set of *siling* symbols, mainly in Han funerary contexts. Aesthetic issues surrounding the existing material are not part of the focus of this thesis, and these and the relationship between the *siling* and other aspects of Han society remain topics for further research. By means of a comprehensive study of the set of *siling* representations, I aim to contribute to the knowledge of Han period archaeology and provide a new channel for the understanding of Han dynasty culture and beliefs.

# Chapter One: Combinations of the siling in tomb decoration

Most of the siling images were excavated from tombs. To the Chinese, death is never the end of life, but the beginning of another stage of life. This is based on the idea that the soul exists after death. The hun (yang soul) and the po (yin soul) are the two elements of the human soul that would separate from the body at death.2 According to Michael Loewe, the hun will either successfully proceed to the paradise where the Supreme God abides and become a xian (immortal) or be driven to the miserable huangquan (Yellow Springs) and become a prisoner there, while the po will remain with the body, expecting adequate nourishment provided by the descendants. If the descendants fail to perform this duty, the po will return to the earth as a gui, expressing its dissatisfaction in a manner that is highly dangerous to mankind.<sup>3</sup> The tomb was supposed to be the home of the po soul of the deceased. The tomb was thus of great concern to the Han people because of their beliefs in the life after death. Representations of the siling were found at tomb entrances and in different parts of the tomb interiors. As the four animal gods of the four directions, the siling symbols in tombs indicate the orientations and also provide guardianship to the *hun* soul on its journey to heaven.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Chinese idea of death is an extensive and complicated topic relating to many different aspects of the society and both eastern and western scholars have achieved comprehensive research results in the topic. For example, see Harrell 1979: 519-528; Cohen 1985: 320-334; Yu Yingshi 1985: 80-122, 1987: 363-395; Pu Muzhou 1993: 193-268 & 1995; Loewe 1994a & 1994b; Kang Yunmei 1995.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> According to Yu Yingshi, the dualist conception of *hun* and *po* began to gain currency in the middle of the sixth century B.C., before that, *po* alone was used to denote the human soul (Yu Yingshi 1987: 369-378). See also Loewe 1994a: 10-11; 1994b: 26-28; Luo Yonglin 1993: 163-164; Pu Muzhou 1995: 90-96; Kang Yunmei 1995: 154-165 for similar discussions on the concepts of *hun* and *po*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Loewe 1994a: 10-11, 1994b: 26-28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For the discussions of Han concepts of life and afterlife, see *HJAS* 25 (1965) & 47 (1987): 80-122,363-395; Loewe 1994b: 25-37.

During the early Western Han, following the tomb structure of the Warring States period, most tombs were shaft tombs with wooden chambers. This Han tomb structure was particularly popular in the South. Apart from the renowned tombs of Li Cang and his family excavated from Mawangdui, Changsha, Hunan Province, many other examples were also found from Jiangling, Hubei Province, and Guangzhou, Guangdong Province. The tomb chambers of the Western Han emperors and some members of the aristocracy were quite often more elaborately made by the *huang chang ti cou* technique, a method of constructing the burial chamber with a special golden cypress, the cypress planks laid horizontally, with the ends of the timbers facing the coffin. More than ten Han Dynasty *huang chang ti cou* tombs have been excavated. Archaeological evidence shows that the interiors of these early Western Han wooden-structured tombs were all unadorned and therefore no *siling* images or other decorative patterns were found in them.

Other early Han tombs used large hollow bricks, continuing the burial practice of the Warring States period, but with a brick-laid ceiling instead of a wooden cover, and a horizontal chambered structure opened at one end instead of a shaft opened at the top.<sup>7</sup> To construct a brick tomb, a vertical shaft was dug first, then the rectangular chamber (and sometimes one or two side-chambers) was excavated below ground. Bricks were used for the construction of the various architectural parts, including the ceiling, walls, doors and the floor. The bricks were moulded and fired outside the tomb and brought to the tomb area for the actual construction.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Hunansheng bowuguan & kaogu yanjiusuo 1973.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For example, an early example was excavated from Xiaoyuan Village, Shijiazhuang, Hebei (*KG* 1980, no.1, pp. 52-55); two others were excavated from Beijing, one from Dabaotai and another one from Laoshan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Sun Ji 1991; 414.

In the Shaanxi area, as seen from a group of moulded bricks with patterns of the siling found at Wazhagou, Maoling District, hollow and solid bricks were used together for tomb construction.8

Around the mid-Western Han period, in the Luoyang area, hollow bricks and small bricks were used together in the tomb construction. At M61 in Shaogou, Luoyang, we can see that the main chamber, the trapezoid-shaped pediment and its supporting lintel, the door lintel are all made of hollow bricks, but the side chambers and its vault ceiling are made of small bricks.9 In the Shaanxi area, brick-chambered tombs with a vaulted ceiling appeared. The late Western Han mural tomb excavated at the Jiatong University, Xi'an, 10 is a typical example of this structure.

During the Eastern Han Dynasty, there is a distinct decline in hollow brick tombs, instead, tombs made of small bricks or stone gained popularity and are found all over the country. Comparing with the earlier tombs, Eastern Han tombs found are larger and more numerous. Many of them are multi-chambered, such as the stone-structured tombs excavated from Yinan, Shandong, 11 Dahuting, Mi County, Henan, <sup>12</sup> and the extreme north of Shaanxi, <sup>13</sup> Many late Eastern Han Dynasty cliff tombs are found in Sichuan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55 (Appendix: 7, 8a-c). KGXB 1964, no. 1: 107-125 (Appendix: 45).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> KGYWW 1990, no. 4: 57-63; Shaanxi kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an Jiaotong daxue 1991, pl. 13.2 (Appendix: 12).

Zeng Zhaoyu 1956 (Appendix 106 a-d).

Two Han Dynasty tombs were excavated from Dahuting, see Henansheng wenwu yanjiusuo 1993 (Appendix: 74).

A large number of stone-structured tombs, dated around the first to second century A.D., were excavated from the very north of Shaanxi Province. Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958; KG 1960, no. 7: 38; 1986, no. 1: 82-84; 1987, no. 11: 997-1001; 1990, no. 2:

Different from the shaft tombs with wooden chamber, the structure of chambered tombs provides more surfaces, including the ceiling, the four walls and the doors, for pictorial representations. These Han Dynasty patterns found in brick-structured tombs are either moulded, or stamped, painted, or carved in openwork and painted; and those in stone-structured tombs are engraved or carved in low relief. Archaeological excavations have provided many examples of various Han Dynasty decorative patterns from tombs, including the set of *siling* images.

## (1) Hollow-brick tombs and small brick tombs in the Han Dynasty

#### Entrances

A jade pushou (Pl. 3) was excavated from the ditch called Wazhagou close to the Maoling, Xingping County, Shaanxi Province (Map Two). 14 When excavated, it was found on top of a glass bi which was broken into three fragments. Maoling was the tomb of Emperor Wudi (r. 140 - 87 B.C.), this specimen can therefore be dated around the period of his reign. Pushou is a door component, normally made of metal, which appears as an animal mask at the top with a ring hanging down from its mouth. It was frequently used during Han times and is also frequently depicted in Han pictorial art; a pushou on Han architecture functioned as a door knocker and was also believed to have the power to ward off evil spirits. 15 This is both one of the earliest complete sets of siling representations, and the only Western Han

176-179; Han & Wang 2001 (Appendix: 17-34).

WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55 (Appendix: 6).

Shan Xiushan 1985: 70.

example of a complete set of siling motifs on large piece of carved jade. 16 Below the rectangular animal face in the centre, there is a loop intended to hold a ring that had been lost when the object was found. After scientific appraisal, it was found that the metal remnants inside the knob at the back of the pushou are of lead and served to attach the *pushou* to a door. 17 Jade is a precious material, especially the greenish Nantian jade of which this pushou from the Maoling area is made, therefore the specimen was not intended for practical everyday use, but is more likely to have been specifically made for funerary purposes. It is possibly a door component from the Maoling itself.

The broad animal face in the centre has a long nose ridge extending down from its bold eyebrows, below which are two large protruding eyes. The exposed teeth of the upper jaw are carved in line along the lower edge of the piece, and the lower jaw is missing entirely. The trilobe at the top centre probably represents its crown or a pair of horns. The *qinglong* and the *baihu* are depicted on the two sides of the animal face. At the right edge, a serpentine dragon extends from the top corner to the bottom, with open mouth and facing towards the centre; opposite the dragon, a tiger is depicted upright at the left edge. It is holding the trilobe firmly with its front legs, while one back leg catches the right eyebrow of the mask. The serpentine body of the qinglong is so long that it entirely occupies the right edge. On the opposite side, the relatively shorter body of the baihu fills up only two-thirds of the left edge. By the dragon image, on the right eyebrow, is an elegant phoenix with a

<sup>16</sup> A group of pictorial bricks with decorations of the *siling* was also excavated from Wazhagou (WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55). They should be components of a brick-structured tomb, the most common tomb structure of the Western Han period in the area. See pp. 24-25 below for the discussion on this group of bricks.

KGYWW 1986, no. 3: 10.

long tail, looking back to the other side. Below the tiger, at the bottom left corner, a turtle is depicted from above, with its body diagonally pointing to the centre. In front of it is a snake; the middle part of the snake's body is held by the turtle in its mouth.

The object is very special, not only because, unlike the other surviving examples of *pushou* which are usually made with metal, it is carved from a large piece of fine greenish jade, but more importantly, because the complete set of *siling* images are carefully arranged onto this animal mask in jade to show the four directional meanings. Another *pushou* in jade which has comparable animal decorations was also excavated from the tomb of Zhao Mo, Prince of Nanyue (r. 137-122 B.C.), Guangzhou, Guangdong Province (Pl. 4). On this *pushou*, a tiger-like beast was carved upright at the left edge, and another animal, possibly a dragon, may have been lost from the broken right edge.

#### (ii) Tomb Interiors

A group of moulded bricks with patterns of the *siling* was also found at Wazhagou in the Maoling District, about 100 metres to the north of the jade *pushou* (Map Two). Both these and the *pushou* in jade were all found within the outer wall of the imperial tomb district of Emperor Wudi, and are therefore assumed to be of the same date. Although all four animal motifs were found on the bricks, only three of them survive in the large format, the image of the fourth, the *qinglong*, appears only as a border motif in combination with the *baihu* (Pl. 8). These rectangular

<sup>18</sup> WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55 (Appendix: 8a-c).

bricks are in both hollow and solid forms, and the pictorial designs are moulded in bas-relief or stamped in the case of smaller patterns. Although this group of bricks from Wazhagou were all in fragments when excavated, similar specimens in complete condition have also been found.<sup>19</sup>

The Wazhagou bricks include images of a striped tiger in realistic walking posture (Pl. 5), a pair of phoenixes (Pls. 6 & 6.1) and a pair of snake-entwined turtles symmetrically depicted on the broad rectangular surfaces (Pls. 7 & 7.1). The bricks were excavated from the Wazha ditch (5 metres deep, 10 metres wide, 500 metres long) and its banks, therefore it is not possible to determine their original positions in a tomb structure. Although the bricks are of different types (the phoenixes are depicted on hollow bricks, and the tiger and the turtle-and-snake are depicted on solid bricks), the animal patterns on these bricks represent three of the *siling*, the tiger, the phoenix and the turtle, as the major subjects of decoration of these bricks, while the *baihu* and the *qinglong* also appear as a repeated border motif on a hollow brick from the same site. On this hollow brick, linked geometrical patterns fill up the central panel, and patterns of the dragon and the tiger are repeatedly stamped in pairs confronting each other around the edges (Pl. 8).

Not far from the Maoling, the dragon and turtle-and-snake images (Pls. 9 & 10) were found on fragments of hollow bricks used as architectural components of the Luojingshi at the Yangling, tomb of Emperor Jingdi (r. 156-141 B.C.), father of Emperor Wudi. Luojingshi was a huge architectural site in  $\Box$  shape, archaeologists

<sup>19</sup> A complete brick with similar *zhuque* patterns was found 500 metres east of the tomb of Huo Guang (*Ibid.*: 53). Rubbings of complete bricks with similar *zhuque* and *xuanwu* patterns are kept in the British Museum in London (Pls. 6.1 & 7.1).

believe that it was an important architectural site for ritual ceremonies.<sup>20</sup> Although the baihu and the zhuque images were not found together, these two animal images are very possibly representations of the qinglong and the xuanwu. The siling specimens, dated to the reign of Emperor Jingdi, can be regarded as one of the earliest possible examples of the siling representations in tomb decorations.

Another group of moulded bricks with very similar siling decorations were also found from Erdaoyuan near Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province (Pls. 12, 12.1, 13, 13.1-5, 14 & 14.1). This group of bricks was excavated from three tombs, M36, M34 and M26.<sup>21</sup> These moulded bricks with siling patterns were excavated from the same site, but they do not seem to have been arranged according to their corresponding directions (Fig. 1).

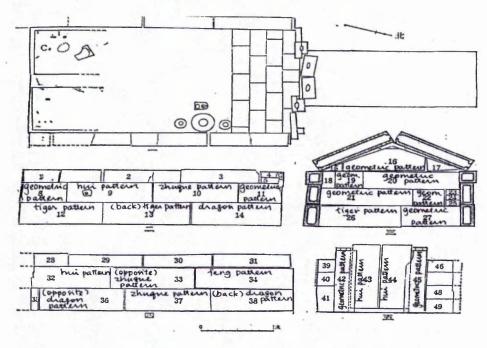


Fig. 1: Arrangement of decorative bricks in M36

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Ma Yongying & Wang Baoping 2001: 34. Li Ling further points out that, although it has been widely accepted as an ancient ceremonial site, no consensus has been reached on the nature and actual function of this site.

KG 1982, no. 3: 225-235 (Appendix: 9a-c, 10a-b, 11a-t).

In most cases, three sides of the bricks are patterned, including the front or the back, one long narrow edge and one end. The other examples are patterned on two or four sides. Different sides of a single brick are usually patterned with the same animal motif. Most of these motifs are in thread relief, some of them in dense and fine lines (Pls. 13, 13.2 & 13.3), and others relatively simple and bold (Pls. 13.1). These animal images sometimes arise singly (Pl. 13.1); when they are depicted in pairs, there is always a plant design (Pls. 13 & 13.3) or a jade *bi* pattern (Pls. 12, 12.1, 13.2) between them.<sup>22</sup> There is also an example of a pair of interlocking dragons.<sup>23</sup> Among these bricks, two examples are patterned in bas-relief on one broad and one narrow side with images of a pair of tigers; one of them was used for constructing the ceiling of M36 (Pls. 13.4 & 13.5), and the other was used as the door lintel in M34 (Pls. 14 & 14.1).

From the diagram which shows the interior arrangement of the decorated bricks in M36 (Fig. 1), we can see that the bricks do not seem to have been arranged in any special order, some bricks are even reversed, with the decoration being on the back or opposite side facing the exterior rather than the interior of the tomb. Nevertheless, in this tomb, the two main walls have a total of nine large bricks with three of the four *siling*, including two *qinglong*, two *baihu*, two *zhuque* and one *feng*, and the south wall has only one *baihu*, and in fact there are ten more animals including two *qinglong* on the ceiling bricks. The remaining large hollow bricks have *hui* patterns, i.e. geometric designs. According to the excavators, these bricks

<sup>23</sup> KG 1982, no. 3: 223 (fig.12.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The bi or bi pattern usually appears with the siling examples. For example, a glass bi separated into three fragments was also excavated with the jade pushou from the Wazhagou close to the Maoling, Xingping County, Shaanxi Province (WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55); a small glass bi was also inlaid on the top of the funerary face cover in lacquer with siling patterns excavated from M14 of Huchang on the outskirts of Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province (see Pl. 68) (ZGWWB 1997. 11. 23).

were not arranged in correspondence with particular directions because they were originally components from other architectural sites being re-used to build these three tombs.<sup>24</sup> They point out that the bricks appear in various shapes and some of them had even been cut at the corners, disregarding the damage to the animal decorations on the bricks, in order to be fitted into position. To me, however, there is absolutely no evidence of such re-use, but a fact to note is that the bricks were pre-fabricated outside the tomb and brought to the tomb area for the actual construction, and that means there was great scope for mistakes when the overseer was not checking properly. Therefore, sometimes it was impossible for the tomb builder to place the animal representations in correspondence with their particular directions.

By comparing the dragon and turtle-and-snake motifs which were depicted in thread relief from Erdaoyuan in Xianyang (Pls. 12 & 13) and those from the Luojingshi at the Yangling (Pls. 9 & 10), we can see that they are similarities in composition and style of depiction. Comparing with the examples from Xianyang, it seems certain that the dragon and turtle-and-snake patterns from the Yangling were originally depicted in pairs, with a bi or other circular pattern in the middle. By comparing the tiger images in bas-relief from M36 and M34 of Xianyang City (Pls. 13.4 & 13.5, 14 & 14.1) and those from Wazhagou in the Maoling District (Pl. 5), we can also recognise their similarities in style and in form. Although the pairs of phoenixes and the turtle-and-snake images from the Maoling are represented in bas-relief (Pls. 6 & 7), while those from Xianyang City are in thread relief (Pls. 12 & 13), the symmetrical arrangement of the animal patterns and the overall

<sup>24</sup> KG 1982, no. 3: 233-234.

compositions of the depictions are very alike. For this reason, the pictorial bricks from Xianyang City should be dated to the same period as those from the Yangling and Maoling Districts, around the reigns of Emperors Jingdi and Wudi (156-87 B.C.).

In a brick-structured tomb excavated at a site at the Jiaotong University in Xi'an, which is only ten kilometres southeast of the capital of the Western Han Dynasty, Chang'an, the siling motifs were painted on the ceiling of the main chamber.<sup>25</sup> It consists of a sloping passageway in the south, and a main chamber flanked by two side chambers in similar structure on the east and the west (Pl. 15).<sup>26</sup> The two side chambers are nearly one-third of the size of the main chamber, which measures from north to south 4.55 metres long and from east to west 1.83 metres wide, it is identified as a medium-sized tomb by the archaeological report.<sup>27</sup> A red edged band enclosing a linked lozenge pattern runs horizontally around the top of the walls at the point where the barrel vault springs, dividing the painting into upper and lower sections (Pl. 15.1). The images on the ceiling vault are all condensed into two concentric circles in the upper section; their common centre coincides with the centre of the ceiling of the main chamber (Pls. 15.2 & 15.3).

In the band between the two circles, representing the Milky Way, the siling are separately depicted in the four directions, with their respective constellations. The horned serpentine qinglong is depicted in the east (Pl. 15.4). The baihu in the west is decayed and only its mouth and beard, its tail and a small part of its upper body

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> KGYWW 1990, no. 4: 57-63; Shaanxi kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an Jiaotong daxue 1991, pl. 13.2 (Appendix: 12). <sup>26</sup> KGYWW 1990, no. 4: 57.

can be seen (Pl. 15.5). The elegant *zhuque* with three long feathers at its back is painted in the south (Pl. 15.6). The *xuanwu* in the north is only symbolised by a small snake surrounded by a constellation of five stars arranged in the form of the Dipper (Pl. 15.7). In the circular space enclosed by the inner circle, a scarlet sun holding a crow and a white moon containing a hare are painted on the two sides. The rest of the space is filled with flying cranes and birds, and numerous colourful cloud patterns in S-shape. A complete cosmic system is represented on the ceiling by the depiction of the heavenly omens in the centre, surrounded by the animals of the four quarters and the twenty-eight constellations.

Here we have three different kinds of archaeological evidence of the representations of the *siling* dated to the Western Han period: the animal mask in jade from the Maoling District, groups of moulded bricks from the Maoling District and Xianyang City, and a wall painting tomb at a site at the Jiaotong University. These specimens are all excavated from Shaanxi Province, in the area of the capital of the Western Han Dynasty. They suggest that the *siling* in correspondence to the cardinal directions already existed during the Western Han period.

Besides excavated objects, there are also a few museum pieces with *siling* decorations. On a rectangular hollow brick collected from Shaanxi Province, the *zhuque* (in bird's eye view) and the *xuanwu* are depicted on the right, facing each other, in between them are two inscriptions in seal script, presented in two separate blocks, reading "qianqiu wansui 千秋萬歲 (for thousands of years)" and "changle weiyang 長樂未央 (happiness forever without end)". On the left, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Ibid.

qinglong and the baihu are also facing each other, and in between them is a jade bi design (Pl. 16). On another square brick, the four cardinal spirits (including the zhuque which is again shown in bird's eye view) are depicted on the four sides according to their directions, and the eight characters of the inscriptions qianqiu wansui and changle weiyang are separated and fitted into the spaces in between the animal patterns (Pl. 17). These inscriptions and the bi motif happen to be similar in style to a number of square bricks each with two bi and a similar phrase, "changsheng weiyang 長生未央 (longevity forever without end)", excavated from the Jiaotong University mural tomb (Pl. 15.8). Bearing in mind that the character chang 長 is normally written chang 常 after Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty, 30 both the bricks in the Shaanxi Provincial Museum of History and those from the Jiaotong University mural tomb are very likely to be of the late Western Han Dynasty, around the first century B.C.

The dragon, phoenix and tiger images were found together on a wall painting excavated from the ceiling of the tomb of Bu Qianqiu and his wife, west of Shaogou, northwest of Old Luoyang City, Henan Province.<sup>31</sup> The picture was depicted on a set of hollow bricks forming the ceiling of the coffin chamber, numbered in order from west to east, from the far end towards the entrance. It contains thirteen painted items including: cloud patterns (brick 20), Nüwa (19), the moon (18), *fangshi* (17), two dragons (14-16), two winged leopards (11-13), a phoenix (9-10), a tiger (6-8), a lady and a rabbit (5), Bu Qianqiu riding on a dragon and Lady Bu riding on a three-headed bird (4), Fuxi (3), the sun (2) and a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Zhang Hongxiu 1994, pls. 1-4 (Appendix: 13).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Tai Jingnong 1976, pl. 28 (Appendix: 14).

<sup>30</sup> Shaanxisheng kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an Jiaotong daxue 1991: 4.

snake-like animal (1) (Pls. 121 & 121.1).<sup>32</sup>

According to Sun Zuoyun, the two dragons (one big and one small, interwined) (Pl. 121.2), the phoenix (Pl. 121.3) and the tiger (Pl. 121.4) images are representations of the *qinglong*, the *zhuque* and the *baihu*. 33 The tiger, phoenix and two dragons are represented in the middle of the ceiling, on bricks 6 to 16, in order from west to east. The xuanwu which always appears as if a snake-entwined tortoise to represent the North, is not found here, unless perhaps the snake on brick 1 at the end of the sequence is to be taken as representing the xuanwu. This implication is not impossible as the xuanwu image on the ceiling of the Jiaotong University painted tomb is only symbolised by a small snake surrounded by a constellation of five stars (Pl. 15.7), without the turtle, as mentioned above (p. 30). The difference is that the four animal symbols in the Jiaotong University tomb can be more easily identified because they are separately depicted on the four sides of the tomb ceiling to represent the four main directions. Sun Zuoyun, however, connects this serpent or fish with the setting of the sun in the west. It is also unusual that the east is represented by two dragons. Sun Zuoyun suggests that the smaller dragon is a female, the big dragon a male, and that they represent the deceased couple, Bu Qianqiu and his wife.<sup>34</sup> However, since Bu Qianqiu and his wife are already represented riding to heaven on brick 4, it does not seem likely that they are represented a second time on bricks 14-16.

Another set of animal images identifiable as the siling, but arranged in a different

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> WW 1977, no. 6: 1-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ibid.: 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> WW 1977, no. 6: 19-20.

way, were excavated from M61 at Shaogou, Luoyang. This late Western Han Dynasty brick tomb is divided into the tomb passage, the gate, the main chamber and side-chambers (Pl. 18).<sup>35</sup> The main chamber is divided by a painted and open-work-carved trapezoid-shaped pediment, consisting of one rectangular piece in the centre, flanked by two triangular ones, supported by a lintel.

The designs on the three upper tiles were carved in openwork and painted on both sides (Pl. 18.1). On the front side of the triangular slabs are two symmetrical representations of animals and supernatural beings (Pl. 18.3). Our focus is the front side of the rectangular piece in the centre where images of the *siling* and other animals and supernatural beings are depicted (Pl. 18.2).

Although much of the pigment on the central rectangular piece is missing, most of the images can be made out (Pl. 18.2). A red-coloured animal and a toad are painted at the left and right top corners of the rectangular tile respectively. In between them, at the top centre, is a colourful phoenix with extended wings and plumes. Below the red-coloured animal is a dragon, its long serpentine body extending along the entire right edge of the tile. Below the toad is a striped tiger, depicted along the right edge of the tile. In the centre of the tile is a huge figure in red, and stepping on his head and on two small *bi* are a bear on the left and a warrior on the right.

Fig. 2 shows the details of this central figure. It has a large head and at least one

<sup>34</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> KGXB 1964, no. 1: 107-125 (Appendix: 45). M61 is dated to the periods of Emperor Yuandi to Emperor Chengdi (r. 48-7 B.C.).

eye, and it wears a red tunic. One of its arms stretches out to the right (just below the tiger's tail), and one of its legs stretches out to the bottom right corner where its four claws are well preserved. A number of openings can be seen beneath this figure. It is suggested that the huge animal is the exorcist, *fangxiangshi* (or *fangshi*), wearing the skin of a bear and that the whole picture is a scene of exorcism. The pose of this figure is very much like the smaller figure above him, only reversed. Both figures appear in a martial pose. They wear similar red tunics and extend one leg and draw up the other.

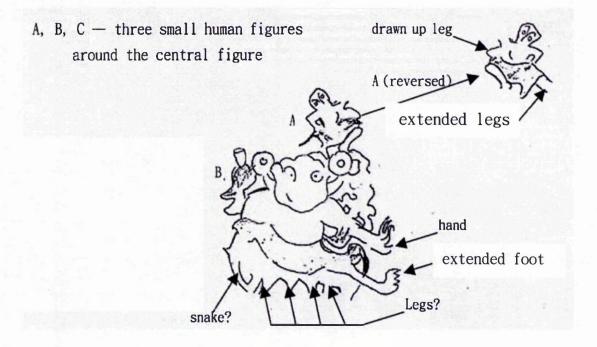


Fig. 2: The central figure in the rectangular piece in M61

The dragon and tiger images on the two opposite sides of the rectangular tile can be identified as the *qinglong* and the *baihu*, and the flying bird at the top can be a

Huang Minglan & Guo Yinqiang 1996: 88. The rite of exorcism is a part of the sacrificial ceremony in ancient society, in which the exorcist transforms himself when offering a dance to worship god and asks for a good harvest (WW 1982, no. 3: 70). This rite is recorded in detail in Hou Han Shu • Li Yi Zhi (Hou Han Shu, zhi 5: 3127-3128.). For the discussion on the duties and the importance of fangshi during the Qin and Han period, and their role in the development of the siling, see also Gu Jiegang 1955.

representation of the zhuque, but the xuanwu image is missing. Jan Fontein and Wu Tung suggested that the large image at the bottom is the representation of the xuanwu.<sup>37</sup> Although Fontein and Wu do not provide further explanation, I find their suggestion quite possible. The name xuanwu in Chinese characters are written 玄武, which means black warrior. 38 Therefore, the xuanwu image could be understood as a warrior figure rather than the usual turtle confronting a snake, and this matches with the central figure which appears in a martial pose. These animal and figure images are arranged on the rectangular tile that is the central slab on the central screen of the tomb. Their positions tell that they should be important features in the tomb directions.

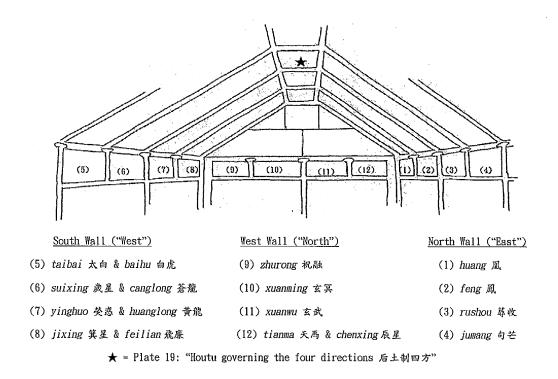


Fig. 3: A line drawing showing the locations of the paintings in the mural tomb at Jinguyuan, Luoyang City, Henan.

Fontein & Wu 1973: 98.
 See p. 181 below for further discussion.

Looking at the earlier *siling* examples in tomb decorations which can be dated to the Western Han Dynasty, we now come to some later examples. Two sets of *siling* motifs were excavated from the interior of a mural tomb dated to Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty at Jinguyuan Village, Luoyang (Fig. 3).<sup>39</sup> One set was found on the ceiling, the other set on the walls. This tomb is oriented east-west, with the entrance in the east.

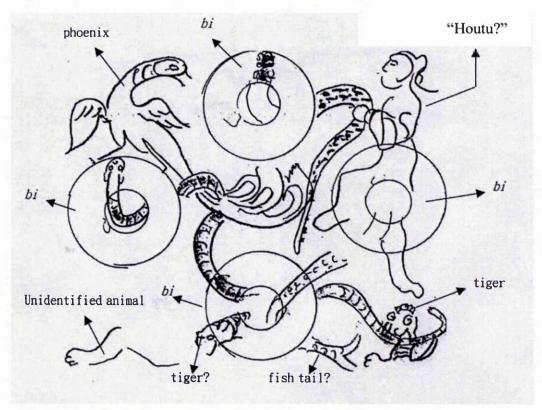


Fig. 4: "Houtu controlling the four directions" (Cf. Pl. 19), excavated from the mural tomb at Jinguyuan, Luoyang, Henan Province.

On the flat ceiling of the back chamber, there are four paintings of similar size. In the third picture from the back is identified in the archaeological report as "Houtu (Sovereign of the Soil) governing the four quarters" (Pl. 19 & Fig. 4).<sup>40</sup> Four huge

<sup>40</sup> Appendix: 50b.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> WWZLCK 9, 1985: 163-173; Huang Minglan & Guo Yinqiang 1996: 105-120.

bi designs surrounded by cloud patterns are located at the four edges of the painting. At the top left, a phoenix extends its long tail feathers towards the centre of the brick. Opposite is an immortal with a fish tail as well as legs, it is holding the tail of a snake that is going through the bi at the top. Another snake extends all the way from the bottom right to the top left, passing through two of the bi. A tiger and two snakes are going through the bi at the bottom together. The two snakes are also going through the bi on the left and right separately. Each of the two corners at the bottom is painted with an animal. There is a tiger at the bottom right, and a second tiger emerging from the lower bi, as well as another animal in the bottom left.

The *Huai Nan Zi* • *Tian Wen Xun* explains how Houtu is related to the four directions:

中央土也, 其帝黃帝, 其佐后土, 執繩而製四方, 其神鎮星, 其獸 黃龍。 The centre is Earth, its god is Huangdi. His assistant is Houtu (Sovereign of the Soil). He grasps the marking cord and governs the four quarters. His spirit is *zhenxing* (Saturn). His animal is *huanglong*. 41

When the concept of wuxing, which in the earlier usage refers to the "Five Processes" or "Five Elements", became popular during the Han Dynasty, heaven was divided into five palaces, the four palaces of the four directions each inhabited by one of the *siling* and the Palaces in the centre with the Houtu as its god (see Chapter Five below for a more detailed discussion of the concept of wuxing). The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Huai Nan Zi, j. 3: 66-67.

idea of the four directions is important in this depiction, and the images of the tiger and the phoenix can be representations of the *baihu* and the *zhuque*, however, the idea of *sifang* (four directions) here is mainly conveyed by the four jade bi patterns at the four sides, <sup>42</sup> not by the four animals. The immortal figure is identified the archaeological report as "Houtu". It should have special relationship with the four directions, but it is arranged to the top right corner instead of the centre, and is holding the tail of a snake instead of governing the four bi (directions).

On the walls of the coffin chamber of the same Jinguyuan tomb, another set of *siling* motifs is painted with other heavenly deities. Because of the east-west orientation of this tomb, the entrance of the coffin chamber is in the east, and on the walls on the other three sides, four paintings are lined up horizontally in the upper section (Fig. 3).<sup>43</sup> On the north wall, reading from the left to right are a *huang* (Pl. 20.1), a *feng* (Pl. 20), *rushou* and *jumang*; on the south wall, reading from the left to the right are *taibai* 太白 and the *baihu* (Pl. 20.2), *suixing* and the *canglong* (Pl. 20.3), *yinghuo* and *huanglong*, *jixing* and *feilian*; on the west wall which is also the back wall of the chamber, from the left to the right are *zhurong*, *xuanming*, the *xuanwu* (Pl. 20.4), and the *tianma* and the *chenxing* (Pl. 20.5).<sup>44</sup> These images are either auspicious omens to bring good fortune,<sup>45</sup> or the gods, the assistants of the rulers, or the animal spirits of the four directions.<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Luoyang gumu bowuguan 1987: 23-24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Appendix: 50a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Luoyang gumu bowuguan 1987: 23-24; Huang Minglan & Guo Yinqiang 1996: 105-120. The names of these deities are those assigned by the excavators, with reference to the descriptions of the five constellations "五星" in *Huai Nan Zi* • *Tian Wen Xun* (*Huai Nan Zi*, j. 3: 66-67).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> For example, the *tianma* and the *feilian* are auspicious omens. They do not have directional meanings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Jumang, suixing and the canglong are the assistant, the god and the animal of the east; yinghuo and zhuniao are the god and the animal of the south; rushou, taibai and the baihu are the assistant, the god and the animal of the west; and xuanming, chenxing and the xuanwu are the assistant, the

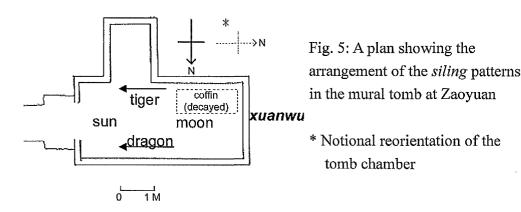
In this case, because of the east-west orientation of the tomb, some adjustments were made in the arrangement of the animal spirits. Fig 3 shows clearly that the xuanwu was depicted on the west wall of the chamber. Thus, this wall corresponds to the "north", and the east or entrance wall corresponds to the "south". However, the feng and the huang that always appear in the south were painted on the north ("eastern") wall while the canglong was painted together with the baihu on the south ("western") wall.

A similar re-orientation of the tomb interior by means of the siling depictions at Zaoyuan Village, Pinglu County, Shanxi Province. In this tomb, three of the four siling were painted on the upper parts of the side walls (Pl. 21).<sup>47</sup> The tomb is constructed of small bricks and is dated to the early Eastern Han Dynasty, around the first century A.D. It consists of a rectangular main chamber with an arched ceiling, a side chamber in the south and a doorway in the east.<sup>48</sup> Paintings in colour had been applied all over the tomb. Those on the ceiling vault and the upper part of the walls were fairly well preserved; not much remained of the clouds painted on the lower part of the walls. This is one of the most complete depictions of the siling in tomb decoration, with the animals depicted in large size large size among stars, clouds, flying birds and a variety of scenes from ordinary life.

A serpentine dragon is painted on upper part of the northern wall (Pl. 21.1). Below the dragon, on one side is an extensive mountain landscape with trees, birds and a deer, and at the foot of the mountain is a courtyard house with a tower; on the other

god and the animal of the north (*Huai Nan Zi*, j. 3: 66-67). <sup>47</sup> *KG* 1959, no. 9: 462-463, 468 (Appendix: 38). <sup>48</sup> *Ibid*.: 462.

side are a river, a road, a house and two carts (a horsecart and an unharnessed oxcart). A man with basket, a man riding an ox, and a man sitting beneath a tree are painted along the northern edge of the ceiling and the upper section of the northern wall. A fierce tiger (Pl. 21.2) is painted on the upper section of the southern wall, opposite the image of the dragon. One end of the southern wall was not painted because it is the location of the entrance of the side chamber (Fig. 5), and on the other side of the wall is a man on a four-wheeled cart, driven by another man. The *xuanwu*, represented by a turtle image, is located in the west, at the top of the back wall of the main chamber (Pl. 21.3). Below this is a building, two willow trees, a farmer and two oxen ploughing, and another figure.



A scarlet sun occupied by a crow and a white moon inhabited by a toad are painted at the east and west ends on the crown of the vaulted ceiling. Besides the sun and the moon, the space is filled with colourful moving cloud patterns, a great number of stars and nine flying cranes.

Here we have two main unsolved questions: Firstly, when all of its three companions are painted on the tomb walls, where is the *zhuque* of the south? Secondly, as a rule, when the *xuanwu* is depicted in a tomb, it is always depicted on

the north/ back wall; here, however, it is painted on the west wall; the *qinglong* appears on the north wall instead and the *baihu* is on the south wall and the *xuanwu* on the west wall.

One possibility for the absence of the *zhuque* image is because of space constraints in the tomb, similar to those that led the builders of the Jinguyuan tomb to depict the *feng* and the *huang* on the north ("east") wall, instead of on the entrance wall in the east ("south"). The *qinglong* and the *baihu* are painted along the upper part of the two side walls. The ceiling between them is filled with clouds, stars, cranes, the sun and the moon. The *xuanwu* is painted on the upper part of the west or back wall, at the same level as the *qinglong* and the *baihu*. In the east, opposite the back wall, is the tomb entrance, for this reason, the image of the *zhuque* was left out.

The problems relating to the directions of the *siling* motifs can be solved by studying the orientation inside the tomb. From the plan (Fig.5), we notice that, the painter has adjusted the main images so that reading from the entrance, the *qinglong* is on the right and *baihu* on the left, and the *xuanwu* is at the far end on the back wall of the tomb. As stated, the *zhuque* is missing because its place is taken by the entrance door. Therefore, in both the Jinguyuan and the Zaoyuan tombs, the *siling* are related to each other within the tomb and carrying out particular directional meanings, assuming that the tomb entrance is in the south, rather than following its actual topography in the east. <sup>49</sup> In both these tombs, the application of the *xuanwu* on the northern wall shows the significance of the four directions in the tomb because indicating the North is the first and major step to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> A similar adjustment is made in many Buddhist caves at Dunhuang, where the cave entrance is in

indicate the four quarters.<sup>50</sup> The representation of the *xuanwu* in the North also clarifies the relationship between the painted images and the four directions.

Later examples of the *siling* are dated to late Eastern Han Dynasty or the Six Dynasties. They show a different approach to the use of the *siling* images in tomb decoration. It apparently became fashionable to depict the four animals separately on small bricks used for constructing the tomb walls.

Twelve kinds of stamped patterns, including the *siling* (Pl. 22), lion, horse, human figure and flower, were found on the broad sides of the small rectangular bricks used for the construction of the walls of a brick tomb at Jinqueshan, Linyi, Shandong Province.<sup>51</sup> The tomb is dated to the late Eastern Han or the Wei and Jin Dynasties (third century A.D.).<sup>52</sup>

By comparing the positions of the *siling* in this small brick tomb with those of the mural tomb excavated from Junguyuan (p. 35 & Fig. 3), we notice that they are arranged in a different order. Just as is the case in Jinguyuan, the entrance of the Jinqueshan tomb is situated in the south, and the bricks with the images of the *xuanwu* are also placed on the northern wall. However, in the Jinqueshan tomb, instead of appearing in the east, the *zhuque* bricks were found on the western wall, and the bricks with patterns of the *baihu* and the *qinglong* are both arranged on the

the east, but Amitabha's Western Paradise is often painted on the left (south) wall.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> This also applies at the Neolithic tomb site at Xishuipo, Henan Province. The representation of the Dipper in the North and the dragon and tiger patterns depicted on either side of the deceased shows clearly the orientation of the tomb (*WW* 1988, no. 3: 1-6). Liu Daoguang points out that, the Han people believed that they were the receivers of the virtue of water which is situated in the North, therefore, they always regarded the North as their propitious direction and placed themselves in the North. (Liu Daoguang 1990: 70-71).

<sup>51</sup> WW 1995, no. 6: 72-78 (Appendix: 107).

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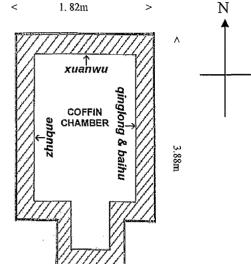


Fig. 6: The plan of the brick tomb at Jinqueshan, Linyi, Shandong Province.

We have also seen this pairing of *qinglong* and *baihu* on one wall, in the Jinguyuan tomb (Fig. 3), where these two animals appear in adjacent panels on the south ("west") wall. It should be noted that, while the *qinglong* and the *baihu* have long been regarded as a pair of complementary opposites, this relationship can be expressed by depicting them on two opposite walls, or on two sides of the same wall as they are shown face to face along the borders of the brick with geometric patterns (Pl. 8).

The *siling* images excavated from the Jinguyuan tomb show that from the Xin Dynasty, the four animal images are not any more the sole motifs on a specimen, but are depicted with other mythological gods and images. We shall see from later examples that this trend continued during the Eastern Han Dynasty.

Bricks individually moulded with all four siling, one animal on each, were also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> *Ibid*.: 78.

excavated from tombs built of small bricks dated to the Six Dynasties: one example comes from Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province,<sup>53</sup> and another from Xuezhuang Village, Deng County, Henan Province.<sup>54</sup> As with the Jinguyuan mural tomb in Luoyang and the Jinqueshan brick tomb in Shandong, although the positions of the *siling* vary, the *xuanwu* is always arranged to the actual and notional north, and the positions of the four animals in the tombs also give a clue for their directional meanings.

From a tomb at Zhenjiang, fifty-four moulded pictorial bricks in ten categories were found. They were used together with plain bricks to construct and decorate the tomb walls. Patterns on the bricks include: the *qinglong* (Pl. 23.2), the *baihu* (Pl. 23.3), the *zhuque* (Pl. 23.1), the *xuanwu* (Pl. 23), an animal-headed bird and a human-headed bird, two animals both with dancing posture, a snake-biting animal, and an animal mask. This tomb is dated to the second year of Long'an of the Eastern Jin Dynasty (A.D. 398) by an eighteen-word inscription in two columns, one on either side of the *xuanwu* motif.<sup>55</sup> It is most probably because of the special meaning of the North to the Han people that the date of the tomb is only inscribed on bricks with patterns of the *xuanwu*, the animal motif always used to represent the North.

Although the tomb was not in good condition and the front chamber had almost totally collapsed when it was excavated, the arrangement of the pictorial bricks in

<sup>53</sup> WW 1973, no. 4: 51-57 (Appendix: 113).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> KG 1959, no. 5: 255-261, 263 (Appendix: 78 a-f). The tomb and other collected bricks of the same style are dated to the Southern and Northern Dynasties (A.D. 420-589).

<sup>55</sup> The incription reads, "龍安二年造立塚郭顯陽山子孫貫壽萬年 the tomb is made in the second year of Long'an of Jin Dynasty (A.D. 398) for Guo Xian Yangshan, may his descendants forever enjoy longevity." (WW 1973, no. 4: 52 & 54).

the tomb can still be learned from the surviving ones in the coffin chamber. On the back wall of the coffin chamber, bricks with patterns of the *zhuque*, the *xuanwu*, snake-biting animal and animal mask were found (Fig. 7). Patterns on the left and right walls of the coffin chamber are similar, eight out of the ten categories of images were found, that is, all except the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* (Figs. 7.1 & 7.2).

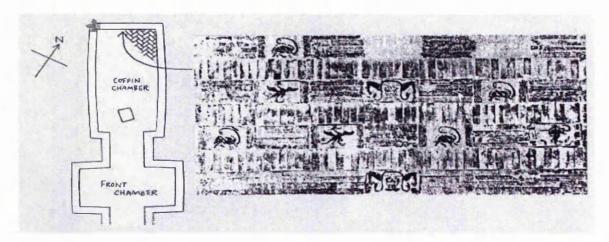


Fig. 7: Arrangement of the decorated bricks on the back wall of the tomb at Zhenjiang, Jiangsu.

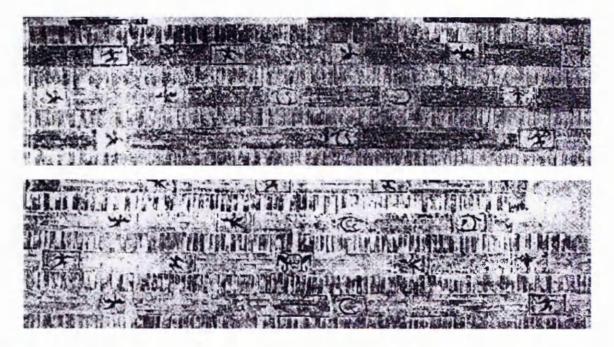


Fig. 7.1 (upper) & Fig. 7.2 (lower): Patterns at the lower parts of the two side-walls of the back chamber. After *WW* 1973, no. 4: 56 (pls. 3 & 4).

Images of the zhuque and the xuanwu, which are always used to represent the south and the north, respectively, were found together on the back wall; whereas images of the qinglong and the baihu, which are always used to represent the east and the west, were evenly arranged face-to-face in pairs on both the left and right walls. The four animal motifs here are grouped into two pairs of *yinyang* opposites: south and north, east and west. According to the *vinvang* theory, all things and events are products of interaction of a pair of opposite elements, vin and vang (see Chapter Five below for a more detailed discussion of the concept of yinyang). Similar to the four colours and the four seasons, the four animals (siling) are one of the complementary sets of "symbols" for the four main directions. With the four animal motifs grouped and depicted in two pairs of yinyang opposites, the directional meanings are conveyed.

The large-scale brick tomb at Xuezhuang Village, Deng County, Henan Province, belongs to the Southern and the Northern Dynasties. 56 Altogether thirty-four categories of moulded and painted images were found on the bricks, including the siling, other animals and figures. The four guardian animals are depicted separately on individual bricks, as they are on the bricks from Zhenjiang discussed above. The tomb had been seriously damaged when it was excavated, and the orientations of most of the bricks are unsure. Although bricks with patterns of the qinglong, the baihu and the zhuque (Pl. 24.3-24.6) were found in the tomb, the fact that the xuanwu bricks are arranged on the back wall of the coffin chamber (Pl. 24, 24.1 & 24.2)<sup>57</sup> show that there was probably an intention to convey the directional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> KG 1959, no. 5: 255-261, 263; Henensheng wenhuaju wenwu gongzuodui 1959a, pls. 28, 27, 37, 36 (Appendix: 78a-f).

Henensheng wenhuaju wenwu gongzuodui 1959a, pl. 19 (Appendix: 78d).

meanings of these spiritual animals.

#### (2) Stone tombs

### (i) Entrances

Many siling patterns were found on the entrances of stone-structured tombs. They are dated to the Eastern Han Dynasty. On two sets of door leaves excavated from a stone-chambered tomb in Huji Village, Jinxiang County, Shandong Province, images of the qinglong, the baihu and the zhuque are depicted together, but that of the xuanwu is missing (Pl. 25).<sup>58</sup> The reason for the absence of the xuanwu image can be understood by studying the composition of the depiction. On each left door leaf, a dragon and a phoenix are depicted at the top, the lower section is occupied by images of a pushou and a guard, and on each right door leaf, a tiger is at the top and below is a *pushou* and a guard (see p. 54 below for a discussion of relationship between images of the xuanwu and a guard). This is a unique example of such a composition, and it seems to me that the artisans wanted to depict the flying zhuque at the top, but at the same time did not want to give up either the qinglong or the baihu. The spacing and the arrangement are however not well organized, the squeezing of the images of the dragon and the phoenix into a small area creates a crowded feeling for the entire composition. This might be due to a certain experimentality in decorating a stone-structured tomb at the beginning of the first century A.D., 59 still an early stage in the development of stone-chambered tombs in East China.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> KG 1995, no. 5: 385-389 (Appendix: 90a-b).

Another siling example comes from a group of three stones, including a door lintel and two door leaves, excavated from Yigou Village, Tangyin County, Henan Province (Pl. 27).<sup>60</sup> In the centre of the door lintel, the dragon on the right and the tiger on the left are confronting each other. Between them are two small birds, one flying and one standing, both facing towards the tiger, and behind them is a small fish on either side. On each of the two door leaves, a pushou is depicted at the bottom. Inside the ring of each pushou is a pair of symmetrical fish patterns, A phoenix is depicted at the top of the left door leaf, above the pushou. The image at the top of the opposite door leaf looks as if it had been deliberately erased. It is reported to be a xuanwu, 61 but this seems doubtful because the xuanwu is never represented in this position. Morover, the twin pairs of fish at the bottom are, like the turtle, water creatures and thus can be understood as substitute for the xuanwu. According to archaeological finds, the turtle-and-snake is rarely depicted on tomb door leaves with one notable exception where there seems to be an evident relationship between the turtle-and-snake *xuanwu* and a guard. <sup>62</sup> On a pair of door leaves from Santaizi, Beijing, three of the siling motifs were found. 63 Each door leaf is divided into three equal square panels. On the left door leaf, a man with a battle-axe and a shield is carved in the top panel and a three-headed bird with four opened wings at the bottom. Both images are depicted upside-down, with a pushou in the central panel (Pl. 28 left). On the right-hand door leaf, images of the zhuque and the xuanwu, both facing left, are carved at the top and bottom respectively,

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid*.: 389.

63 WW 1966, no. 4: 53 (Appendix: 86).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> KG 1994, no. 4: 379-381 (Appendix: 59a-b). The set of three rectangular stones were discovered together with three gold rings, a pottery well and a few *wuzhu* coins. It is believed that they are the door lintel and two door leaves of an Eastern Han Dynasty tomb.

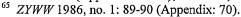
<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*: 381.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Appendix: 86. Apart from this, only one more example can be traced, that was found on a door leaf excavated from Santaizi, Beijing (WW 1966, no. 4: 53).

with a *pushou* right way up in the central panel (PI. 28 right). The example is important because the turtle is depicted on the door leaf itself, instead of at the bottom of the doorpost or the doorframe.<sup>64</sup> Apart from one example when images of the phoenix and the turtle are depicted together on a lintel,<sup>65</sup> the turtle is rarely found on the door leaf, and never in the upper panel.

To facilitate comparisons in the discussion that follows, Figs. 8-19 show in diagrammatic form the arrangements of the four animals on engraved or shallow relief slabs from the entrance doorways of eleven tombs of stone construction, dating from late Western Han to late Eastern Han. Except Fig. 17 that comes from Jinxiang County in Shandong, all of these examples were excavated from Henan Province, mainly from Nanyang County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> For example, see Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 15 & 16 (Appendix: 19a-b), 34 & 35 (Appendix: 23a-b), 38 & 39 (Appendix: 29a-b), 54, 57 & 58 (Appendix: 28a-b), 62-65, 68 & 69 (Appendix: 22a-c); *WW* 1973, no. 6: 30; Zhonghua wuqiannian wenwu jikan bianji weiyuanhui 1980: 89 (Appendix: 43); *KG* 1986, no. 1: 82-84 (Appendix: 30a-b); *KG* 1987, no. 11: 997-1001 (Appendix: 27a-b); *KG* 1990, no. 2: 176-179 (Appendix: 20a-b).





|       | procession      |                 |                         | procession       |                  |       |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| guard | baihu<br>pushou | baihu<br>pushou | Linked lozenge patterns | zhuque<br>pushou | zhuque<br>pushou | guard |

Fig. 8: Tomb door of the Power Plant Tomb, Tanghe County, Henan (*ZYWW* 1982.1: 5-11). Second half of 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. to A.D. 23.

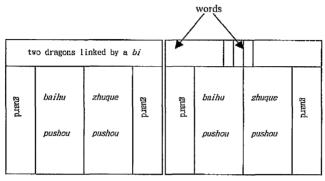


Fig. 9: Tomb door (left) and inner southern door of the middle chamber (right) of a tomb at Xindian Village, Huyang, Tanghe, Henan. (*KGXB* 1980.2: 239-262). 1st century A.D.

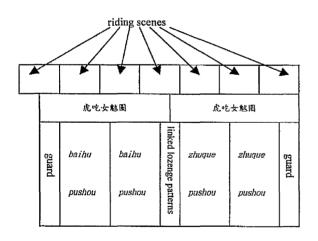


Fig. 10: Tomb door of the Knitting Factory M1, Tanghe, Nanyang, Henan (WW 1973.6: 26-40). Early 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

|         | 逐疫升仙閩 animals and immortals |             |       |        |        |         |  |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| fangshi | baihu                       | baihu       | bear  | zhuque | zhuque | fangshi |  |
| guard   | pushou                      | pushoù<br>, | guard | pushou | pushou | guard   |  |

Fig. 11: Tomb door of the Knitting Factory M2, Tanghe, Nanyang, Henan (*ZYWW* 1985.1: 5-11.). 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

|       | 獸鬥惡牛圖  |        |       | <b>铁門驅牛園</b> |        |       |  |
|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------------|--------|-------|--|
|       | baihu  | baihu  |       | baihu        | baihu  |       |  |
| guard | pushou | pushou | guard | pushou       | pushou | guard |  |
|       | dog    | bear   |       | bear         | 2 dogs |       |  |

Fig. 12: Tomb door of a tomb at Xiongying, Xindian,
Nanyang County, Henan
(ZYWW 1996.3: 8-17), 1<sup>st</sup>
century B.C. to 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

|              | 二桃般三士故事          |                  |                        | 鼓舞圖             |                 |              |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| bird & guard | zhugue<br>pushou | zhuque<br>pushou | architecture & a guard | baihu<br>pushou | baihu<br>pushou | bird & guard |

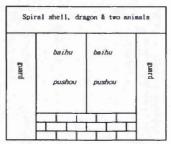
Fig. 13: Tomb door of a tomb at Yingzhuang, Nanyang County, Henan Province (*WW* 1984.3: 25-37). 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

| animals ar | ıd birds, two j | phoenixes lini | ced by a bi |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| baihu      | baihu           | zhuque         | zhuque      |
| pushou     | pushou          | pushou         | pushou      |
|            |                 |                |             |

Fig. 14: The western door of M1 at Gushang Village, Yongcheng County, Henan Province (*ZYWW* 1980.1: 37-41). 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

| a drago          | a dragon & a tiger         |         |                  | a dragon, a bear, ox & a man |  |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| two dragon       | two dragons linked by a bi |         |                  | two tigers & a man           |  |  |
| zhuque<br>pushou | zhvque<br>pushou           | a tower | zhuque<br>pushou | zhuque<br>pushou             |  |  |

Fig. 15: Tomb door of a tomb at the east coast of Panhe, Fangcheng County, Henan (*WW* 1980.3: 69-72.). Early 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D.



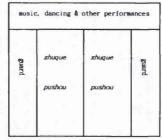


Fig. 16: Doors of the front (left) and back chamber (right) of the Women and Young Children's Health Centre Tomb, Nanyang, Henan (*ZYWW* 1997.4: 56-63 & pl. 4.). 3<sup>rd</sup> to early 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

| qinglong      | baihu       | qinglong         | baihu    |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------|
| zhuque        | . 31        | zhuque           | - 1      |
| pushou guard. | pushou Bard | pushou E         | pushou 5 |
|               | 34 - I      | Participation of | 1.19     |

Fig. 17: Tomb door leaves of Huji Village M2, Jinxiang County, Shandong (*KG* 1995, no. 5: 389.). 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

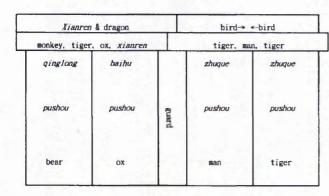
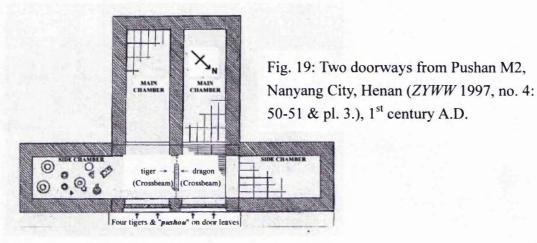


Fig. 18: Tomb doors of a tomb excavated from Chengguanzhen, Fangcheng County, Henan (*WW* 1984, no. 3: 38-46). 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.



On the tomb door leaves from Henan area, the phoenix and the tiger images are always depicted in opposite directions at the top, above the pushou. In tombs with one doorway, a phoenix is always carved at the top of one door leaf, facing a tiger on the same position on the other door leaf (Pl. 26, Fig. 9). In tombs containing two doorways, one pair of face-to-face phoenixes were depicted at the tops of a pair of door leaves, and a pair of face-to-face tigers in the same positions on the other pair of door leaves (Figs. 8, 10, 11, 13 & 14), and there is almost always a pushou below each animal image (Figs. 8-18 & 19). Although it is very seldom that dragon, tiger and phoenix are depicted together at the top of a pair of door leaves, one such example was found from Shandong (Fig. 17). Dragon, tiger and phoenix images are also found together on the lintels of tomb doors (Figs. 15 & 18). When they appear on the lintels above these tomb doors, dragon and phoenix images are always combined with patterns of jade bi (Figs. 9 left, 14 & 15) or immortals (Figs.11 & 18). This arrangement recalls the moulded bricks of the early Western Han from the Yangling, Maoling and Xianyang (pp. 24-29). Despite the fact that their positions may not correspond with their respective directions, these representations are widely accepted as zhuque and baihu. The baihu always appears as if a tiger image, and according to Chinese beliefs, the tiger is a kind of patron saint and has some sort of divine power to travel around heaven and earth. 66 Therefore, the tiger image at the top of the tomb door, no matter whether it is an ordinary tiger or a sacred baihu, serves the function of protecting the deceased against all evil spirits. For this reason, instead of phoenixes, two tiger images are sometimes depicted on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> In Chu Ci·Jiu Ge·Shan Gui 《楚辭·九歌·山鬼》, the Goddess of Wu Shan (Shaman Mountain) is described as a lady who is "driving tawny leopards, leading the striped lynxes" (Hawkes 1985: 115). We can interpret that the striped lynx, most probably, is the tiger, and both the leopards and the tigers have similar status as divine vehicles of the Goddess.

the door leaves with the *pushou* (Figs. 12, 19).<sup>67</sup> We find no *xuanwu* image on these specimens.

Other popular designs on the lintels of these tomb doors include procession and riding scenes (Figs. 8, 10 & 15), and musical performances (Figs. 13 & 16 right). The doorposts are usually depicted with images of standing guards (Figs. 8-13, 16-18). On account of the frequent appearance of the guard images on *siling* specimens with no the *xuanwu* (see Figs. 8-13, 16-18, 27 & Pl. 34.3 for examples), and the absence of the guard images on *siling* specimens which do have the *xuanwu* (see Figs. 25-27, 29 for examples), the standing guards on the tomb doors could be representations of the *xuanwu* image. This assumption is possible because the name "*xuanwu*" in Chinese characters is written 玄武, and is literally means "dark" and "warrior" (see Ch.7, pp. 179-184 for a more detailed discussion of the *xuanwu* image), but except Fig 17 which was excavated from Shandong, examples given above come from just two areas, Henan and Sichuan, we need more archaeological evidences from a more extensive area for further research and analysis.

Several complete sets of *siling* motifs were also found on the doors of two late Eastern Han Dynasty multi-chambered stone-structured tombs in Henan Province, Dahuting M1 and M2, Mi County (Figs. 20 & 21).<sup>69</sup>

<sup>67</sup> See also *ZYWW* 1998, no. 4: 30-34 for another example from Baizhuan, Tanghe County, Henan. All three tombs are dated to the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> I am grateful to my supervisor, Prof. Roderick Whitfield, for this suggestion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Appendix: 74. See Henansheng wenwu yanjiusuo 1993, pls. 19, 21, 23, 25, 40, 42, 45, 48, 56, 58, 60, 62, 65, 67, 69, 71, 88, 90, 92, 94, 116, 120, 122, 124, 166, 168, 170, 172, 176, 178, 180, 182, 185, 187, 189, 191, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216.

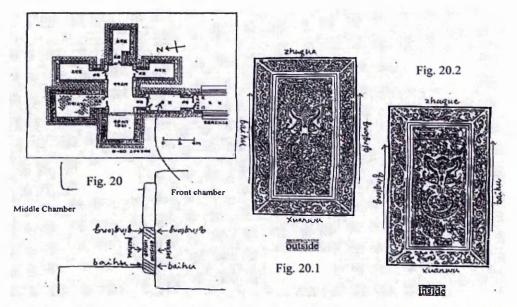


Fig. 20: Plan and door leaf of M2, Dahuting, Mi County, Henan, late E. Han.

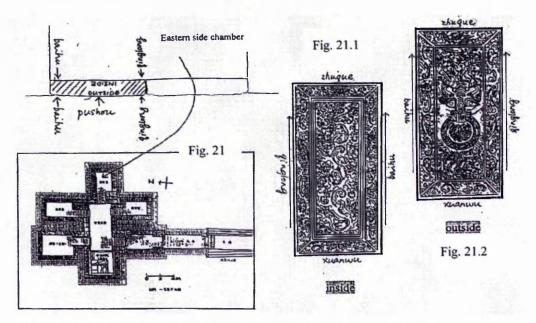


Fig. 21: Plan and door leaf of M1, Dahuting, Mi County, Henan, late E. Han.

Both tombs have six pairs of door leaves that are all patterned on both sides and images of the *siling* were found on both sides of the doors. On the outer sides of the door leaves, the *pushou* is always carved in the centre, surrounded by numerous patterns of animals, immortals, and cloud designs. There is a mitred border along

the four sides, also carved with cloud patterns, with the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* at the top and bottom, and the *qinglong* and the *baihu* on the two sides (Figs. 20.2 & 21.2). The depiction on the inner sides of the door leaves follow the same format (Fig. 20.1), but sometimes without the *pushou* (Fig. 21.1).

In the extreme north of Shaanxi Province where a lot of first and second century stone-structured tombs were excavated, the *siling* is a popular door decoration, for example, a set of four spirit images from Kuaihualing, Housijiagou, Suide County, Shaanxi Province (Pl. 29 & 29.1).<sup>70</sup> The tomb can be dated around A.D. 100 by comparison with the tomb of Wang Deyuan which has a similar style of pictorial decoration and which is securely dated to the twelfth year of Yongyuan (A.D. 100).<sup>71</sup>

The door contains two door leaves and two doorposts, joined by a lintel. A pair of face-to-face snake-entwined turtles are carved individually at the foot of the two doorposts (Pl. 29.4). Two phoenixes displaying their wings are depicted above the two *pushou* on the pair of door leaves (Pl. 29.2). Below the *pushou* are a scaly dragon on the right and a striped tiger on the left (Pl. 29.3). These images are carved in low relief by carving away the ground, and some details, such as decoration of the animal bodies, are incised. The opposite directions of the pair of dragon and tiger, and the two pairs of phoenixes and turtles-and-snakes indicate that they are representations of the *siling*, although they are not placed to correspond exactly with the four directions. Another similar example comes from

<sup>71</sup> *Ibid*.: 13-28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 34 & 35 (Appendix: 23a-b).

Yanjiacha M2 in the same county.<sup>72</sup> The only difference is that the incised geometric patterns on the set of tomb doors from Kuaihualing are replaced at Yanjiacha by very complicated patterns of deities, sun and moon disks, animals and clouds.

#### (ii) Tomb interiors

A large number of the *siling* motifs from stone-structured tombs were excavated and preserved in Henan Province. A typical example appears on the ceiling of the Knitting Factory M1 outside Nanguan of Tanghe County, Henan Province.<sup>73</sup> The double-burial tomb is dated to Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty and is built solely of stone blocks. It is shaped like the Chinese character "\Boxed" in plan, and contains the front chamber, the southern and northern main chambers, the southern and northern side chambers and the coffin chamber (Fig. 22).

The ceilings of the southern and northern main chambers are both built with six pictorial stones depicting heavenly scenes. (Fig. 22.1) The images of the four animals are carved on the fifth stone from the west in the northern chamber, the other five stones include four linked rings, a tiger and the sun inhabited by a three-legged crow, linked bi patterns (these can also be regarded as stars or constellations of the Milky Way), <sup>74</sup> seven fish and a disk, and a two-headed dragon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> KG 1990, no. 2: 176-179 (Appendix: 20a-b). See also Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 54, 57 & 58 (Appendix: 28a-b); 62-65, 68-69 (Appendix: 22a-c) for two more similar examples.

<sup>73</sup> WW 1973, no. 6: 26-40 (Appendix: 52e).

Many similar linked *bi* patterns on engraved stones were found, for example, see *ZYWW* 1980, no. 1: 38 (fig. 4); *ZYWW* 1996, no. 3: 7(fig. 27). It is commonly believed that the circular *bi* relates to the Chinese sky (see *ZYWW* 1993, no. 2: 1-9 and *ZYWW* 1994, no. 4: 67-70 for the discussion). I am grateful to Prof. Whitfield for his suggestion.

On the ceiling of the southern main chamber, except for the third stone from the east which depicts the seven stars of the Dipper, the moon inhabited by a toad, half of the *yi* constellation, the other five are all filled with similar star patterns.<sup>75</sup> It is certain that the four animal images on the fifth stone of the northern ceiling are representations of the *siling*, because they are the sole occupants of the stone and are arranged with the *xuanwu* at the northern end of the stone, the *zhuque* at the southern end, the *baihu* and the *qinglong*, both facing south, on the western and eastern sides, respectively (Pl. 30.1). It is the only archaeological example in which the *siling* are depicted on a single stone slab, without any other accompanying motifs.

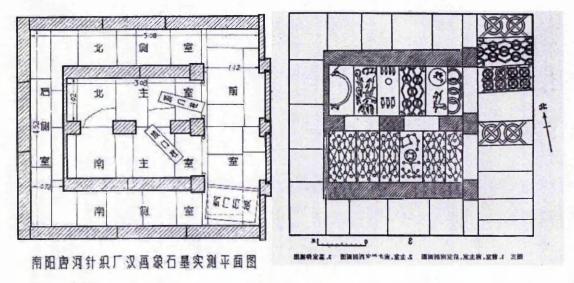


Fig. 22 (left): Floor plan of M1 at the knitting factory M1, Tanghe, Henan Province. Fig. 22.1 (right): Arrangement of the decorations on the ceiling of the main chamber. After WW 1973.6: 33 (fig. 1) & 35 (fig. 3, reversed to show projection of the ceiling panels onto the floor plan). See also Pl. 30.

A more complicated heavenly scene, with the *siling* and other heavenly deities and constellations, appears on the ceiling of an early Eastern Han Dynasty

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Wei Renhua 1987: 173-177.

stone-structured tomb at Oilin'gang in the western suburbs of Nanyang City, Henan Province (Pl. 31).<sup>76</sup> The images are depicted among cloud patterns on a set of nine stones forming the ceiling of the front chamber. The number nine is believed to be specially chosen to symbolize the Han belief of nine levels of heaven.<sup>77</sup> In the centre a frontal seated figure is surrounded by the siling: the qinglong and the baihu are on the right and left, facing upwards towards the zhuque above the figure, underneath which is the xuanwu. Next to the qinglong on the right is the image of Fuxi holding the sun, and the seven stars of the Dipper are furthest to the right.<sup>78</sup> Next to the baihu on the left is the image of Nüwa holding the moon, and at the far left are the six stars of nandou (Sagittarius). The qinglong and the baihu are both facing upwards. The powerful bodies of the two animals are quite similar, and they can only be distinguished by comparing their heads. The zhuque and the xuanwu both face left towards the baihu.

The seated figure is robed and wears a hat decorated with an ornament shaped like the Chinese character "LI", it seats in the centre and is surrounded by the four directional symbols. Its appearance suggests that it is not an ordinary human figure and is comparable to the image of Houtu, "Sovereign of the Soil" in the centre who grasps the marking cord and governs the four quarters as recorded in Huai Nan Zi (see p. 37).80 Alternatively, Han Yuxiang and Niu Tianwei identify the seated figure as Taiyi, the Supreme God of the universe. They believe that the Supreme God is identified by the deities around it, such as the siling, and Fuxi and Nüwa

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> ZGWWB 1992. 9. 6 (Appendix: 57).
 <sup>77</sup> Han Yuxiang & Niu Tianwei 1995: 25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>80</sup> Huai Nan Zi, j. 3: 66-67.

who are symbols of *yin* and *yang*, *tian* (heaven) and *di* (earth). Since this Han tomb is located in Nanyang, a very large part of which belonged to the Chu State during the Spring and Autumn and the Warring States periods (770 - 221 B.C.), it is possible that this image does represent Taiyi, the highest god in Chu mythology. In his study of Daoist iconography, Liu Yang points out that Taiyi, always appears godlike, frontal, imposing, and static, in contrast to figures of lesser deities around him which are shown in profile and engaged in activities. His *en face* image also offers the worshipper a direct religious experience. In comparison, the seated image is coincides more with the iconographical features of Taiyi identified by Liu Yang, than that of Houtu. As the most powerful god in the universe, the animal gods of the four quarters, the sun and the moon are its attendants, as is clearly shown by their arrangement around the central images.

When the *siling* images are depicted on individual columns and pillars, as in many tombs, they are much easier to identify, because these architectural elements provide appropriate surfaces to show the directional meanings of the *siling*. Two such examples come from the well-known and very large late Eastern Han Dynasty tomb in Beizhai Village, Yinan County, Shandong Province.<sup>84</sup> The stone-structured tomb, whose entrance is in the south, has a front chamber and a large central chamber, each with an octagonal column in the middle (Pl. 32).<sup>85</sup> One of the two sets of *siling* images is depicted round the circular base of the column in the centre

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Han Yuxiang & Niu Tianwei 1995: 24. See also Gu Jiegang & Yang Xiangkui 1936, Ch. 24: 156-163 for the role and significance of Taiyi in Daoist religion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Xia Zhifeng 1994: 590-591.

<sup>83</sup> Liu Yang 1998: 18-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Zeng Zhaoyu 1956.

<sup>85</sup> *Ibid*.: 3.

of the front chamber, 86 and the other is depicted on the three sides of the pillar between the twin entrances to the middle chamber (Pl. 32.1).87

The column in the front chamber has an octagonal shaft set on a hemispherical base on a square plinth. The four cardinal animals are incised with fine lines on this hemispherical surface, in between two lines of parallel teeth patterns, and below them are spiral cloud patterns incised on the four sides of the plinth (Pls. 32.2 & 32.3). A similar arrangement of the siling, dated to the later Eastern Han or Wei Dynasties, was found from Xuchang County, also in Henan Province. 88 The four cardinal animals are carved in high relief round the base of a column (Pl. 33). This later example shows a comparatively advanced carving technique and a more lively depiction of the four animals. Both examples, however, provide the opportunity to display clearly the directional significances of the *siling*.

The second set of the *siling* in the Yinan tomb is more conventionally arranged on the rectangular pillar between the twin entrances to the middle chamber. On the front side facing south towards the entrance (Pl. 32.4), the zhuque with a crest of three plumes is depicted at the top in frontal view. The xuanwu at the bottom is represented by a turtle, entwined by a long scaly snake. In between the zhuque and the xuanwu is a standing hybrid, also depicted in front view. It has a human body and a grotesque head with wide-open mouth, a crossbow with three arrows is on the top of its head and a shield hangs down between its legs. The figure holds a dagger-axe and a short sword in its left and right hands respectively, and two more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> *Ibid.*, rub. pls. 27-30 (Appendix: 106d).
<sup>87</sup> *Ibid.*, rub. pls. 12-14 (Appendix: 106c).
<sup>88</sup> Huang Liuchun 1994: 111 (Appendix: 77).

short swords are held in its two feet. The crossbow and fearsome array of weapons identify the figure as Chiyou, <sup>89</sup> a mythological figure during the reign of Huangdi. <sup>90</sup> On the east face of the post is the *qinglong* image and on the west face the *baihu*. The very long serpentine bodies of both animals extend from the top to the bottom of the rectangular surfaces (Pls. 32.5 & 32.6). The arrangement of the *siling* and the central figure here on the rectangular pillar is similar to that found on the painted rectangular tile in Luoyang M61, Henan Province, <sup>91</sup> where the central figure in a martial pose may also be a representation of Chiyou (Pl. 18.2 & Fig. 2).

Representations of the *siling* were also found in a pictorial stone tomb at Lihu Village in Shilipu, Nanyang County, Henan Province. The rectangular tomb, containing the front, the middle and the coffin chambers, is dated to the late Eastern Han Dynasty or slightly later. Images of the *siling* were found among a set of two stones placed in parallel, on the ceiling of the middle chamber, with other animal images (Pl. 34). In terms of their format, style and location in the tomb, the two stones should be examined together. On the first, images of the *xuanwu* (shown as a snake-entwined turtle), a long-legged immortal, two deer, a creature with two human heads, a tiger body and seven tails, and cloud patterns (Pl. 34.1). On the second, there are images of the *qinglong*, *baihu*, *zhuque*, a second leaping immortal, and the moon inhabited by a toad (Pl. 34.2). Here the image of the *qinglong* is carved diagonally right across the surface. The *zhuque*, a symbol of the *yang* and light, is located at one corner, diagonally opposite the moon inhabited by a toad,

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<sup>89</sup> KGTX 1955, no. 6: 65-66,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Chiyou is a mythological figure, believed to be a warlord during the reign of Huangdi 黃帝. He always wore swords, weapons, and a huge crossbow, being brutal and an enemy to society. He was finally defeated by an army sent by Huangdi (*Ci yuan*: 688).

<sup>91</sup> KGXB 1964, no. 1: 107-125 (Appendix: 45).

<sup>92</sup> WW 1986, no. 4: 48-63 (Appendix: 72a-b).

which is a symbol of the *yin* and darkness. The decorations on this stone alone are already enough to convey the idea of the *siling*. With the *xuanwu* image depicted on the stone next to it, all four animals of the *siling* are shown, together with clouds, deer and immortals. Another possible set of *siling* images in this tomb was found on the doorway of the main chamber (Pls. 34.3 & 34.4). Although the typical snake-and-turtle *xuanwu* image is not found on the doorway, the phoenix and tiger patterns on the two door leaves, and the dragon pattern on the right doorpost are possibly images of the *zhuque*, *baihu* and *qinglong*, which are combined and depicted together to convey the idea of the *siling*.

Another set of the *siling* with immortals is found on a set of four stones from a stone-structured tomb at Houzhangda, Teng County, Shandong Province.<sup>93</sup> There are four pictorial stones, two of which with depictions of Xiwangmu<sup>94</sup> and Dongwanggong, and historical scenes similar to those from the Wu Liang Shrines; they are arranged in two or three horizontal registers (Pls. 35, 35.1). The other two stones form a matching set (Pls. 35.2). As displayed in the museum, and having regard to their decorative borders, this set of two stones provides a square space for the depiction of the *siling*, with a broad border all around. The left panel (Pl. 35.2 left) depicts a winged dragon, an immortal, a fish, a turtle and a snake. The serpentine body of the scaly dragon occupies the entire rectangular surface. The immortal in the top right corner appears to be feeding the dragon with a fish. A

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Appendix: 95. There is no published report, but according to Li Shiyong, Curator of the Tengzhou Museum of Han Pictorial Art, the stones were excavated from the same tomb, and when excavated, the two larger ones were used to construct the two opposite walls of the tomb.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Xiwangmu, the Queen Mother of the West, is a deity with certain attributes and certain powers. In *Shan Hai Jing • Hai Nei Xi Jing*, she is described as "resembles a human, with the tail of a leopard and teeth of tiger, and is good at screaming. In her dishevelled hair is a jade hairpin (*sheng*)" (Translation from Zhang Xiaojie 1985: 32). For the significance of the *sheng*, see Wang Xu 1999: 207-211.

turtle whose carapace is decorated with linked lozenge patterns is depicted at the lower left corner, facing a snake whose very long and sinuous body extends upwards to the middle part of the stone. The right-hand panel (Pl. 35.2 right) is patterned with images of a phoenix, a tiger with a small rabbit-like animal, a turtle-and-snake and an immortal. At the top is the phoenix with a twin crest displaying its fine tail feathers, facing left. It holds in its mouth a string of pearls, ending with a fish, and one of its legs touches the raised tail of the tiger below. The striped and winged tiger is moving to the left, stretching out its front right leg, turning its head round to bite the rabbit behind it. Below the front legs of the tiger is an immortal half-seated by the left border of the stone. The turtle entwined with a snake is depicted at the bottom, facing right (Pl. 35.2 left).

In these two stones, there seems to be a deliberate attempt to relate the various animals one to another. In particular, in the case of the *xuanwu*, on the left-hand slab, the snake descends from above to confront the turtle face-to-face; on the right slab, the snake is wound around the body of the turtle, coiling and maintaining the face-to-face eye contact. This is an example of a composition often found in the Eastern Han specimens.<sup>95</sup>

This set of stones can be dated to the Eastern Han Dynasty, around the middle of the second century A.D., by comparing the images of the *qinglong*, the *baihu* and the winged immortals with similar representations on the excavated stones from

<sup>95</sup> See Zeng Zhaoyu 1956, rub. 14 & 30 (Pls. 91.4 & 91.3) for two examples from a late 2<sup>nd</sup> century tomb at Yinan, Shandong. See *WW* 1995, no. 6: 75 (Pl. 131) for a late second to early third century example on small bricks from Jinqueshan, Shandong. See Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 4 & 41 (Pls. 52.3 & 51.3) for two 2<sup>nd</sup> to early 3<sup>rd</sup> century examples on stone sarcophagus from Sichuan. See Xu Wenbin 1992, pls. 199 & 213 (Pl. 56.2 & 57.2) for two early 3<sup>rd</sup> century examples on *que*-towers from Sichuan.

Chengqian Village, Cangshan County, Shandong Province, which are dated to the first year of Yuanjia (A.D. 151) by inscriptions. The shapes of the heads of the *qinglong* from Houzhangda (Pl. 35.2 right) and the dragon from Chengqian Village (Pl. 36) are similar. We can recognise that the *baihu* and the tiger image from both places (Pl. 35.2 left & 36) are even more alike when comparing their very big and round eyes, their wide-open mouths, their angular wings, the striped designs of their bodies, their upraised tails and energetic body postures. The immortals on the stones from both places are also depicted in a similar style.

This example from Houzhangda, Teng County, which can be dated around mid Eastern Han Dynasty, shows a complex illustration in which the *siling* are represented at the same time as other mythological representations, such as images of Xiwangmu and Dongwanggong, the King Father of the East, immortals and other heavenly deities.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> KG 1975, no. 2: 126.

#### Discussion

The above review of excavated examples of the *siling* means that a number of important observations can be made about the development of the *siling* during the Han Dynasty:

(1) First appearance of the complete set of *siling* motifs in the early Western Han period

From Luojingshi at the Yangling, tomb of Emperor Jingdi (r. 156-141 B.C.), although only hollow bricks with the *qinglong* and the *xuamwu* motifs (Pls. 9 & 10) were found, it is very possible that the *zhuque* and the *baihu* images were also depicted on separate bricks which were either lost or damaged, because Luojingshi is believed to have been an architectural site for ritual ceremonies in the imperial tomb area. From Wazhagou at the Maoling District, Xingping County, Shaanxi Province, the earliest examples of a complete set of *siling* motifs, which can be dated to the time of Emperor Wudi's reign (140-87 B.C.), were excavated. These examples include a *pushou* in jade (Pl. 3)<sup>97</sup> and a group of rectangular moulded bricks (Pls. 5-8).<sup>98</sup> On the bricks, which were prominent features of the tomb construction, especially on the two main walls of the tomb chamber, the individual animals were often depicted in pairs, facing one another. On the *pushou* in jade, a complete set of *siling* images was carved around the animal mask. This seems to be one of the very first instances when all four of the *siling* are combined into a single composition. This kind of representation on a square surface was to become more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55 (Appendix: 6).

frequent in the Xin period and the Eastern Han Dynasty, although other figures were added rather than simply representing the *siling* on their own.

These excavated materials have shown that the whole set of *siling* motifs appeared during the early Western Han period. Besides the examples noted above, the complete set was also found on bronze braziers, which will be discussed with other excavated funerary objects in Chapter Three.

# (2) <u>Depiction of the siling together with stars and cloud patterns in the late Western</u> Han and Xin periods

During the first century B.C., the *siling* became popular patterns in tomb decoration, and because of their identities as the animal gods of the four directions in the sky, they usually appear on the tomb ceiling. The Chinese tomb is a microcosm of the universe and the ceiling of the tomb symbolizes the sky, therefore, the *siling* began to be depicted with various star and cloud designs, and other heavenly images, such as the sun and the three-legged crow, the moon and the toad. These representations became popular during the later Western Han and Wang Mang's Xin period. <sup>99</sup>

98 WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55 (Appendix: 7, 8a-c).

For example, see WW 1977, no. 6: 1-12 (the tomb of Bu Qianqiu in Luoyang, Henan); Shaanxisheng kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an Jiaotong daxue 1991 (a tomb at Jiaotong University in Xi'an, Shaanxi); KG 1975, no. 3: 178-181, 177 (a tomb at Qianyang County, Shaanxi); WW 1993, no. 5: 1-16 (a tomb at Qianjingtou, Luoyang, Henan).

# (3) <u>Depiction of other mythological deities together with the siling in Wang Mang's</u> <u>Xin Dynasty</u>

Since the Wang Mang period, because of the increasing interest and belief in the supernatural of the Han people, the winged immortal became a very popular image in Han pictorial art and it was frequently depicted with the *siling* in tomb interiors. Various mythological gods are also depicted at the same time in the same context with the *siling*. They include the Houtu (Sovereign of the Soil) in the Xin Dynasty tomb at Jinguyuan (Pl. 19 & Fig. 4), 100 and other mythological images, such as *rushou.jumang*, *taibai*, *suixing*, *yinghuo*, *jixing*, *feilian*; *zhurong*, *xuanming*, *tianma* and *chenxing* (Fig. 3). They are auspicious omens, gods, or assistants of the heavenly rulers in Chinese mythology. These specimens from Jinguyuan have shown that the four animal images are not any more the sole patterns during Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty. They are instead represented with various mythological gods and images at the same time in the same context, and this trend continued during the Eastern Han Dynasty.

(4) Taiyi, the Supreme God in the Daoist pantheon, and other mythological deities

are depicted with the *siling* at the same time in the same context during the

Eastern Han Dynasty

During the Eastern Han Dynasty and after, there was further development of the *siling*. More and more mythological images were depicted with the *siling*, and these four animal representations were represented among more complex contexts.

<sup>100</sup> ZYWW 1985, no. 4: 82-83; Luoyang gumu bowuguan 1987: 23; Huang Minglan & Guo

It is during the Eastern Han period that the four animal motifs began to be depicted with image of the Taiyi, the Supreme God in the Daoist pantheon, and the pairs of opposite yin and yang symbols, such as Fuxi and Nüwa, to convey the yinyang theory. For example, on the set of nine stones from the ceiling of the early Eastern Han Dynasty stone-structured tomb at Qilin'gang, Nanyang City, Henan Province, the four animal motifs were depicted together with images of Taiyi, Fuxi and the sun, Nüwa and the moon, and various constellations (Pl. 31). 101

## (5) The guardian function of the siling

In the very large late Eastern Han Dynasty stone-structured tomb in Beizhai Village, Yinan County, Shandong Province, there are two complete sets of siling representations, one appears on its own round the circular base of the column in the front chamber (Pls. 32.2 & 32.3), and another from three sides of a rectangular pillar at the entrance to the chamber, with possible image of Chiyou (Pls. 32.4, 32.5 & 32.6). 102 Since Chivou is heavily armed, this seems to emphasise the role of the siling as guardians. In other instances, the siling are depicted with xianren, lively immortals in the heaven or in immortal realm, and other hybrid creatures (Pl. 35.2, Figs. 11 & 18). Additionally, in a fair number of Eastern Han tombs, the xuanwu is not presented; in these tombs the other guardian animals are accompanied by a guard. This suggests a possible equivalence of the xuanwu and the armed guard figure.

Yinqiang 1996: 105.

101 ZGWWB 1992. 9. 6 (Appendix: 57).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> *Ibid.*, rub. pls. 27-30, 12-14 (Appendix: 106d, 106c). Discussed above, pp. 60-62.

### (6) Function of the siling in adjusting tomb orientation

As a group of cardinal animals, directional significance is the principal citerion to identify the *siling*. However, archaeological evidences have clearly shown that, when the images of the *siling* are depicted together, their positions vary. It may be because of constraints in space or local topography, or practical considerations, or simply because of carelessness on the part of the tomb builders. Sometimes, even though the local topography prevents the tomb entrance to be opened in the south according to Chinese traditional practice, the depiction of the *siling* motifs enables an adjustment to the perceived orientation inside the tomb.

# (7) Individual depiction of the siling on single bricks in Later Eastern Han and Three Kingdoms tombs

During the late Eastern Han period, the most popular tomb structure was composed of small bricks. Most of these bricks were plain, but many bore moulded patterns. These moulded designs, including the four animal motifs, were individually depicted on the flat side or along one edge of the brick (see pp. 44-47 for the discussion). However, as with the Western Han hollow bricks excavated from Wazhagou, Maoling (Pls. 5-8), these bricks with *siling* representations were not always arranged separately on the four walls. In these later tombs, it seems to have been more important to ensure that the *siling* motifs were grouped into two pairs of *yinyang* opposites to convey the *yinyang* concept than to arrange them on the four walls to show exactly the four directions.

Chapter Two: Combinations of the siling in above-ground structures

Although most siling images are patterns on tomb components or decorations on independent artefacts buried in tombs, a small number survive on above-ground structures, generally depicted on architectural components, shrines and que-towers. These can complement and corroborate the evidence excavated from tombs.

# (1) Architectural components

It was a general practice to arrange the four animal motifs on the four sides of an important imperial building, such as palace or tomb precinct (lingyuan), to indicate the directions. 103 This has been proved by the complete sets of siling eaves tiles excavated from the site of imperial buildings of the Western Han capital, Chang'an (Pl. 11). Many of the images of the four cardinal animals on architectural components above ground survive on eaves tiles. One of the earliest, dating from Western Han (second to first century B.C.) is a semi-circular eaves tile, on which a pair of dragon and tiger images that are possible representations of the qinglong and the baihu, confronting each other (Pl. 37). 104 Such semi-circular eaves tiles are generally dated to the Warring States period.

A number of siling eaves tiles were excavated from the western suburbs of the modern city of Xi'an, to the south of the Western Han capital, Chang'an, Shaanxi

Ma Yongying & Wang Baoping 2001: 28.
 Huang Nengfu & Chen Juanjuan 1987: 73 (Appendix: 147).

Province, believed to be the site of the Mingtang and the Biyong. The circular end of each of these eaves tiles is patterned with an image of one of the four cardinal animals (Pl. 11). Although the four spirits are depicted individually on separate brick tiles that were excavated from the two different sites, it is clear that the idea of *siling* is the main theme as they are confidently depicted in the same style, making full use of the available space. These *siling* eaves tiles can be dated around A.D. 4, at the end of the Western Han Dynasty, because this was the year when it was suggested that the *Biyong* should be built. 107

Also as decorations on architectural components, a complete set of *siling* motifs are carved in high relief according to their directions, round the base of a stone column found from Xuchang County, Henan Province (Pl. 33). The stone is dated to the later Eastern Han or Wei Dynasties (around 3<sup>rd</sup> century A.D.). This later example shows a comparatively advanced carving technique and a more lively depiction of the four animals.

#### (2) Shrines and que-towers

In Shangzhuang Village, Shijingshan, the western suburbs of Beijing, a group of architectural remains, containing seventeen components of a *que*-tower and a pair

105 KGTX 1957, no. 6: 28 & 30, pl. 8 (1-4); & KG 1960, no. 7: 38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> KG 1960, no. 7: 38 (Appendix: 17). These architectural remains were discovered in the western suburbs of Xi'an in the 1950s and more than one reconstruction has been presented. For the reconstruction of the remains, see KGXB 1959, no. 2: 45-55; KG 1959, no. 4: 193-196; KG 1960, no. 9: 53-58, 52; KG 1963, no. 9: 501-515. For a discussion on the previous reconstruction of the remains and the problems of the interpretations of the pre-Han texts of the Mingtang, see Wang Tao 1996: 1-7.

<sup>107</sup> According to Han Shu • Pingdi Ji, "元始四年二月, 安漢公奏立明堂辟雍。In the second month of the fourth year of Yuanshi (A.D. 4), Anhangong memorialised the throne for the construction of Mingtang and Biyong" (Han Shu, j. 12: 357).

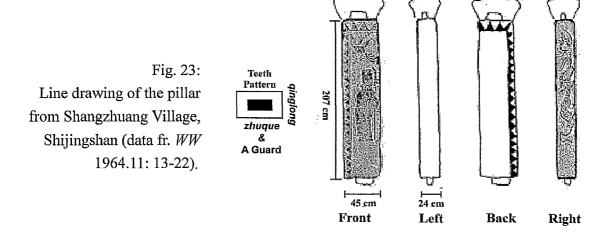
of free-standing stelae-or *mubiao*, were excavated in 1964. These remains are dated to the seventeenth year of Yongyuan (the first year of Yuanxing) (A.D. 105) of the Eastern Han Dynasty.

According to archaeological remains, a que is generally made with two identical stone pillars, one on the right and another on the left, and between them is an open entrance; the left and the right pillars are always called the east tower and the west tower, respectively. 110 On a rectangular pillar from this group, a flying phoenix is depicted at the top and an armed guard at the bottom; on the left side is a dragon, with a lengthy serpentine body stretching along the rectangular surface (Pl. 38). A matching hipped-roof of the que-tower was excavated at the same spot. In terms of structure, the pillar should be the right tower of an entrance, with a matching pillar on the opposite side. Both pillars are roofed, and were possibly linked by a threshold underneath (Fig. 23). The positions of the phoenix and dragon patterns on the excavated pillar show that they are representations of two of the siling. The contents and composition of the decorations on a pair of towers are always similar. 111 It is therefore also possible that on the missing tower from Shijingshan. another zhuque was depicted at the top of the front side, and the baihu on the proper left side (Figs. 23 & 23.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> Huang Liuchun, 1994: 111.7

<sup>109</sup> WW 1964, no. 11: 13-22 (Appendix: 87). The date of this group of remains is inscribed on one of the excavated pillars, reading, "永元十七年四月卯改為元興元年魯工石巨宜造 On the mao day of the fourth month in the seventeenth year of Yongyuan (A.D. 105) [the emperor gave] order Ito have the name of his reign changed into the first year of Yuanxing [The gateway] was built in the tenth month by Shi Juyi, a mason from Lu" (Ibid.: 16). <sup>110</sup> WW 1961, no. 12: 9.

On the siling que-towers excavated from Sichuan, a zhuque is usually depicted on the front side of each tower, the qinglong on the proper right side of the left tower and the baihu on the proper left side of the right tower. For example, see Xu Wenbin 1992; 129-133, 134-137, 148-153 (Pls. 26, 27,



Images of the *qinglong*, the *baihu*, and the *zhuque* are always fashionable subjects for the decoration of *que*-towers in Sichuan, and the *xuanwu* image is sometimes represented. Three of the *siling* were found as decorated motifs on a pair of inscribed *que*-towers still standing at Shenjiawan, Xinmin Village, Qu County (Pl. 39). It is a unique example as both towers are inscribed and well-preserved (Pls. 39.1 & 39.2).

The inscription in *lishu* (clerical script) on the east tower of the Shenjiawan Que reads, "漢謁者北屯司馬左都侯沈府君神道 The *shendao* (spirit road) of the Palace Receptionist, Commander of the North Palace Gate, Left Commander-in-chief of Palace Garrison, Shen, the deceased father, of the Han Dynasty", and that on the west tower reads, "漢新豐令交阯都尉沈府君神道 The *shendao* (spirit road) of the Magistrate of Xinfeng, Defender of Jiaozhi, Shen, the deceased father, of the Han Dynasty". These inscriptions tell clearly that the site

<sup>48.1 &</sup>amp; 48.2).

There are twenty *que*-towers remaining in Sichuan Province, but according to Xu Wenbin and others, there should be only nineteen because the Liye Que is not structured as a *que* (*Ibid*.: 1).

<sup>113</sup> Wen You, 1955, pls. 1-4 (Appendix: 116a-b). See also Xu Wenbin 1992: 128-133.

<sup>114</sup> Xu Wenbin 1992: 40-41.

is a shendao made especially for Mr. Shen whose official career is also recorded in detail. According to Li Xian's annotation to the biography of Zhongshan Jianwang Yan in Hou Han Shu • Guangwu shiwang liezhuan, "When a road is opened in front of a tomb and stone columns are built to mark it, this is called a spirit road. 墓前開道,建石柱為標,謂之神道。"115 A spirit road consists of three sets of stone monuments: monumental que-towers, animal and/ or human stelae, and memorial stelae, and this basic pattern lasted throughout the history of the spirit road. 116

The inner face of the west tower is depicted with the *qinglong*, grasping a line hanging down from a jade bi (Pl. 39.3), and the left flank of the east tower is a similar depiction of the baihu and a jade bi (Pl. 39.4). On each tower, an image of the zhuque is carved at the top centre of the front side, followed by a fifteen-word inscription in a single column, and a huge animal mask is carved below the inscription of the east tower (Pls. 39.5, 39.6, 39.7 & 39.8). 117

Two similar que-towers are found at Zhaojiacun, Xinxing Village, Qu County, Sichuan Province. They come from the same area and are three hundred metres apart. 118 They have similar structure and decorations with the ones excavated from Pujiawan and Wangjiaping of the same county. 119 On the front side of the remaining east tower of Que 1, a phoenix is carved at the top (Pl. 40) and a snake-entwined turtle at the bottom (Pl. 40.1). On the inner side, a dragon grasps a cord hanging from a jade bi, with a small fish by its tail (Pl. 40.2). On the front side

 $^{115}\,$  Hou Han Shu, j. 42: 1450. Translation from Paludan 1991: 28.

<sup>117</sup> Prof. Whitfield has suggested that this mask may very well represent the xuanwu, seen from the

Wen You, 1955, pl. 4 (Appendix: 122, 123). See also Xu Wenbin 1992: 138-141, 142-147. Xu Wenbin 1992: 134-137, 148-153 (Appendix: 117, 121).

of the surviving west tower of Que 2, similar images of the phoenix (Pl. 41) and the snake-entwined turtle (Pl. 41.1) were found. On the inner side is a tiger grasping a cord hanging from a jade bi, and below it is a scrolling animal, which has been suggested to be a toad (Pl. 41.2). 120

Since the remaining east tower of Que 1 and west tower of Que 2 at Zhaojiacun are geographically near and are very similar in their pictorial representations, it is interesting to find out if they were originally a pair of towers of a single monument. 121 After a comprehensive comparison, however, I find that it is unlikely for this to be the case.

Although these two que-towers are similar in shape and in pictorial representations, there are also a few discernible differences between them. From the survey charts of the two towers (Pls. 40.3 & 41.3), we can notice that, the length of the tower base of Oue 1 is 20 cm longer than that of Oue 2. 122 Oue 1 is also 20 cm higher than Que 2, and this difference is mainly because of the difference in height of their three-level attics. 123 In the centre of attic level one on the front side of each tower, a pushou is carved. A pushou is also depicted in the centre of attic level one on the back side of Que 1, but cannot be found in the corresponding position on Que 2. On each tower, the second level of the attics are sub-divided into the two sections, the upper section is carved with the bracket system, and human and animal motifs,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> *Ibid*.: 43.

<sup>121</sup> One of the two towers of a monument could have easily collapsed and have been re-ereated hundreds of metres away.

<sup>122</sup> The tower base of Que 1 is 130cm in width and 260cm in length, and that of Que 2 is 130cm in width and 240cm in length,

The height of Que 1 is 450 cm and that of Que 2 is 430 cm, the attic of Que 1 is 144 cm and that of Que 2 is 125 cm.

while the lower one is unadorned. However, the upper section of attic level two on Que 2 is much shorter than that of Que 1, and therefore the bracket systems on Que 2 are supported by shorter columns and the motifs depicted below the brackets also have to be compressed into a smaller area.

Another substantial difference between these two towers is on the front side of their bodies. On the front side of Que 1, the *zhuque* is depicted just below the attic, the *xuanwu* is at the bottom. On the front side of Que 2, the top of a third simulated column is carved below the first level of the attic, and therefore, instead of appearing on the upper part of the tower body, the image of the *zhuque* is shifted nearer the centre. The back of this que also features a third simulated column in the centre (Pl. 41.3) which is not seen in Que 1. These differences between Que 1 and Que 2 from Zhaojiacun are enough to prove that they are towers surviving from two *que* monuments. They share certain similarities probably because they come from the same county and same village, and were probably made by the same group of artisans.

Only the east tower of the Wangjiaping Que (Pl. 42) survives. On the *que* body, a phoenix is carved at the top of the front side, and on the inner side is a serpentine dragon grasping a line hanging down from a jade *bi* (Pls. 42 & 42.1). The missing supporting tower was supposed to be joined at the rough and unadorned side of the tower. Similar depictions of the *siling* were found on the surviving east main tower at Pujiawan in Xinmin Village, Qu County, Sichuan Province (Pls. 43.2). It was built as one of a pair of towers with double-eaves hipped-roofs, with a supporting

124 *Ibid*.: 134-137 (Appendix: 117).

sub-tower attached to each of the primary towers, like the Wangjiaping Que, it is decorated with images of a phoenix on the front side and a dragon on the inner side (Pls. 43 & 43.1).

Examination of similar *que*-towers from the area have shown clearly that a tiger is always depicted on the inner side of the west towers, such as those of the Shenfujun Que (Pl. 39.4) and Zhaojiacun Que no. 2 (Pl. 41.2). At the bottom of the front of both *que* from Zhaojiacun, the *xuanwu* is depicted as a snake-entwined turtle (Pls. 40.1 & 41.1). Although no complete set of the *siling* images was found together on these *que*-towers from Sichuan and elsewhere, yet the four animals are consistently related and depicted in certain positions in order to convey the idea of the *siling*.

In the Shandong area, images of the *siling* were also found on the Wushi Que, a pair of fully-decorated *que*-towers with attached sub-towers, surviving at the Wu Liang Shrine of the middle of the second century A.D. in southwestern Shandong Province. The Wu Liang Shrine is the only shrine at the Wu's family tomb site for which attempts have been made to re-construct it in its entirety. The *siling* motifs on the Wushi Que are carved in pairs according to the *yinyang* theory and their corresponding opposite meanings. For example, two pairs of dragon and tiger images were found on the top and the base of the east tower respectively; <sup>126</sup> a pair of phoenix and turtle-and-snake images are carved on the two sides of the bracket

<sup>125</sup> KGYWW 1980, no. 4: 108-114, pls. 12-16. The buildings at the Wu's family site were built between A.D. 147 and 189 of the Eastern Han Dynasty. For an early reconstruction of the Wu Liang Shrine, see Fairbank (1942): 41-80. For a study on the pictorial program and the ideological implications of the stone carvings at the shrine, see KGYWW 1980, no. 4: 4; Zhu Xilu 1986a: 6-10; Zhu Xilu 1992; Wu Hung 1989b, part II.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> Jiang & Wu 1995, pls. 15-18 (Appendix: 93a-b).

system of the sub-tower on the left (Pl. 44). The positions of these pairs of animal motifs on the tower suggests that they are representations of the qinglong and the baihu, the zhuque and the xuanwu, each pair corresponding to two opposite directions of the four quarters.

With reference to the arrangement of the siling representations on these que-towers remains, and their inscriptions, we can sum up a few points that show clearly the close relationship between the four animal images and a shendao (spirit road). In a typical shendao, the entrance is at the south, with pairs of animal sculptures facing each other at the two sides, and further along is the pair of que-towers. On the front sides of a pair of que-towers, there is always a pair of zhuque, one on the east tower and another on the west, facing each other. Sometimes there is a pair of xuanwu at the bottom. On the inner sides of the que-towers, there are always the qinglong and the baihu, the qinglong on the east tower and the baihu on the west. Even that only one of the towers survives, the arrangement is always the same. Ann Paludan has noted that, when the shendao has an east-west axis, the decorations on the que-towers assume a north-south axis. 128 This is precisely the same adjustment that we have already seen inside the painted tomb at Zaoyuan Village, Pinglu County, Shanxi Province, where the entrance is in the east, but the arrangement of the qinglong, the baihu and the xuanwu assumes that the entrance is in the south (Pl. 21 & Fig. 5). 129

See Finsterbusch 1971, cat. no. 265 (Appendix: 93c).
 Paludan 1991: 30, pl. 22, caption.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>129</sup> KG 1959, no. 9: 462-463 & 468 (Appendix: 38)

#### Discussion

# (1) <u>Relatively fewer siling</u> images were found in above-ground structures than from tombs or on funerary objects

Archaeological evidence shows that, fewer *siling* images are found in above-ground structures than from tombs or on burial objects. It is mainly due to the fact that above-ground structures are difficult to preserve against damage caused by natural disasters and various wars over the years. The *siling* eaves-tiles were excavated from architectural sites, while the shrine and *que*-tower remains are preserved first because most of them are situated in remote areas, for example, Qu County in Sichuan, and second because they are made in stone and are relatively durable.

#### (2) The siling are favourable subjects for decoration on que-towers

The *siling* are favoured subjects for decoration on *que*-towers, notably those from the Sichuan area. It is probably because of the incompleteness of these *que* remains that there is no example on which all four cardinal animals were found together, but, taken together, the surviving east tower of Que 1 and west tower of Que 2 at Zhaojiacun (Pls. 40.3 & 41.3) show what a complete set would have looked like.

A complete set of the *siling* was found on an Eastern Han Dynasty stone tablet of similar structure, which belonged to a governor of Yizhou. On the tablet, the

<sup>130</sup> See Lü Lizheng 1990: 89 (Appendix: 145). Yizhou (in present-day Sichuan Province) is one of

zhuque and the xuanwu are depicted at the top and the bottom of the front side, and the qinglong and the baihu on the right and left, respectively (Pl. 45). Both the composition and the style of depiction of the siling on the tablet are comparable to the similar representations on que-towers excavated from Qu County of the same province, and they should therefore be dated to the same period.

# Chapter Three: Combinations of the siling in funerary objects

## (1) Sarcophagi and coffins

Dragon, tiger, phoenix and turtle are popular motifs on stone sarcophagi. Some, though not all, of these animal motifs should be representations of the *siling* because of their directional meanings.

Related examples were excavated from Mawangdui M1 at Changsha County, Hunan Province. Hunan Province. The tomb belonged to the spouse of Li Cang 利養, Marquis of Dai, and is dated to the early Western Han Dynasty. On the cover of the middle one of the set of three decorated wooden coffins, a pair of struggling dragons and a pair of tigers are painted on a red lacquer background (Pl. 46). The two dragons are similar and coiled in figures-of-eight, with their heads facing each other and their tails pointing to the two lower corners of the cover surface. The tiger images are also similar and are facing in opposite directions, hanging on and trying to bite the bodies of the two dragons. The two animal images are opposing and confronting each other. There are continuous cloud designs, filling the space around the animal figures, which probably identify a heavenly scene.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> She most probably died and was buried some years after 168 B.C. (Hunansheng bowuguan & kaogu yanjiusuo 1973: 2-4).

The set of three decorated coffins fit closely into each other and are in turn enclosed in an outermost, plain coffin, painted in plain black. The first is painted with circulating cloud patterns and mythological creatures on a black background. The second is painted with polychrome designs of mythological figures on a red background. The top and sides of the innermost one were covered with a silk embroidered cover with feather ornament glued on (*Ibid.*: 13-27).

Many excavated Han stones and bricks show fights between the two animals. Similar fight are seen on the Taishi Que, Qimu Que and Shaoshi Que, three remaining *que*-towers in Songshan, Henan Province (Lü Pin, 1990).

On the sides of the same coffin, there are similar images of dragons and tigers. Two dragons face each other; between them is a triangular pattern with a ring-shape at the bottom. A striped tiger and a deer-like animal, which has been thought to be a *lin*, are depicted within the first and second loops described by the body of the dragon on the left, respectively. On the right, an elegant phoenix with long tail and a human figure are shown with the other dragon. Cloud patterns are added as decoration here and there, in the spaces between the figures (Pl. 46.1).

Because of the presence of dragons, tigers, phoenixes and deer, some scholars believed that the coffin decoration incorporates the idea of the *siling*.<sup>137</sup> If they were to be regarded as the siling, we would have to recognize the deer as the symbol of the north, and of *xuanwu*, however, as these animal images do not seem to have been depicted to convey any directional meaning, it is difficult to identify them as the *siling*. If they are not regarded as the *siling*, this might explain why the turtle does not appear.

Some examples of the four cardinal animals were found on carved stone sarcophagi, mainly dating from the Han to the Jin Dynasty. Although the *siling* are favourite subjects among the Eastern Han Dynasty sarcophagi from Sichuan Province, the

The triangular pattern is believed to be a mountain (Hunansheng bowuguan & kaogu yanjiusuo 1973; 26).

Since this is the only human figure depicted on the coffin, and since all the rest are auspicious animals, it has been suggested to be an immortal (*Ibid.*).

137 *Ibid.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> ZYWW 1991, no. 3: 25.

<sup>139</sup> For example of the *qinglong* and the *baihu* carved in opposite directions on the same coffin panel, see KG 1979, no. 6: 495-503 (Appendix: 118a-b); WW 1982, no. 7: 24-27 (Appendix: 120); SCWW 1985, no. 3: 67; (Appendix: 119b); SCWW 1988, no. 3: 17-24 (Appendix: 119a). For example with three of the *siling* carved on three corresponding sides, see WW 1977, no. 2: 63-69 (Appendix: 137a-c); Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 87-88, 40-41, 1-4 (Appendix: 127, 126, 136 a-c). For example of a complete set of *siling* on the four sides, see SCWW 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & pls.

earliest possible example of a complete set of *siling* motifs on a stone sarcophagus was excavated from the Shandong area.

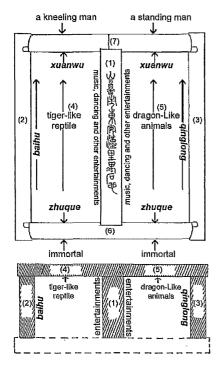


Fig 24: Line drawing showing the double sarcophagus excavated from Hanjiapu, Qufu, Shandong (redrawn on the basis of the reconstruction plan published in *KG* 1985, no. 12, p. 1132). The numbering of the stone slabs in the discussion is based on this diagram.

In the Temple of Confucius in Qufu County, Shandong Province, a set of seven pieces of stone, containing ten pictures and one phrase of inscription, are exhibited. They are reported to have been excavated from Hanjiapu, east of the Qufu City, before the Cultural Revolution (c. 1966-1976), but no archaeological report was published. By observing the representations, the sizes and the joints of these seven pieces of stone, Jiang Yingju suggested that they should be the components of a stone sarcophagus, and that four of the ten pictures, which bear the images of the *siling*, should be the four inner sides of a double sarcophagus (Fig. 24). 141

(Appendix: 124a-d); SCWW 1988, no. 3: 18 (Appendix: 125).

visit to the Temple of Confucius in Qufu County, as I can see how these stones can be fixed together

Fu Xihua 1950, vol. 1, pls.63 & 65, 64 & 66, 71-74, 75 & 76, 77 & 78 (Appendix: 89a-d).
 KG 1985, no. 12: 1130-1135. I found the suggestion given by Jiang Yingju valid, after a research

Stone 1 is the central dividing slab, carved on both sides with entertainment scenes, depicting music and dance performances. On its upper edge is an inscription in seal script, reading, "山魯市東安漢里禺(for 寓)石也 Shanlushi dong an han li yu shi ye", recording the original location of the sarcophagus. The excavator, Jiang Yingju argues that 'Anhanli' is the name of the place, and that the inscription should be interpreted as: "The stones for the [construction of the underground] house at An Han Village, east of Lu County, Shandong Province." However, the actual grammatical construction of countless place names <sup>143</sup> indicates that "East Anhan Village, Lu County, Shan[dong Province]" is the correct interpretation.

Slabs 2 and 3 are each patterned on one side only. In the centre of Slab 2, a huge snakelike dragon, with four extended feet and a long tail, is carved inside the lozenge-shaped space created by a number of *bi* patterns joined by four slanting lines, exactly like the ceiling slabs from the Knitting Factory M1 at Tanghe, Henan Province (see p. 58, Fig. 22.1). <sup>144</sup> Instead of dots, its body is filled with small scaled patterns (Pls. 47 & 47.1). Its tail is held by a horned immortal situated at the right bottom corner (Pl. 47.2), and a few small animals and birds (Pl. 47.3) occupy the rest of the space. The representations on Slab 3 are similar, but instead of a dragon, the striped tiger is depicted in the centre (Pls. 47.4 & 47.5) and there are also a few animals and birds around (Pls. 47.6 & 47.7). Jiang Yingju believes that these two stones form the two sides of the sarcophagus, and that the dragon and

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to form a complete double coffin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> KG 1985, no. 12: 1134.

<sup>143</sup> For example, "東長安街 dong chang an jie" in Beijing is interpreted as "East Chang'an Street".
144 Prof. Whitfield suggests (p. 57) that this pattern, seen in various sizes on the Tanghe slabs (e.g. Pl. 47), should be regarded as representing stars or constellations of the Milky Way. One of the Tanghe slabs specifically illustrates the Dipper and half of the *yi* constellation.

tiger on them are representations of the qinglong and the baihu. 145

The inner side of Slab 6 is vertically divided into two square cells framed by narrow borders with the star pattern. The space between them is carved away to receive the central panel which divides the sarcophagus into two compartments (Pl. 47.12). Inside each square space is a gorgeous phoenix with extended wings and spreading tail. The two sacred birds face each other (Pls. 47.13). The outer side of this slab is patterned with two face-to-face immortals. The size and structure of Slab 7 is similar (Pl. 47.14), but on the inner side of the slab, instead of a pair of *zhuque*, a pair of turtles, each ridden by an immortal, are depicted inside the two cells (Pls. 47.15). The outer side depicts two men, one standing and the other kneeling. Slabs 6 and 7 form the two ends of the coffin, each with a small square surface carved away from the centre of one side, <sup>146</sup> in order to receive Slab 1, which separates the sarcophagus into a double-chambered one. <sup>147</sup>

Slabs 4 and 5, which form the cover of the sarcophagus, were also excavated. They are slightly different in size and have been broken and repaired (Pl. 47.8 & 47.10). The composition and depiction of these two stones are similar to those on the two sides. However, instead of the dragon and the tiger images, a scaly four-legged lizard depicted in profile (Pl. 47.9) and a scaly four-legged dragon-like creature seen from above (Pl. 47.11) occupy the centres of the two stones.

According to Wang Kai, the carving technique used on these stones and the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> *Ibid*.: 1132-1133.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> Slab 7 with a pair of *xuanwu* images was in two halves when it was excavated. This slab was restored and the original spacing between the two halves was not as shown on Pl. 47.14.

structure as a stone sarcophagus tomb coincides with those of the early period of the development of Han pictorial stones in the Shandong area, between late Western Han and the end of Wang Mang period (second half of the first century B.C. to A.D. 23). Bearing in mind the very fine depiction of the decorated motifs, however, I believe that the stone coffin cannot be dated as early as to the late Western Han period when pictorial stone had only just begun to gain popularity. Like the decorated stones from the Knitting Factory M1 at Tanghe, Henan Province, it is more likely a product of Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty or of the early Eastern Han Period (first century A.D.). Thus this example from Hanjiapu, Qufu County, Shandong Province, is possibly the earliest complete set of *siling* motifs on a stone sarcophagus.

Except this, all the other similar examples come from the Sichuan area, mainly from cave tombs of the Eastern Han Dynasty. In some of these examples, the four cardinal animals are depicted on the four sides, indicating that the *siling* is the theme of decoration, such as the one excavated from Guitoushan, Jianyang County (Pl. 48), and another one from Dongbinting, Luzhou (Pl. 49).

The pictorial decorations on the four sides of the stone sarcophagus from Guitoushan are complicated, and the names of fifteen of the carved images are inscribed (Pl. 48 & Fig. 25). The depiction on the front panel is much damaged, but

<sup>148</sup> ZYWW 1990, no. 1: 60.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> *Ibid*.

More than a hundred pictorial stone sarcophagi have been excavated, ninety percent of which come from the Sichuan area and are dated to the Eastern Han Dynasty (ZYWW 1991, no. 3: 32; SCWW 1997, no. 4: 21).

<sup>150</sup> SCWW 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & plates (Appendix: 124a-d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> SCWW 1988, no. 3: 18 (Appendix: 125).

the image of a standing phoenix with opened wings can still be read (Pl. 48.1). On the rear, 伏 帯 Fuxi and 女娃 Nüwa that are represented by two winged images with human heads and serpentine bodies, are facing each other. Behind Nüwa is a little turtledove named 九 jiu (Pl. 48.2), and below them is the xuanwu inscribed with its classical name, 兹武 xuanwu (Pl. 48.3). 152 On the right side of the baihu is carved on the extreme left (Pl. 48.4 & 48.5). sacrophagus, the In the centre is an official entitled the 大司 dasi standing under the 天門 tianmen in form of a pair of que-towers on top of which perch a pair of phoenixes (Pl. 48.6). Further to the right is a double-eaved building named 大倉 dacang (large granary) and a crane (Pl. 48.7). The decorations on the left wall are even more elaborate. On the top right are two figures playing the liubo 六博 game 154 and a figure riding on a deer, inscribed 仙人博 xianren bo and 仙人騎 xianren qi respectively, and below them is the qinglong image without inscription, with two fish depicted nearby (Pl. 48.9). On the other side, the 日月 riyue are represented by two winged immortals with feather crowns, their bodies are composed by the circular sun and moon enclosing a tree and a toad respectively. Below them is a plant named 柱鉄 zhuzhu. On their left is a horse, followed by two wheels. Still further to the left is a pheasant 白雉 baizhi and an animal named 离利 lili (Pl. 48.8). 155 The idea of the siling is clearly presented by the images of the four cardinal animals arranged separately on the four panels, with the qinglong and the baihu both facing south,

According to Shuowen jiezi, the two words 兹 xuan and 玄 xuan are interchangeable, so the term 兹武 xuanwu can also be read 玄武 xuanwu (Shuowen jiezi, 4 bian xia 四篇下: 159). For interpretations of the inscribed names on the rear of the coffin, see SCWW 1990, no. 6: 5-6.

153 Ibid: 8

<sup>154</sup> Liubo is a popular board game in Han Dynasty which appeared as early as in the Autumn and Spring period (WW 1979, no. 4: 39). A set of liubo mainly contains a square chess board, six sticks 箸, and twelve pieces, six of which are black and six white, as described by texts and proved by archaeological evidence (Sun Ji 1991: 394 & 396). The game failed to be handed down from past generations, but is supposed to have had many different ways of playing (Lao Gan 1995: 15).7

155 SCWW 1990, no. 6: 6.

and the names of the *baihu* and the *xuanwu* inscribed. It is, however, a more complex illustration of the *siling* that the four animals are depicted with various patterns in the same context and all images are clearly inscribed.

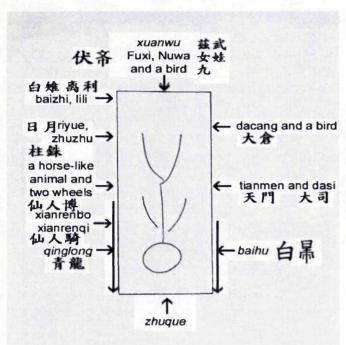


Fig. 25: Line drawing showing the positions of the decorated images on the sarcophagus excavated from Guitoushan, Jianyang County, Sichuan.

On a stone sarcophagus excavated from Dongbinting (Fig. 26), the *qinglong* is depicted on the left wall (Pl. 49 above), and the *baihu* with two birds and a fish on the right (Pl. 49 below). On the front panel (Pl. 49.1), the image of Xiwangmu on her dragon-tiger seat is depicted by the top of the right tower of a pair of *que*-towers, while on the top of the left tower is another damaged image that has been identified as Dongwanggong, the male companion of the Queen Mother of the West. In between this pair of towers, at the top is the *zhuque* perching on a jade *bi*, in the centre are two almost-effaced bird images and further below is the *xuanwu* image which can just be made out. The pictorial illustrations on the sarcophagus from Dongbinting are much simpler than the one from Guitoushan, but the depiction of the set of four animal motifs here is unique among all the other

<sup>156</sup> SCWW 1990, no. 6: 43.

siling stone sarcophagi. As with other examples, the qinglong and the baihu are depicted on the sides of the sarcophagus, but instead of being depicted separately on the two ends, the zhuque and the xuanwu are both depicted on the front panel with other heavenly images. This arrangement of the zhuque and xuanwu images with Fuxi and Nüwa is comparable to that in the Qilin'gang tomb (Pl. 31).

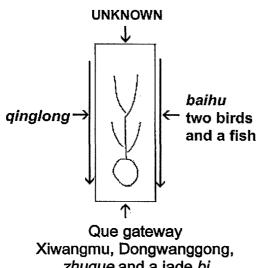


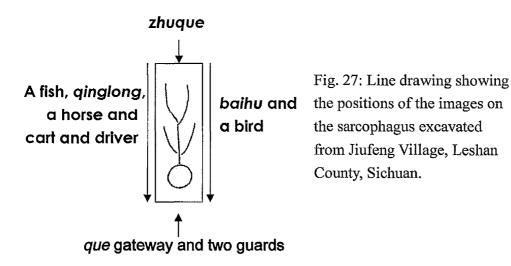
Fig. 26: Line drawing showing the positions of the decorated images on the sarcophagus excavated from Dongbinting, Luzhou, Sichuan.

zhuque and a jade bi two birds, xuanwu

Among the many Eastern Han Dynasty stone sarcophagi from Sichuan Province, there are also a few examples in which either the zhuque or the xuanwu is left out from the set of four. On a stone sarcophagus excavated from Jiufeng Village in Leshan County, only images of the qinglong, the baihu and the zhuque were found together with two guards (Fig. 27 & Pl. 50). The *qinglong* is depicted on one of the longer sides, as well as a fish, a roof supported by two columns and brackets, and a man with a horse and cart (Pl. 50), while on the opposite side, these are images of the baihu and a bird (Pl. 50.1). Exceptionally the zhuque is carved on the rear instead of the xuanwu (Pl. 50.2), while a pair of que-towers with two standing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>157</sup> Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 87-88 (Appendix: 127).

guards underneath are depicted at the front (Pls. 50.3).



On a sarcophagus from Fushun County, the *qinglong*, the *baihu* and the *xuanwu*, are depicted among the complicated representations on the left and right sides, and the rear, respectively, while the *zhuque* is left out (Fig. 28).<sup>158</sup> On the left side, a dragon is depicted at the far right while the remaining space is filled with images of Xiwangmu, the Queen Mother of the West, sitting on her dragon-tiger seat, riding and hunting scenes, and other human activities (Pl. 51). On the right side, a tiger is depicted at the far left and a rectangular net design on the extreme right, the intervening spaces are filled with images of a farmer holding an agricultural tool, and three other men, one holding a cross-bow, one wearing a mask and one making a gesture with both hands (Pl. 51.1).<sup>159</sup> On the rear, a snake-entwined turtle is depicted at the bottom, below Fuxi and Nüwa whose images end with long and interlocking tails (Pl. 51.2). On the front side, an official is depicted under a pair of *que*, bowing with hands clasped (Pl. 51.3). Although the sacred bird of the South is

<sup>158</sup> *Ibid*.: 40-41 (Appendix: 126).

Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang believe that the three men are actors, presenting a sort of popular performing art of the Han Dynasty (*Ibid*.: 41).

missing, the idea of siling is conveyed by the turtle-and-snake on the rear, and the dragon and tiger on the two sides, which are clearly separated from the remainder of the subjects. 160

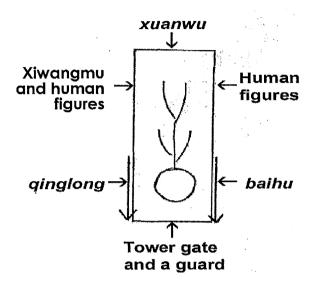


Fig. 28: Line drawing showing the positions of the decorated images on the sarcophagus excavated from Fushun County, Sichuan.

The zhuque is also absent from the sarcophagus of Wang Hui, excavated from Modong Village in Lushan County, Sichuan Province (Pl. 52), 161 Images on this sarcophagus, and the message they convey, are extremely clear. Images of the siling are carved individually in relief against the plain background of the four sides of the sarcophagus (Fig. 29). On the front, the lid is decorated with a pushou (above) and the coffin itself with a scene of a winged human figure in a woman's dress looking out from a half-opened door. The inscription on the closed door leaf concerns Wang Hui, the late Shang Ji Shi (Steward of Accounts), who died in the sixteenth year of Jian'an (A.D. 211) and who was buried in the following year (Pl.

138a-d).

The zhuque is quite often represented perching on the top of a que gateway (see Pls. 48.4, 48.6, 49.1, 60.1). A pair of que form a gateway to heaven, tianmen. Therefore, the homophony between que and zhuque may suggest an association between the heavenly gateways and the guardian spirit of the south. It is also the reason why the qinglong and the baihu images on sarcophagus always face the same way as the body of the deceased, towards the south, where the que, heavenly gateways, are located (Fig. 24-29).

Chang Renxia 1955a, pls. 55, 56. See also Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 1-4 (Appendix:

52.1). 162 The other end of the coffin is carved with a snake-entwined turtle (Pl. 52.2). On the right side is a winged and horned dragon (Pl. 52.3). On the other side is a tiger, also winged and with similar lengthy body (Pl. 52.4). Both the dragon and the tiger face south, towards the front of the sarcophagus.

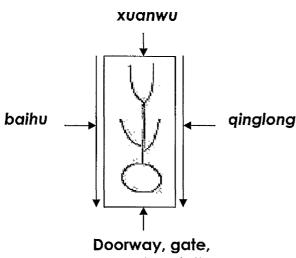


Fig. 29: Line drawing showing the positions of the images on the sarcophagus of Wang Hui, Modong Village, Lushan County, Sichuan Province.

figure & inscription

Some scholars believe that the dragon and tiger motifs are representations of the ginglong and the baihu, because they are carved on the two opposite sides of the sarcophagus, while the snake-entwined turtle, a typical image of the xuanwu, is depicted on the rear. 163 Others, including Ren Naigiang, excavator of the sarcophagus, do not think that the animal patterns are representations of the *siling*, because the zhuque is missing. They argue instead that the appearances of the animals on the two sides are more similar to those of the qiulong and the chihu, which have been frequently recorded in classical texts from Southern China, such

<sup>162</sup> The thirty-five-character inscription reads, "故上計史王暉伯昭以建安拾六歲在辛卯九月下旬 卒其拾七年六月甲戌葬嗚呼哀哉 The late Shang Ji Shi (Steward of Accounts), Wang Hui, [whose studio name is Bozhao, died in the last ten-day period of the ninth month of the sixteenth year (the xinmao year) of Jian'an (A.D. 211), and was buried on the jiaxu day of the sixth month of the seventeenth year of Jian'an (A.D. 212). Alas! Such grief!"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>163</sup> Nagahiro 1965: 43-44; Wu Hung 1987a: 75; SCWW 1993, no. 6: 53-54.7

as the *Chu Ci*.<sup>164</sup> It is, however, difficult to explain the reason why the *qiulong* and the *chihu*, which are possibly the dragon and tiger images adapted to the local custom of the South as suggested by these classical texts, would appear on a sarcophagus found from the Sichuan area in the far West. With the dragon and the tiger images depicted on the two longer sides of the sarcophagus and a snake-entwined turtle depicted at the rear, it is very likely that these animal images are representations of the *qinglong*, the *baihu* and the *xuanwu*, with which the idea of the *siling* is conveyed.

The scene of a winged female figure at a half-opened gate on the front panel is interpreted in different ways. Many scholars suggest that the image is opening the door of the gate, waiting for and welcoming the soul of the deceased. In an alternative interpretation, the winged image at the half-opened door is interpreted as the deceased at the intermediary stage of life and death, who is trying to grasp the last chance to look at the world to which he once belonged before leaving for another unknown world. Some scholars further point out that the wing is either a symbol to clarify the figure's identity as an immortal, welcoming the deceased to the paradise, or an indirect representation of the *zhuque*.

In my opinion, no matter if the *zhuque* is represented, the idea of the *siling* has been conveyed by the images of the other three cardinal animals. The question of whether the winged figure is a representation of the *zhuque* is still worth discussing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>164</sup> SCWW 1988, no. 4: 13; SCWW 1993, no. 6: 53; & Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>165</sup> Wu Hung 1987a: 75; SCWW 1988, no. 4: 13; Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>166</sup> Wu Hung 1995: 257-258.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> Nagahiro 1965: 44; Wu Hung 1987a: 75; SCWW 1988, no. 4: 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> Wu Hung 1987a: 75; SCWW 1988, no. 4: 13.

here because similar scenes of a female figure emerging from a half-opened door are found on many other excavated objects. On the second floor of the east tower of the Dingfang Oue in Zhong County, Sichuan Province, the upper body of a woman is emerging from a door, of which the left leaf is closed (Pls. 53 & 53.1). 169 Another example is found on a stone sarcophagus excavated from Yingiing, Sichuan Province. In the middle of the right side of the sarcophagus, a female figure is standing at a half-opened door, while the two ends are decorated with human figures and two phoenix patterns (Pl. 54 & 54.1). These two specimens both come from the Sichuan area and are both dated around the second to early third century A.D. Similar figures are repeated on tomb chambers and other architectural buildings of the Tang, Song and Jin periods (Pl. 55). 171 It can be noticed that none of these other female images at a half-opened door is winged. The figure on Wang Hui's casket is emerging from the door, it can be the deceased who were about to fly off to heaven, or an immortal welcoming the deceased at the door, but despite the wings, it is far too speculative to identify it as the zhuque.

 <sup>169</sup> Xu Wenbin 1992: 45.
 170 Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>171</sup> Su Bai 1957: 28.7

## (2) Objects

## (i) Wood/lacquer objects

#### (a) Lacquered clothes chest

A lacquered clothes chest decorated with the *qinglong* and the *baihu* images, the names of the twenty-eight *xiu* (lunar lodges) and various constellation designs was excavated in 1978 from the tomb of Marquis Zeng Hou Yi at Sui County, Hubei Province (Pl. 56). With the large-scale tomb clearly dated around 433 B.C., it is one of the earliest excavated examples of the *qinglong* and the *baihu* images. When excavated, the tomb contained more than fifteen thousand pieces of cultural relics, distributed in an orderly manner in the middle, the eastern, the western and the northern chambers. In the eastern chamber, five painted lacquered wooden clothes chests of similar size were found. One of them is painted with a complete picture of the twenty-eight *xiu* and related images.

The clothes chest is composed of a rectangular body and a convex cover, and all the patterns are painted in red on the black lacquered ground of the outer surface (Pls. 56 & 56.1). On the chest cover, a large character " — " (4, dou, the Dipper) in bold seal script is painted in the centre; surrounding and corresponding to it are the comparatively small characters of the names of the twenty-eight xiu, 173 forming an oval pattern in the middle. Adjoining the oval pattern, by the two

 $<sup>^{172}</sup>$  WW 1979, no. 7: 1-14, 40-45 (Appendix: 79). The name of the occupant is clearly inscribed on the bronze funerary vessels and utensils. The inscriptions on the huge bo further illustrates that the tomb belongs to 433 B.C. or slightly later.

This example is the earliest depiction of the twenty-eight lunar mansions on an excavated object, with corresponding images to indicate the principal directions. It has provided new and essential materials for the study of Chinese astronomy and has paved the way for new discussions on the date of the earliest appearance of these constellations and the *siling*. Therefore, shortly after the excavation of the clothes chest, many scholars began to revise the traditional theory that the patterns of the *siling* appear around Qin and Han periods, suggesting instead that they arose not later than the second half of fifth century B.C., the date of the Zeng Hou Yi tomb. <sup>176</sup>

<sup>173</sup> See Table One (Ch. 5, p. 153) for the twenty-eight *xiu* from literary and archaeological sources.

<sup>174</sup> Chen Huiming suggests that this mushroom pattern is a sign of the sun and of fire without giving any further evidence or explanation (Chen Huiming 1991: 179).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>175</sup> Chen Huiming 1991: 178-179.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>176</sup> Chen Huiming 1991: 178-179. See also WW 1979, no. 7: 42-43; Tan Weisi 1991: 150.

Although many scholars believe that the zhuque and the xuanwu images were not represented on the clothes chest, they widely accept that the directional significance of the siling have been conveyed by the two animals on the chest cover which should be the *qinglong* of the east and the *baihu* of the west. Wang Jianmin and several Chinese scholars explain that the zhuque and the xuanwu were not found because of the artistic consideration of the whole composition, since it was too difficult to arrange the two animals on the rectangular surface of the lid of the chest; they also say that it was not necessary to portray the zhuque and the xuanwu because the four directions are well indicated by the written names of the twenty-eight xiu, by the Dipper in the North, and by the ginglong and the baihu of the East and West. 178 Feng Shi argues differently, suggesting that at the time when the Zeng Hou Yi chest was made, only the qinglong and the baihu images were established, while the zhuque and the xuanwu images had not yet merged with the twenty-eight constellation system nor had they been adopted as members of the group of siling; he also points out that the concept of the eastern palace and the western palaces of the universe was developed in a much earlier period because, by defining the constellations of the east and the west, the ancient people were able to find out the most suitable time for agricultural production, therefore it is possible that the qinglong and the baihu, animals of the east and the west, appeared earlier than the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu*. 179

Chen Huiming believes that all the four symbols of the four principal directions

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 <sup>177</sup> For details, see WW 1979, no. 7: 40-45; Hubeisheng bowuguan & E'zhou shi bowuguan 1986:
 354; Hubeisheng bowuguan & Art Gallery CUHK 1994, pl. 15; Tan Weisi 1991: 150; Tang Gangmao 1991: 177; Chen Huiming 1991: 178-179; JHKG 1993, no. 3: 66.
 178 WW 1979, no. 7: 42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>179</sup> WW 1990, no. 3: 52-60, 69.

have been represented on the clothes chest. He considers the " on one of the longer sides and the seven dot designs in the surroundings as representations of the zhuque and the South, and the black-coloured background of the unadorned side symbolises the black-coloured xuanwu in the dark. 180 I agree that the idea of the siling is conveyed on the Zeng Hou Yi chest, not only by the ginglong of the East and baihu of the West, but also by the symbols of the South and the North, however, Chen Huiming's supposition is not convincing because the symbols of the South and the North should be at two opposite sides, and it is also far too imaginative to suggest that the unadorned side represents the xuanwu. Instead, I believe that the 火 pictograph with a dot in the middle (" 👆 one of the end panels should be a symbol of the South and the four-legged animal ') at the opposite end is a possible representation of the North.

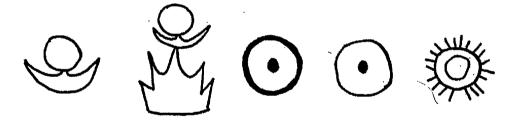


Fig. 30.1-5 (left to right): Symbols of the sun dated to the Neolithic period

We found quite a number of symbols of the Sun God from specimens dated to the Neolithic period; although these symbols of the sun may vary in detail, their structure and meaning can be easily identified (Fig. 30.1-5). According to Hanvu Gu wenzi zixing biao edited by Xu Zhongshu, the 火 pictograph actually means fire. 181 Fig. 30.1 shows a pictograph composed of a circle on top of a 火

Chen Huiming 1991: 178-179.
 Xu Zhongshu 1981: 390.

pictograph. Tang Lan further pointed out that this pattern is literally written as "灵", composed with the character "日" (sun) and "火" (fire) and it also means "热" (hot, heat). 182 We can also recognise that the 火 pictograph on one of the end panels of the clothes chest is similar to the sun symbols from Dawenkou Culture (Figs. 30.1 & 30.2), and the two sun symbols with a dot in the middle from Guangxi and Qinghai, respectively (Figs. 30.3 & 30.4). According to Sarah Allan, the relationship of the sun and the bird in Shang times was one of totemic identity, 183 and she also believes that whether the bird carries the sun, is in the sun, or is the sun is ill-defined because this relationship is a mythical one. 184 Therefore, the 火 pictograph on the chest should be a symbol of the fire, the sun and also the bird. It is depicted on one end of the clothes chest to represent the South, although the *zhuque* image is not represented, the South is indicated.

The four-legged animal image on the other end panel, opposite to the  $\chi$  pictograph also carries a directional significance. As Mackenzie has pointed out, both the  $\chi$  pictograph and four-legged animal image are likely to have possessed a relatively specific iconographic or cosmological significance. It is suggested by the site report that the four-legged creature may be a toad image, however when a toad is depicted with the moon at the top left corner of the Mawangdui T-shaped banner (Pl. 46.2 & 46.3), it looks different. The extended feet and claws of this four-legged creature show that it is nearer to the ancient scripts of the character *gui* (turtle) on oracle bones (Fig. 31). The animal has a triangular head, typically a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>182</sup> Tang Lan 1979: 80.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>183</sup> Allan 1991: 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>184</sup> Allan 1993: 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>185</sup> Mackenzie 1993: 129.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>186</sup> Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan kaogu yanjiusuo 1989: 354.

feature of ancient representations of turtles. Although in the Han Dynasty, the *xuanwu* most often appears as if a snake-entwined turtle, it is sometimes solely represented by a turtle (see Pls. 21.3, 47.15, 48.2 & 95). It is also more reasonable to arrange the *xuanwu*, symbol of the North, opposite to 火 pictograph at the other end of the chest, which is a symbol of the South.

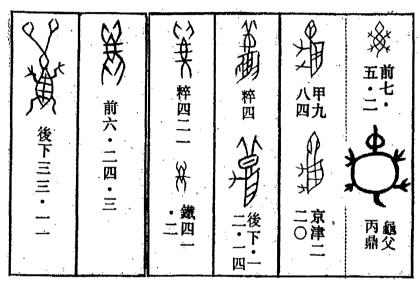


Fig. 31: Different writing of the characters *gui* on oracle bones. After Xu Zhongshu 1981: 510-511.

I believe that all the four principal directions have been indicated and represented by relevant symbols on the Zeng Hou Yi clothes chest, the *qinglong* and the *baihu* for the East and West, and the 火 pictograph and the turtle image on the end panels for the South and the North. The four animal creatures do not appear in their final forms but the idea of the four directions is clearly conveyed.

## (b) Lacquered funerary face cover

Funerary face covers in China appear as early as in the Eastern Zhou period: these

early face covers were made in jade. <sup>187</sup> Wang Tao and Liu Yu have pointed out that, by the second half of the second century B.C., jade suits covering the whole body had become popular while jade face covers became rarer and eventually disappeared from the mainstream, however, the use of funerary face covers made in other materials, such as lacquer and textiles, persisted throughout the Han Dynasty. <sup>188</sup>

At least ten similar funerary face covers in lacquer have been excavated, all in the area of the Guangling State around Yangzhou City. They are dated from the middle of the Western Han period to the Xin Dynasty (first century B.C. to A.D. 23). Most of these face covers in lacquer are painted in plain black or red: two of them are decorated with animal, immortal and cloud designs, and the one from Huchang M14 is the only example decorated with the four cardinal animals.

According to *Han Shu* • *Huo Guang zhuan*, Huo Guang (d. 68 B.C.) was granted by the imperial court a Dongyuan *wenning* for his funeral. Huo Guang, a half-brother of Huo Qubing (d. 116 B.C.), a leading general during the period of Emperor Wudi, became Marshal of State after the death of the Emperor in 87 B.C. Since then until his death in 68 B.C., he enjoyed an exceptionally favoured position

<sup>187</sup> Wang Tao & Liu Yu 1997: 133.

Thirty-two funerary face covers in textiles, dated from Northern Dynasties to the Tang Dynasty, were excavated from six tombs at Astana in Turfan, Xinjiang (WW 1960, no. 6: 13-21).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>189</sup> KG 1962, no. 8: 401-402, fig. 2.7, pls. 5.8 & 5.9; KG 1980, no. 5: 422, fig. 4 (left) & pl. 11.1; KG 1982, no. 3: 238, fig. 6.1, pls. 4.1 & 4.5; KG 1986, no. 11: 992, fig. 8.13; WW 1987, no. 1: 27-28, fig. 6.1.

Three of the face covers are dated to late Western Han period (1<sup>st</sup> century B.C.), including two from Pingshan M1 (*WW* 1987, no. 1: 27-28 & fig. 6.1) and the one with the *siling* motifs from Huchang (*ZGWWB* 1997. 11. 23). The remaining seven are dated to the Xin Dynasty or early Eastern Han Dynasty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>191</sup> KG 1980, no. 5: 419-422 for the two examples from Xiaojiashan M3 (tomb of the male occupant) & M5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>192</sup> Han Shu • Huo Guang Jin Richuan Zhuan (Han Shu, j. 68: 2948); Higuchi 1975: 242.

at court and in the palace.<sup>193</sup> It is because of his eminent position that even the Empress Dowager attended his funeral ceremony, and he was buried in luxurious style with furnishings and trappings granted by the court, including a jade suit, a huang chang ti cou burial chamber and a Dongyuan wenning.<sup>194</sup> Some people believed that the face cover in lacquer is named wenning 溫明, because its appearance and its function in tombs coincide with the description of Dongyuan wenning in the commentary by Fu Qian (c. 125-129):

東園處此器,形如方漆桶,開一面,漆畫之,以鏡置其中,以懸屍上,大斂並蓋之。 The object from Dongyuan is shaped as a square lacquered bucket, opening at one side. Patterns are painted in it in lacquer, and mirrors are placed on it. It is used to cover the head of the deceased during the encoffining ceremony. <sup>195</sup>

In his study of ritual masks, Henry Pernet has concluded that funerary masks are created with two fundamental ideas in mind. The first idea is to prevent the spiritual elements of the deceased from wandering among the living, and this is to be done by offering them a new support, instigating or obliging the dead to leave the land of the living, enabling him to see the world of spirits. The second idea is to

194 *Ibid*.: 2948. *Huang chang ti cou* is a method of constructing the burial chamber with a special golden cypress, by laying the cypress planks horizontally, with the ends of the timbers facing the coffin.

<sup>193</sup> Ibid.: 2931-2948.

<sup>195</sup> Ibid.: 2949. Yan Shigu (A.D. 581-645) gave further information about "Dongyuan": "東園 著名也,屬少府。Dongyuan, name of an official department under Shaofu (Chamberlain for the Palace Revenues)." (Ibid.) During the Western Han Dynasty, Dongyuan (Department of Eastern Court) was the department in charge of the production of funeral objects for the imperial family. These objects were sometimes granted by the court to imperial relatives and meritorious senior statesmen. It was the greatest honour for a dead person to receive these funeral objects made by the Dongyuan Department.

ensure that the deceased can easily reach his rightful place in the world beyond. 196 Although Pernet's work is not a study of ritual masks of China or of any particular nation, but an overall review of funerary masks from all over the world, his findings fit with the Chinese beliefs behind a funerary mask. Possibly the most interesting example of a Dongyuan wenning face cover (Pl. 57) was excavated from M14 at Huchang (the tomb site of the Guangling State), on the outskirts of Yangzhou, Southern Jiangsu Province (Pl. 57.1). 197 The object, made of four pieces of wood, is lacquered and painted. The inner panel depict the four spiritual animals, according to their corresponding directions. The qinglong is on the right and the baihu on the left, the zhuque is at the top and the xuanwu at the back (Fig. 32; Pls. 57, 57.1-2).

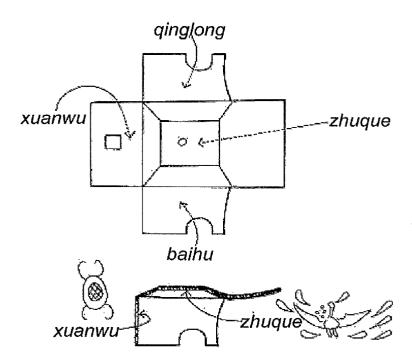


Fig. 32: Schematic drawing of the arrangement of the siling motifs on the face cover from M14 at Huchang on the outskirts of Yangzhou

In the centre of the top of this face cover, a small glass bi is inlaid. Bi was a

Pernet 1992: 102.
 Appendix: 108.

sacrificial object used to show respect to the sky. <sup>198</sup> Because of its specific relationship with the sky, it is believed that through the glass *bi*, the *hun* soul can ascend to heaven. <sup>199</sup> Although other face covers from nearby tombs do not depict the *siling*, they featured similar openings. (Pl. 57.3) Representations of the *siling* on the face cover from M14, together with this miniature glass *bi* providing an opening to heaven, show how the set of four directional animal images were used as an integral element in the funerary rites of the Western Han.

#### (ii) Bronze objects

#### (a) Bronze boshan censer

On a *boshan*-type hill censer excavated from the tomb of Dou Wan, wife of Liu Sheng, Prince Jing of Zhongshan (d. 114 B.C.), at Mancheng, Hebei Province, images of the dragon, the tiger and the phoenix are depicted together (Pl. 58, 58.1 & 58.2). Liu Sheng was made Prince Jing of Zhongshan in 154 B.C. Being a member of the imperial Liu family and the elder brother of Emperor Wudi (r. 140-87 B.C.), Liu Sheng had a close relationship with the royal court, and it is presumed that his wife, Dou Wan (d. 104 B.C.), came from the family of the

<sup>198</sup> Zhou Li • Chun Guan • Da Zong Bo, "以玉作六器,以禮天地四方;以蒼壁禮天,以黃琮禮地。 Jade is used as *liu qi* (six sacrificial vessels) to show respect to *tian* (sky), *di* (earth) and *sifang* (four directions). The green jade is used to show respect to *tian* and the yellow *zong* is used to respect *di*." (ZLZY, j. 18: 124 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 1: 762)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>199</sup> See ZYWW 1993, no. 2: 1-9 and ZYWW 1994, no. 4: 67-70 for the heavenly meaning of bi in artistic representations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>200</sup> Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan kaogu yanjiusuo & Hebeisheng wenwu guanlichu 1980, vol. 1: 257 & vol. 2, pl. 175 (Appendix: 82).

<sup>201</sup> According to Han Shu • Jing Shisan Wang Zhuan, "中山靖王勝以孝景前元三年立。Prince Jing of Zhongshan was conferred in the third year of Qianyuan (154 B.C.) during the reign of his father Emperor Jing [who was also the father of the further Emperor Wu] (r. 156-141 B.C.)" (Han Shu, j. 53: 2424).

Empress Dowager Dou (d. 135 B.C.), the grandmother of Emperor Wudi.

This censer from Dou Wan's tomb is inlaid with silver and is supported by a man riding on a beast in the centre of a dish-shaped pedestal (Pl. 58 & 58.1). The motifs are carved in openwork on the hemispherical cover which features a divine landscape inhabited by animals. Below this, a dragon, a camel, a tiger and a phoenix are depicted processing round the side walls of the vessel (Pl. 58.2). The sequence in which these animal images are represented on the censer suggests that they are related to the siling. Among them, only the camel is unfamiliar and requires explanation, since on the few early Western Han (206-87 B.C.) artefacts from Xi'an and the Maoling, which we have examined so far, the animal of the North is represented by a turtle-and-snake.

The camel is not native to China. The domestication of the camel started in Central Asia and then spread east. Camels were imported into China from the Northwest via the Silk Road during the Western Han Dynasty. According to Schafer, camels had been used by the thousand in the commercial and military caravans that penetrated the newly won lands of Serindia during Han times.<sup>202</sup> It may be because of this reason that a camel was chosen to represent the North, at a time when there were still alternatives to the xuanwu for the representation of the North. As we shall see below (pp. 124-125) a similar representation of three of the siling, with another bird instead of a camel for the fourth deity, is found on painted pottery hu vessels from Luoyang (Pls. 93 & 94).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>202</sup> Schafer 1963: 70.

#### (b) Bronze braziers

More than thirty bronze braziers bearing complete sets of *siling* motifs survive. Some of them were excavated from different sites in Shaanxi and Shanxi Provinces, <sup>203</sup> and some of them are in museum collections, but they are all quite similar, so I will discuss the most representative of them below. One of these bronze braziers (Pl. 59) was excavated from the Fifth National Cotton Factory M6 on the outskirts of Xi'an City, a tomb which is dated to the early Western Han Dynasty (206-87 B.C.). <sup>204</sup> Another two were excavated from the Maoling area. <sup>205</sup> Accordingly, they should date from the reign of Emperor Wudi (r. 140-87 B.C.) or even earlier. Other similar bronze braziers were excavated from tombs dated to the late Western Han period (first century B.C.) at Xianyang and Taiyuan. <sup>206</sup>

These bronze braziers are very similar in size and all feature an oval top and a rectangular base with four short feet. A handle is attached to one end of the vessel and, in one case, to both ends. Most of the excavated examples were found together with a matching eared cup and a matching tray, and one had the further refinement of a handled ring to facilitate removing the cup from the brazier after heating the wine (Pl. 59). Even when the cup is missing, there are four small rectangular projections along the rim of the brazier, to support the cup (Pls. 59.3, 59.4, 59.5). Although the eared cup is not exactly the same size as the brazier, the three

<sup>206</sup> KG 1979, no. 2: 125-135 & WW 1980, no.6: 42-51 & pl. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>203</sup> For archaeological reports of these *siling* bronze braziers, see *KG* 1979, no. 2: 125-135 (Appendix: 4); *WW* 1980, no. 6: 42-51 & pl. 1 (Appendix: 36); *KG* 1985, no. 6: 527-529, pl. 6 (Appendix: 35). See also *KGYWW* 1997, no. 6, front cover (Appendix: 2); *WWTD* 1996, no. 2: 25 (Appendix: 5) for published materials of other similar examples.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>204</sup> WB 1991, no. 4: 3-18; Shaanxi kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an shi wenwu guanlichu 1993: 60 & KGYWW 1997, no. 6, front cover.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>205</sup> These examples are in the Shaanxi Provincial Museum of History Collection.

components, tray, brazier and cup, are always well matched as a set of vessels. The underside of the braziers has ten rectangular holes in two groups, which serve as a grate for ventilation. The four legs are carved as four musclemen who hold the brazier on their shoulders.

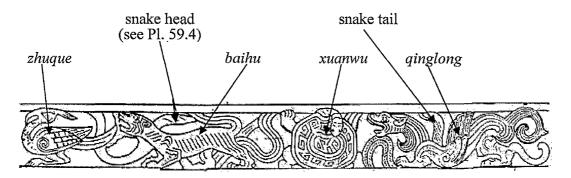


Fig. 33: The four animal motifs on the upper body of the group of bronze braziers from the Maoling and nearby areas (Pls. 59, 59.1-59.5).

After KG 1979.2: 130 (pl. 6).

Particularly noteworthy is the fact that all the known examples of such braziers, whether from excavations or in museum collections, have similar fascinating decorations of the *siling* in openwork on their upper body. Reading clockwise from the handle, the *xuanwu* is followed by the *baihu*, the *zhuque* and the *qinglong* (Fig. 33). The turtle representing the *xuanwu* is depicted upright (similar to its representation on the lacquered wood chest from the tomb of Zeng Hou Yi shown in Pls. 56 & 56.1), and with a snake in close proximity to the turtle. In the brazier shown in Pl. 59.1, the *zhuque* is also shown upright, with the head facing out in high relief, but more usually, it is shown in profile, like the *baihu* and *qinglong*.

Most of these *siling* braziers are collected in museums in China, Japan, America and Europe.<sup>207</sup> One unusual example is kept in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>207</sup> Similar siling bronze braziers are kept in various museums, such as the Palace Museum in

New York (Pl. 59.5). On the two longer opposite sides of this vessel, instead of the *qinglong* and the *baihu*, two *baihu* are depicted, one on each long side. Exceptionally, there seem to be two handles instead of one, but both of them are broken.

Regarding the function of the brazier, most scholars believe it was used for wine-warming. Li Kaisen found that the wine would heat up very quickly and even boil away, so he believes it to be a small cooking vessel, but this seems unlikely. A bronze eared-cup in the Shanghai Museum, similar to the eared cup of the siling brazier but slightly bigger, has an inscription in seal script on the base, reading, "史侯家銅染杯第四 ...... Shi Houjia tong ranbei disi (the fourth bronze ran cup of the Shi Hou Family) ......". Although the character "ran" usually means "dye", I do not think such a previous vessel the Shi Hou Family would be used casually for dyeing. Nevertheless, with ten rectangular holes at the bottom and some charcoal remains found inside one of the braziers when it was excavated, leave no doubt that it functioned as a small stove, in which case heating up wine is the only sensible purpose.

When comparing the *siling* motifs on these bronze braziers with the four animal patterns on the *boshan*-type hill censer excavated from the tomb of Liu Sheng at Mancheng (Pl. 58.2), one will accept that the two depictions are very similar. The

Beiling, Shanghai Museum, National Palace Museum in Taibei, British Museum in London (Pls. 59.3 & 59.4), Musée Cernuschi in Paris, Art Institute of Chicago (Pl. 59.2), Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York (Pl. 59.5), Brooklyn Museum of Art in New York, Tokyo Geijutsu Daigaku and Osaka Shiritsu Bijutsukan.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>208</sup> KG 1979, no. 2: 129; WW 1982, no. 9: 4-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>209</sup> WWTD 1996, no. 2: 24-26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>210</sup> I have examined this object in the Shanghai Museum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>211</sup> KG 1979, no. 2: 129.

two sets of animal decorations are so similar that they might be products of the same workshop. The main difference between the two vessels is that on the censer, a camel is depicted as the symbol of the North instead of the *xuanwu*.

### (c) Bronze plaques

During the Eastern Han Dynasty, the siling motifs were applied on bronze objects with specific functions and regional characteristics. From Wushan County in Sichuan Province, quite a number of gilt bronze plaques were excavated. 212 Most of them are circular, and depict Xiwangmu or sometimes Dongwanggong in front of a gate, labelled Tianmen 天門 or "gate to heaven"; there is always usually a small bi-shape hole in the centre and the space is filled with various animal images and cloud patterns. 213 On most of them, the *zhuque* is perched at the top; 214 one has the *qinglong* and the *baihu* as well (Pl. 60.1).<sup>215</sup> Another with Xiwangmu at the top and Dongwanggong at the bottom (Pl. 60.2), is shaped like a persimmon calyx: each of the four petals is decorated with one of the four guardian creatures.<sup>216</sup> The best example is a square plaque (Pl. 60) excavated from the Eastern Han Phosphate Factory Tomb, in which a complete set of siling motifs is found.<sup>217</sup> Like all the other plagues of this kind, it was fastened to the front panel of the wooden coffin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>212</sup> KG 1998, no. 12: 77-84; SCWW 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & pls.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>213</sup> KG 1998, no. 12: 78, fig. 1 (A1 & A3); 79, fig. 2 (A2, A5, A6 & A7); 80, fig. 3 (A4); 81, fig. 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>214</sup> *Ibid*.: 79, fig. 2 (A5, A6 & A7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>215</sup> *Ibid*.: 79, fig. 2 (A6) (Appendix: 139).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>216</sup> *Ibid.*: 83, fig. 7 (Appendix: 141).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>217</sup> *Ibid.*: 83, fig. 8 (Appendix: 140).

The motifs on the gilt bronze plaque from the Phosphate Factory Tomb are cast in openwork, and the details are represented with engraved lines. On the square surface, a human figure is depicted in the centre, surrounded by the siling. The ainglong is depicted on the left, and the baihu on the right, and the zhuque and xuanwu at the top and bottom respectively. The man in the centre is dressed like a warrior, wearing a suit of scale armour and a helmet of chain-mail. The helmet is of square shape. His face is also square and he holds an arrow horizontally in his mouth. The suit of armour just reaches the knees. His legs are bent, with the knees stretching out, in a squatting posture. He is standing on a crossbow and his hands are drawing the cord upward to arm the weapon.

It is suggested that the figure in the centre is a representation of Zongbu, who is the transformation of Yi after his death and the guardian god of heaven, having the ability to shoot down all evil spirits; and the siling of the four directions are depicted together with him in order to assist him and work with him to destroy all the curses. 218 As an armed figure surrounded by the siling on a plaque fixed to the centre of the front panel of the coffin, 219 the central image should be a powerful being, depicted as a man to provide protection and guidance to the tomb and the tomb occupant. The crossbow he holds was also an important weapon in the Han times, product of an advanced technology, highly suitable for a powerful god.

This armed image on the square gilt bronze plaque is also comparable to the standing hybrid figure on the front side of a pillar in the tomb at Yinan (Pl. 32.4)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>218</sup> SCWW 1990, no. 6: 4-5. <sup>219</sup> Ibid.: 3.

which is believed to be a representation of Chiyou.<sup>220</sup> Both figures are in the centre of the illustration, with images of the *siling* around them. When viewing from the front of the pillar in the tomb at Yinan, the zhuque is at the top, the xuanwu at the bottom, the qinglong is on the right (east) and the baihu is on the left (west), the same as on the plaque. The central image on the gilt bronze plaque is an armed human figure dressed as a warrior, not the same as the hybrid on the wall of the Yinan tomb, but both convey similar meanings and ideas.

#### (d) Bronze belt-hooks

The *siling* were also favoured patterns on accessories, such as belt-hooks. All the four cardinal animals were found together, surrounding a central armed image, on three very similar belt-hooks in bronze with decorations cast in openwork. One of them has been in the British Museum Collection in London since 1947 (Pl. 61);<sup>221</sup> the second one was published by Minao Hayashi (Pl. 61.2);<sup>222</sup> the third was excavated from a brick tomb at Donggangtou Village in Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province (Pl. 61.1).<sup>223</sup>

The beastly figure in the centre of these belt-hooks holds a sword in its right hand and a shield in its left hand, a sword with its right foot and an axe with its left foot. Around it are images of the siling: qinglong is on the left, baihu on the right, zhuque with opened wings is modelled in frontal view at the top, and xuanwu at the bottom. These three examples are very similar in size and depiction, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>220</sup> Zeng Zhaoyu 1956, rub. pls. 12-14 (Appendix: 106c). Discussed above, pp. 61-62 & n. 90. Appendix: 65.  $^{222}$  TG 46, 1974: 226-227 (Appendix: 84).

differences can only be seen in details, such as the wings of the *zhuque* and the way in which the figures in the centre of each hold the weapons.<sup>224</sup>

Like the armed figure on the square gilt bronze plaque from Wushan, and the armed hybrid image seen in the Yinan tomb, Hayashi believed the armed beast on the belt-hook to be a representation of Chiyou. Hayashi interprets it as an image of a "messenger from the Supreme God", because a four-word inscription "tian di shi zhe", was found on the leather belt attached to the belt-hook in question. However he also stated clearly that this piece was not scentifically excavated, and that it was possible that the inscription could be a fake. Nevertheless, he believes that the central image is a powerful deity expected to protect the deceased against evil spirits, while, according to him the *siling* are mainly depicted to indicate the four directions. The British Museum follows Hayashi in identifying the central figure on the belt-hook in its collection as Chiyou.

Whether the deity is Zongbu, Chiyou, or some other mythological figure, the aggressive stances of all three images suggest that they represent a powerful deity, and are probably depicted to serve the same purpose of protecting the deceased. Secondly, although these figures must be powerful beings, they are different from the Supreme God whose posture is always godlike, imposing and static, <sup>229</sup> as the

<sup>223</sup> KG 1960, no. 12: 656 (Appendix: 83).

The unclear rubbings of the one excavated from Donggangtou in Hebei and the one published by Minao Hayashi create difficulties in comparing the pictorial depictions on these three belt-hooks. Hayashi, however, when comparing the two examples, suggests that the only difference in their depiction is the way the weapons are held by the figure in the centre (*Ibid.*: 226).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>225</sup> See n. 90.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>226</sup> TG 46, 1974: 227.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>227</sup> *Ibid*.: 227-228.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>228</sup> British Museum collection registration number: OA 1936.11-18.50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>229</sup> Liu Yang 1998: 18-22. See pp. 58-60 above for the discussion on the seated image in the

seated image on the ceiling of the tomb in Qilin'gang (Pl. 31), which is superior to all the other heavenly deities. Thirdly, although these armed images are the highlights of these specimens, the images of the siling do not seem simply to indicate the four directions, as suggested by Hayashi. 230 Were the armed hybrid in the centre of the belt-hooks to be the only major subject, it could be depicted alone without being surrounded by the siling, as it is in the decoration on another bronze belt-hook (Pl. 62). The directional meaning in a belt-hook is less important than in the context of a tomb, as the case of the decoration on the Yinan pillar or the gilt bronze plaque fixed to the front panel of a coffin. Likewise the armed figures, the siling on these specimens also serve as guardians, as they do when they are depicted on other forms of art.

### Mirrors

The siling are one of the most favoured subjects of decoration for Han bronze mirrors, but it is not until the end of the Western Han period that the whole set of animal motifs began to be applied on mirrors. On mirrors of "TLV"<sup>231</sup> and shoudai (animal band)<sup>232</sup> types, images of the *siling* sometimes appear as a group of four, but they are more often depicted together with other deities. According to Luoyang Shaogou Hanmu, the earliest examples of mirrors with full features of a central

Qilin'gang tomb. <sup>230</sup> *TG* 46, 1974: 227-228.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>231</sup> On a "TLV" mirror, the central boss is enclosed within a square ornamented with "nipples" and characters of the "Twelve branches". The prominent part of the field is always decorated in four groups, with conventionalized animals and figures, and eight conical bosses, arranged at regular intervals by a linear design of so-called TLV form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>232</sup> In a general sense, all mirrors decorated with a belt of animal patterns can be classified as shoudai mirrors, but the name especially refers to mirrors which differ from the TLV type to the extent that they are not patterned with the three motifs, and this kind of mirror is also typical for the nipples which are interspersed between the animal patterns. The number of the nipples varies from

boss, four or eight nipples, inscriptions, the siling and other animals are believed to date before Wang Mang and to be at the height of their popularity during the Xin Dynasty and until the middle of the Eastern Han period. 233 Many mirrors mention the Xin Dynasty in their inscriptions, or state that they were made by the Shangfang or Directorate for Imperial manufactories, a workshop which "manufactured commodities of many sorts used in the imperial palace, in Han times reportedly including weapons". 234

The Chinese mirror has its specific format and meanings, on which it is not easy to find a consensus. Some scholars suggest that the patterns on mirrors of the "TLV" type are an indication of the earth and the sky and that a TLV mirror represents the universe in microcosm. 235 Others believe that a TLV mirror represents a building, 236 or a 亞-shaped palace of antiquity. 237 Some scholars in China have suggested that the TLV patterns either come from or have a close relation with the board used for the *liubo* game (Pl. 63).<sup>238</sup> My own view is that a TLV mirror symbolises the universe in microcosm and that because of this, it is always filled with heavenly deities, such as the siling and other immortals and omens.

The idea of the *siling*, as the animal gods of the four quarters, is well expressed on a TLV mirror, especially when the set of four animal motifs are arranged in four

four to nine (Bulling 1960: 68).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>233</sup> Luoyang Shaogou Han Mu: 165-168 & 174-175. Luoyang Shaogou Hanmu is the special report on the group of 225 graves found at Shaogou, Luoyang. Michael Loewe has suggested that the most elaborate of all schemes of classification of Han mirrors is to be seen in this report (Loewe 1994a: 210).
234 Hucker 1995: 407 (no. 4992).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>235</sup> Komei 1953: 107; Hayashi 1973: 10-12; Cammann 1987: 201-202.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>236</sup> Bulling 1955: 33-34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>237</sup> Lao Gan 1995; 25-26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>238</sup> WW 1979, no. 4: 36; Kong Xiangxing & Liu Yiman 1984: 83; Sun Ji 1991: 272-273.

fields, according to their corresponding directions. On mirrors with a central square, the "Twelve Earthly Branches", which refer to zi, chou, vin, mao, chen, si, wu, wei, shen, you, xu, hai, are always inscribed clockwise in four groups by the four inner sides of the larger square in the centre. When a TLV mirror is inscribed with the twelve branches, the qinglong is always situated at the side on which vin, mao and chen, are inscribed, the baihu beside si, wu and wei, the zhuque beside shen, you and xu, and the xuanwu besides hai, zi and chou (Pl. 92). This is a clear indication that the sequence of the siling begins with the xuanwu, followed by the ginglong, baihu and zhuque in that order.

Based on the Shi Ji<sup>239</sup> and Hou Han Shu,<sup>240</sup> Sun Ji suggests that the qinglong, the zhuque, the baihu, and the xuanwu are always placed to the directions of yin, si, shen and hai, corresponding to the directions of the four altars of the gods of the four directions, and when the qilin is added to form the pattern of the wuling for the decoration of the TLV mirror, the image of the qilin is placed to the southwest which is equivalent to the direction of wei (Pl. 92).<sup>241</sup>

Loewe has clearly pointed out the symbolism of the TLV mirror and how the *siling* and the central boss of such a mirror may symbolise the wuxing or five elements:

<sup>239</sup> According to Shi Ji · Feng Shan Shu, in the fifth year of Yuanding (112 B.C.), "[武帝] 幸甘泉、 令祠官寬舒等具太一祠壇、 ..... 五帝壇環居其下, 各如其方, 黄帝西南。 [Wudi] arrived at the Ganquan [shrine], ordered the temple officials, such as Kuan Shu, to prepare the shrine for the god Taiyi,.....below are the shrines of the Five Gods, surrounding the shrine of Taiyi according to their directions, the shrine of Huangdi is in the southwest." (Shi Ji, j. 28: 1394).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>240</sup> According to Hou Han Shu·Ji Si Zhi·shang,"青帝位在甲寅之地,赤帝位在丙巳之地,黄 帝位在丁未之地, 白帝位在庚申之地,黑帝位在 壬亥之地。Qingdi is situated at the direction of iiavin: Chidi is situated at the direction of bingsi; Huangdi is situated in the direction of dingwei; Baidi is situated in the direction of gengshen; Heidi is situated in the direction of renhai." (Hou Han Shu, zhi 6: 3159). <sup>241</sup> WW 1982, no. 3: 66-67.

"Both the decorative details and the inscriptions of the TLV mirrors display their all-powerful symbolism; for the mirrors were intended to set a man permanently in his correct relation with the cosmos and to escort him to life in the hereafter. The circular heavens surrounded the square earth; the central boss of the square could be taken as the axis of the universe; alternatively it can be taken as a symbol of earth, corresponding with the four beasts who symbolize the other members of the *Wu hsing* (wuxing)".<sup>242</sup>

There are relatively few examples of TLV mirrors on which the four cardinal animals alone are depicted in the four fields, unaccompanied by other patterns. One example is in the Lüshun Museum collection, Liaoning Province (Pl. 64); on another mirror excavated from Huayin County, Shaanxi Province, the four animals are set off by more decorative and complicated background patterns (Pl. 65). Some of the TLV mirrors with similar depictions of the *siling* contain no nipples (Pls. 66 & 67), and sometimes, instead of the typical single long-tailed *zhuque*, a pair of birds was depicted to represent the South (Pl. 68).

In the majority of cases, each of the four main fields of a TLV mirror is shared by one of the four sacred animals and one or more other heavenly images, such as immortals, auspicious birds or animals (Pl. 92.1). In most cases, the *qinglong* is paired with a bird (Pls. 70, 92.1(1-5)),<sup>243</sup> and sometimes an immortal (Pls. 69,

<sup>242</sup> Loewe 1994a: 83.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>243</sup> The TLV mirror shown on Pl. 70 is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of thirty-five characters, reading, "作佳竞我真大好, 上有仙

92.1(6)) or an animal (Pl. 71).<sup>244</sup> In some cases, the *qinglong* is accompanied by more than one immortal or bird, for example, on a TLV mirror dated to the Wang Mang period, the *qinglong* is accompanied by images of several birds and immortals (Pl. 72).<sup>245</sup> On another mirror with very similar depiction, the *qinglong* is depicted with a human-headed bird and an immortal, and spaces all over the main field are filled with bird motifs (Pl. 73). Although the *siling* are difficult to distinguish from the other animals on this mirror, the inscription clearly refers to their directional and apotropaic functions: "The dragon on the left and the tiger on the right protect from harm, the red bird and the *xuanwu* accord with the *yin* and *yang*."<sup>246</sup> The *baihu* on a TLV mirror, opposite the *qinglong*, is often matched with another animal (Pls. 69, 70, 74, 92.1(2-6)), or a bird (Pls. 71 & 75), or several animals and birds (Pl. 73). The *zhuque* on a TLV mirror is found to be paired with different kinds of motifs, such as an animal (Pls. 76, 92.1(1-6)), an immortal (Pls.

人不知老,喝飲玉泉飢食棗,浮游天下敖四海,壽如金石為國保。 Making the fine mirror is exactly right for me. An immortal in heaven who has no idea of getting old, he drinks from the Jade Springs when thirsty, eats dates when hungry. He roams around the world and travels everywhere, his longevity outlasts metal and stone and the country is protected." It is in the Cleveland Museum of Art.

This TLV mirror, also in the Cleveland Museum of Art, is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of thirty-five characters, reading, identical to that in Pl. 70 (see n. 243).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>245</sup> This TLV mirror is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of fifty-six characters, reading, "王氏昭竟四夷服,多賀新家人民息,胡虜珍滅天下複,風雨時節五谷熟,百姓歡喜得佳德,長保二親受大福,傳吉後世子孫力,千秋萬年樂無極 Wang displays the mirror and subdues the barbarians in all directions, all congratulations to the families of Xin Dynasty as people can take rest, the barbarians are conquered and the world is restored, the periods of wind and rain are regulated and the five grains mature, the people are happy, they receive the good virtue. May your parents long be preserved, may you enjoy the great fortune, passing the auspices to later generations, giving strength to sons and grandsons, happiness will be enjoyed forever without end." (Chinese Art Society of America, Asia House 1961: 70.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>246</sup> This TLV mirror is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of forty-nine words, reading, "新有善銅出丹陽,凍治銀錫清而明,尚方御鏡大無傷,左龍右虎辟不羊,朱鳥玄武順陰陽,子孫具備居中央,壽如金石如侯王。During the Xin [Dynasty], good copper is produced from Danyang, the mirror made by this copper is clear and bright. The mirrors made by the *Shangfang* are unparalleled anywhere. The dragon on the left and the tiger on the right protect from harm, the Red bird and the Black Warrior accord with the *yin* and *Yang*. May the descendants in ample line occupy the centre, may your longevity outlast metal and stone, like that of nobles and kings." (Moriya Kozo 1969, col. pl. 3.)

71 & 75), or an animal ridden by an immortal (Pls. 72 & 73). In some cases, the *zhuque* is depicted with another bird (Pls. 69 & 70). The *xuanwu* on a bronze mirror is often depicted as a turtle entwined by a snake and is mostly accompanied by an immortal (Pls. 70, 73, 74, 76, 92.1 (1-6))<sup>247</sup> or an animal (Pls. 71, 77, 92.1 (6)).<sup>248</sup> There are also examples in which the snake and the turtle are separated into two images, each of which occupies half of the field in the North (Pl. 69.4).

In some cases (e.g. Pls. 70, 71, 77-81), the *siling* face other motifs across the corners of the central square, rather than along each side as in Pls. 64-69. On Pl. 79, the *qinglong* is paired with an immortal, the *baihu* is paired with a deer, the *zhuque* is paired with and facing a bird, whereas the *xuanwu* is matched with another animal.<sup>249</sup>

When analysing the pictorial representations on Han mirrors, Su Jian suggested that the depiction of an immortal and a *siling* motif shows the process of going up to the heavens; the depiction of the *baihu* and an immortal has an additional connotation of bringing the heavenly scene to the world; the *zhuque* and an auspicious animal or bird carry favourable wishes; and the combination of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>247</sup> This TLV mirror shown in Pl. 74 is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of forty-two characters, reading, "尚方作竞真大好,上有仙人不知老,喝飲玉泉飢食棗,徘徊名山采芝草,浮游天下敖四海,壽如金石為國保。How wonderful is the mirror made by the Imperial Manufactory. There is an immortal above who has no idea of getting old, he gets drink from the Jade Springs when thirsty, he eats dates when hungry. He wanders around the famous mountains to pick the mythic fungus and fragrant herbs. He roams around the world and travels everywhere, his longevity outlasts metal and stone, and the country is protected." (Guo Yuhai 1996: 33.)

This TLV mirror shown in Pl. 77 is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of fifty-six characters, the same as the mirror shown in Pl. 70 (see n. 243) (Guo Yuhai 1996: 32.)

<sup>(</sup>see n. 243) (Guo Yuhai 1996: 32.)

This TLV mirror is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of thirty-six characters, reading exactly the same as the inscription in thirty-five characters on the mirror shown in Pl. 70 (n. 243) with the addition of the final particle  $\frac{1}{2}xi$  (National Palace Museum 1986, pl. 44.)

xuanwu and a toad, a deity in the moon, means brightness.<sup>250</sup> It is true that arrangements of the siling and the other celestial and auspicious motifs on the main field of a TLV mirror not only fill the spaces available, but also convey certain meanings and wishes, but Su Jian's own suppositions are far too precise without being supported by relevant texts or evidences. The long inscriptions on these mirrors help to understand the meanings and wishes conveyed.

However, there does not seem to have any fixed rule in the above combinations, the only constancy in the arrangement is that the siling are generally depicted according to their locations among the "Twelve Branches" and their directions in the sky. There are a few exceptions. On one TLV mirror, the directions of the ginglong and the baihu are reversed, instead of being depicted at yin of the "Twelve Branches", the *ainglong* is depicted at *iia*, and vice-versa for the *haihu* (Pl. 80).<sup>251</sup> On another mirror, the zhuque is placed opposite the qinglong, while the baihu and the xuanwu are placed on the other two sides (Pl. 81). These cases are only in a minority and may simply because of the carelessness of the artisans or their ignorance of the rules that governing the representation of the siling.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>250</sup> Su Jian 1996: 95-97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>251</sup> This TLV mirror is decorated with images of the *siling* and other immortals, birds and animals, and an inscription of thirty-three characters, reading, "尚方作竟真大好, 上有仙人不知老, 喝飲玉 泉飢食棗, 浮游天下敖四海, 壽如金石兮。Mirrors made by the Shangfang are good. An immortal in heaven who has no idea of getting old, he gets drink from the Jade Springs when feeling thirsty, eats dates when feeling hungry. He roams around the world and travels everywhere, and his longevity outlasts metal and stone." (Lüshun bowuguan 1997, pl. 37.)

This TLV mirror is decorated with images of the siling and other immortals, birds and animals, an inscription of twenty-eight words, reading, "新有善銅出丹陽, 以之為鏡清且明, 左龍右虎掌 四彭. 爵朱玄武順陰陽。 Xin has good copper produced from Danyang, mirror made with this copper is clear and bright. The dragon on the left and the tiger on the right control the four lands, the Red bird and the Black Warrior accord with the yin and yang", and a four-character inscription in the corners of the central square, reading, "君宜子孫 Your lordship will have descendants". The Twelve Branches are not inscribed on this mirror (Moriva 1969, pl. 1.)

Another type of mirror has a broad band (dai) with animals (shou) in the main field and so is known as shoudai. The siling motifs on shoudai mirrors frequently appear in this band with more complicated decorations of nipples and other patterns. When there are four nipples, the images of the four sacred animals are interspersed between them (Pls. 82 & 83), sometimes accompanied by other images of animals or of immortals (Pls. 84 & 85). On some of the shoudai mirrors with four nipples, the bodies of the four animals are symbolised by two long parallel S-shaped lines, while only their heads are clearly depicted (Pl. 86).

Representations of the *siling* on *shoudai* mirrors are mostly found on the *siling sanrui* (four *ling* and three *rui*) type, on which images of the four spiritual animals and another three *rui* or auspicious deities in the principal field are separated by seven nipples, representing stars,<sup>253</sup> and the outer border is sometimes inscribed with characters. On one *siling sanrui* mirror which is dated to "the seventh year of Yongping" (A.D. 64), the *qinglong* is followed in a clockwise direction by the *xuanwu*, a one-horned animal, another one-horned animal, the *baihu*, the *zhuque*, an animal and an immortal (Pl. 87).<sup>254</sup> On another mirror of similar format on Pl. 89, the animal designs are more complex. The *qinglong* is depicted with an immortal, followed clockwise by the *zhuque* and a bird ridden by an immortal, two deer ridden by two immortals, the *baihu* ridden by an immortal, two face-to-face

A siling sanrui mirror is also called "seven nipples" or "seven stars" mirror, as seven nipples are applied for the separation of the seven deities (Bulling 1960: 69).

<sup>254</sup> This siling samrui mirror, decorated with images of the siling, three animals and immortal, and an inscription of fifty words, reading, "尚方御鏡大無傷, 巧工和之成文章, 左龍右虎辟不羊, 朱 鳥玄武順陰陽, 上有仙人不知老, 喝飲玉泉飢食棗, 永平七年九月造真。 The mirrors made by the Shangfang are unparalleled anywhere. The dragon on the left and the tiger on the right protect from harm, the Red bird and the Black Warrior accord with the yin and Yang. An immortal in heaven who has no idea of getting old, he gets drink from the Jade Springs when feeling thirsty, eats dates when feeling hungry. The mirror was made in the ninth month of the seventh year of Yongping." (Umehara 1943, pl. 4).

animals, the xuanwu with an immortal and a little bird, and two other animals. On shoudai mirrors, because of the constraints on the main field created by the nipples, it is not possible to place the siling separately and concretely to the four main quarters (see Pls. 89, 90).

Besides appearing in the main field of mirrors, the four animal motifs are sometimes used as decoration in the band at the outer rim of the mirror (Pls. 89, 90, 91). On the siling sanrui mirror in Pl. 90,255 the outer band is decorated with the four animal spirits and two S-shaped patterns. The set of sacred animals on bronze mirror also appears in other forms. On the gilt bronze mirror in Pl. 91, formerly in a Japanese private collection, the inner circle is patterned with the TLV and spiral designs, and on the shoudai or animal band outside this, the four sacred animals are arranged in appropriate directions amid cloud patterns. It is also interesting to note that, the *qinglong* and *baihu* symbols on Chinese bronze mirrors always occupy bigger sections in the band of the outer rim of the mirrors. It shows that among the two pairs of opposites of the siling images, the qinglong and baihu pair is superior to the zhuque and xuanwu pair (Pls. 89 & 90). This corresponds exactly to the unequal sectors occupied by the four asterisms in the sky that are reflections of the varying lengths of the four seasons in the Huanghe (Yellow River) area.<sup>256</sup> It also accords with Feng Shi's suggestion I stated earlier (p. 98, see also p. 134 below) that, because of the relationship between East/ West, sun/moon, and agriculture, the animals of the East and the West appears in an earlier stage of the development of the *siling* and are more important among the four.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>255</sup> Bulling suggests that this kind of mirror flourished from the middle of the first until well into 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D. (Bulling 1960: 69)
<sup>256</sup> WW 1990, no. 3: 52-60, 69. The span of the eastern asterism, canglong is 75°50'; the northern,

As stated by A. Bulling, a bronze mirror represents "the canopy of heaven" and mirrors "were decorated with symbols pertaining to the sky such as thunder and cloud patterns, stars, constellation signs, or else, spirits and immortals traveling across the sky."<sup>257</sup> As noted earlier, locations of the *siling* on TLV mirrors correspond not only with the cardinal directions to their directions, but also with the "Twelve Branches". It is because a mirror itself is a reflection of the sky that the siling on a mirror have to correspond with the "Twelve Branches". On Pls. 89 & 90, however, we can see that although the sequence of the four animals stays the same, the outer band rotates independently of the inner band, reflecting the apparent movement of the constellations in the sky.

A few Western Han shipan were excavated from the tomb of Marquis of Yuyin at Fuyang, Anhui Province.<sup>258</sup> One of them has a circular disc that revolves on a square plate which represents the sky and the earth, respectively; they are both inscribed with the characters of the twenty-eight xiu, and both have a depiction of the beidou in the middle.<sup>259</sup> It is a good example to show how the sky-plate and the earth-plate work together, and this is exactly what Eugene Wang suggests when describing how the *liuren*-type cosmic board articulates the traditional Chinese cosmology:

"It [the liuren-type cosmic board] consists of two plates. Patterned after the ancient Chinese cosmological vision of the round heaven and the square earth, the upper plate of the shi-board symbolizes heaven by

xuanwu, 101°10'; the western, baihu, 75°40'; the southern, zhuque, 112°40'.

Bulling 1960: 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>258</sup> KG 1978, no. 5: 338-343.

virtue of its circularity, and the lower plate signals the earth by virtue of its squareness. The hole in the centre of the heaven-plate can be fitted onto the central pole of the earth-plate, and the heaven-plate can rotate in relation to the earth-plate."<sup>260</sup>

# (ii) Pottery objects

#### (a) Jars and lids

Images of the qinglong, the baihu and two zhuque are also depicted on the bodies of some Western Han Dynasty hu vessels excavated from Luoyang (Pls. 93 & 93.1. 94). 261 The animal images on these hu vessels are arranged in a very similar way to the boshan-type hill censer excavated from the tomb of Dou Wan, the wife of Prince Jing of Zhongshan (r. 154 - 113 B.C.) (Pl. 58 & 58.1). The only difference is that, instead of a camel, a second *zhuque* is depicted opposite the bird of the South, on the hu vessels from Luoyang.

The appearance of the dragon and turtle-and-snake motifs (Pls. 9 & 10) on separate hollow bricks found from the Luojingshi in the Yangling area show that the turtle-and-snake xuanwu image appeared not later than the period of Emperor Jingdi (r. 156-140 B.C.). This xuanwu image also appears as one of the siling on the bronze braziers, the pushou in jade and the group of moulded bricks from the Maoling area. However, on the boshan censer and the hu vessels from Luoyang,

<sup>259</sup> *Ibid.*, fig. 1.
<sup>260</sup> *Res* 35 (Spring 1999): 82 & fig. 11.
<sup>261</sup> Appendix: 41, 42.

which like the braziers can be dated to the reign of Emperor Wudi, the animal of the North is represented by a camel or a second phoenix, respectively. These examples suggest that the *xuanwu* image first appeared during the reign of Emperor Jingdi or not much earlier, and that at this time, there were still alternatives to the turtle-and-snake *xuanwu* image representing the North, such as camel or a second phoenix.

Complete sets of *siling* motifs and a toad were depicted on a group of hemispherical-shaped pottery lids excavated from the Central Plain. They were probably lids of *boshan* censers. A pair of these was excavated from a tomb of the Xin or early Eastern Han Dynasty in Zaoyang City, Hubei Province (Pl. 95). Another pair of these *siling* pottery lids were excavated in Xiawan M1 in Zhechuan County, Henan Province, a tomb dated to the Xin Dynasty. They are glazed in red and are slightly larger than the pair from Zaoyang City. Similar examples were also excavated from a tomb with *siling* images engraved on stone doors in Fangcheng County in Henan Province, and from Jingmen in Hubei Province.

#### (b) Stove models

Pottery stove models in clay were one of the most popular funeral objects during the Han Dynasty. The stove is very important for the Chinese because it is the natural heart and gathering place of the household, and it would also make a natural

<sup>262</sup> Appendix: 1b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>263</sup> JHKG 1994, no. 4: 19-21 (Appendix: 80).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>264</sup> Zhao Chengfu 1990: 28 (Appendix: 53).

Both lids measure 15 cm in diameter and 7.4 cm in height.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>266</sup> WW 1984, no. 3: 38-46 (Appendix: 54a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>267</sup> JHKG 1994, no. 4: 19-21 (Appendix: 81).

abode for a household god.<sup>268</sup> A pottery stove model patterned with a complete set of *siling* motifs, reported to have been excavated from Shaanxi Province, is collected in the Cleveland Museum of Art (Pl. 96, 96.1 & 96.2).<sup>269</sup> It is in the shape of a rectangular box with two raised cones on the top for heating pots, and the four cardinal spirits are depicted on the four sides, with other figure and bird images. Another stove model with very similar representations of the *siling* is found in the Buffalo Museum of Science (Pl. 97, 97.1-97.4).<sup>270</sup> The Cleveland stove model is said to come from Shaanxi Province and is dated to the late Western Han Dynasty (first century B.C.) by the museum.<sup>271</sup> Nothing is known about the provenance of the stove model in the Buffalo Museum of Science.

The images on the Cleveland stove model are moulded in low relief and with some more prominent details. On the front side of the model, a little owl-like bird is depicted in profile at the top of an arch, and flanking on either side of the arch is a turtle entwined with a serpent (Pls. 96 & 96.1). On the right side, a winged man is feeding a writhing scaled and winged dragon (Pls. 96.1 & 96.2). On the left side, a man is jousting a leaping tiger (Pl. 96). On the rear panel, a phoenix with an elegant tail is facing right. (Pl. 96.2) Two fish patterns are depicted on the top (Pl. 96.3).

The Buffalo stove model is patterned in a very similar way (Pl. 97). On its front panel, a stepped gable is built above the opening of the fire chamber, above which is a flying bird represented by only a few lines, and the pair of snake-interlaced

<sup>269</sup> BCMA 1990 Oct.: 301 (Appendix: 16).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>268</sup> Chard 1990: 127-139.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>270</sup> BBMS 26 (2): 36-46 (Appendix: 149). The piece was purchased in 1944.

The Cleveland Museum of Art bought the stove model in 1925. The museum has no record of its former owner.

turtles in upright pose are symmetrically depicted on either side of the blind frame representing the opening of the fire chamber (Pl. 97.1). On the rear panel is a phoenix leaping towards the right on one leg (Pl. 97.4). On the right panel, a winged man is fighting a dragon, and on the left, a man fighting a tiger (Pls. 97.2 & 97.3). On the top, besides the two fish patterns, there are also a small animal and a bird (Pl. 97.5).

Representations on stove models are always related to daily life. Food and vessels (Pl. 98), architectural buildings and human figures (Pls. 99 & 100), auspicious omens, such as the stove god (Pls. 101 & 102), spirit tree (Pl. 98) and fish (Pls. 102, 103 & 104) are popular subjects in stove model decorations. Animal images such as those on the Cleveland and Buffalo stove models are popular. One example is found on a stove model formerly in a Chinese private collection (present whereabouts unknown) (Pl. 105). On the front panel of the model, two human figures stand on either side of the fire chamber, a fighting scene of a tiger and an ox-like animal is depicted at the rear. On one side panel, a man is taming an ox, and on the other side, a lancer is pursuing a tiger. On another stove model in the Mottahedeh Collection, the *qinglong* and the *baihu* are depicted on the two sides, while on either side of the fire chamber are two human figures and on the top are three fish and some lozenge patterns (Pl. 106). As far as we know, there is no excavated stove model on which the *siling* are depicted in a complete set on the side walls according to their respective directions.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>272</sup> Ding Peng 1996: 328-331.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>273</sup> The China Institute in America 1968: 25.

When I was travelling around different provinces of China, I asked for advice from experts on the topic. The scholars I met could not think of any excavated stove models with similar representations of the *siling* on the four sides.

According to Ding Peng, pottery stove models emerge around the mid-Western Han Dynasty, and reach a climax in late Western Han to early Eastern Han Dynasty (first century B.C. to first century A.D.).<sup>275</sup> During this period, decorations developed gradually from simple geometric designs into complicated combinations of patterns, and besides engraved lines, the patterns also began to be moulded in bas-relief.

### (iv) Other objects bearing siling images

### (a) Jade pendant

The *siling* are also found in a complete set on an Eastern Han Dynasty jade pendant in the Shanghai Museum (Pl. 107). The *siling* images on the piece are carved in openwork and decorated with incised details. The central section is sub-divided into two levels by a horizontal bar, the *zhuque* with extended wings is carved at the top, and the *xuanwu* represented by a turtle entwined by a snake is on top of a horizontal fish-shaped platform carved at the bottom. The *qinglong* on the right and the *baihu* on the left are carved upright on the two short sides, separated from the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* by two vertical pillars. The piece can be viewed from both sides. Both vertical pillars are also inscribed on both sides, reading, "*yanshou wannian changyi zisun 延壽萬年長宜子孫* longevity extended for ten thousand years, always suitable for the sons and grandsons". The fine animal carvings and

<sup>276</sup> Lu Zhaoyin 1993, pl. 233 (Appendix: 151).

The first stage refers to early Western Han period (2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C.), in which some of the stove models are decorated with very simple side patterns, but most of them are unadorned. The third and final stage starts from middle to late Eastern Han Dynasty (2<sup>nd</sup> century to early 3<sup>rd</sup> century A.D.), when the quantity of stove models and the quality of their decoration is reduced rapidly because of the unstable political conditions (Ding Peng 1996: 332-333).

inscriptions on the object suggest that it should be an ornament.

In comparing the jade *pushou* from the Maoling District (Pl. 3) and this jade piece, we can recognise that, on the *pushou*, the animal mask is the major subject, accompanied by the four cardinal animal motifs, but on the latter, the set of *siling* itself is the major content. The fine inscriptions on the tiny jade piece also show how the set of four animal motifs was associated with wishes for longevity during the Eastern Han Dynasty, besides indicating the four directions and guarding the soul of the deceased to his new home.

#### (b) Stone headrests

The *siling* motifs also appear as decorations on a pair of painted headrests in stone, excavated from M2 at Wangdu County, Hebei Province, which has become very well-known for its important mural paintings.<sup>277</sup> The tomb is dated to the fifth year of Guanghe of the Eastern Han Dynasty (182 A.D.).<sup>278</sup>

The two headrests, excavated in fragments in the middle chamber of the tomb, are exactly the same shape and size. Each of them is made up of three stone plaques, roughly square in shape, notched and drilled to receive twelve long rectangular stone slabs (ten at the top and the sides and two wider ones at the bottom) which join them and provide the framework of the headrest (Fig. 34).<sup>279</sup> The three

Hebeisheng wenhuaju gongzuodui 1959: 11-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>277</sup> KGTX 1958, no. 4: 66-71; Hebeisheng wenhuaju gongzuodui 1959: 11-12 & pl. 27-37 (Appendix: 88); Zhang Anzhi 1986, pl. 84 & description pp. 44-45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>278</sup> The tomb was first dated around the third year of Xiping (A.D. 174) by Lin Shuzhong (*KGTX* 1958, no. 4: 71); but it was re-dated to the fifth year of Guanghe of the Eastern Han Dynasty (A.D. 182) when a dated brick was excavated (Zhang Anzhi 1986, description pp. 44-45).

plaques have chamfered upper corners. They form the end and the middle of the headrest, and have pictorial designs on both sides, with contour lines and sawtooth designs on the projecting areas left between the notches. The motifs were first outlined in ink, and then painted in red and gold leaf.

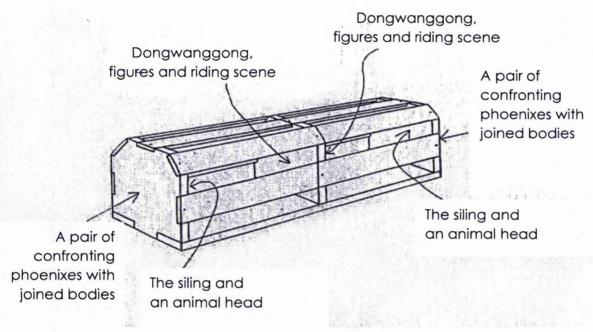


Fig. 34: Line drawing showing the shape and structure of one of two painted stone headrests, excavated from M2 at Wangdu County, Hebei Province.

Both sides of the stone slabs at the top and the inner surfaces of the two long slabs at the bottom are painted with figure and animal images, riding scenes and cloud designs. On one side of the middle plaques, five winged and kneeling figures are depicted at the top above an irregular base line. Below them, three riders are riding on a cloud chariot drawn by three deer. The driver holds the bridle with one hand and flourishes a whip to urge on the animals with the other. The scene has been interpreted as showing Dongwanggong, King Father of the East. On the other side of the same plaque, thought to show Xiwangmu, the Queen Mother of the

West,<sup>281</sup> there are again five kneeling figures at the top. Below them is another riding scene, with a driver and one passenger in a cart pulled by three deer (Pl. 108). On both sides, the spaces between the figures are filled with flowing cloud designs.

The designs on the stone plaques at the two ends are the same. A pair of confronting phoenixes is depicted on each of the outer surfaces. They face each other and their bodies appear to be joined. A plant grows from a stem between their feet and fills the space between their necks and beaks. Each of them displays one wing and long tail feathers, the whole composition is symmetrical and balanced (Pl. 108.1).

The paintings on the inner surfaces of the two end plates are similar to each other. The phoenix is at the top and the turtle-and-snake at the bottom. In between these two animals is a large animal mask with a gaping mouth. The two animals flanking it appear rather like heraldic supporters, facing each other and standing on their hind legs (Pl. 108.2). Some Chinese scholars have identified both of them as the *qinglong*, regarding the animal head drawn in the middle of the piece as that of the *baihu*. However, this view appears to be mistaken: although the animal on the left has an extended body, its head is clearly feline and not that of a dragon, so it is certainly the *baihu*. Thus, there are two complete representations of the *siling*, one inside each end of the headrest (the large head in the middle of each group may of course be yet another reference to the *baihu*). From a cave tomb in Sichuan, an

<sup>280</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>281</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>282</sup> *Ibid*.

image of a leaping tiger was excavated (Pl. 110).<sup>283</sup> Its head is depicted full-face; its wide-open mouth, big round eyes and semi-circular ears are all comparable to the animal head on the headrests.

In Han pictorial representation, images of the long (dragon) and the hu (tiger) are often quite similar in their body shapes, but they can be distinguished by examining the shapes of their heads, and the patterns on their bodies. The dragon is always scaled and the tiger striped. On a stone from a dated stone-structured tomb at Cangshan, Shandong Province (Pl. 36), a dragon is carved on the right and a tiger on the left.<sup>284</sup> There is no difference in their body shapes, but it is suggested by the shapes of their heads and their body patterns that they are not identical. On a side panel of a stone sarcophagus from Sichuan a dragon and a tiger are carved on the two sides of a jade bi (Pl. 109). 285 Their bodies are lengthy and very much alike. except for the triangular spines on the dragon's neck and near its tail, while the tiger has a smooth neck and back, and, of course, their heads are different. Both examples are dated to the late Eastern Han period, 286 more or less in the same period as the headrests from Wangdu. Here on the headrests, it is clear that the animal on the right has a dragon-shaped head, the head of the one on the left is slender but its body is striped. On that account, there can be no doubt that the animals on the two sides are the *qinglong* and the *baihu* respectively.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>283</sup> See Rudolph 1951: 23 & pl. 99. The vestibule from which this image was excavated has been named Laohu dong.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>284</sup> Appendix: 91a-b.
<sup>285</sup> Appendix: 119b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>286</sup> The Shaoshi Que is dated around the second year of Yanguang (123 A.D.) (Lü Pin 1990: 47). The tomb in Cangshan is dated by inscription to the first year of Yuanjia (151 A.D.) (KG 1975, no. 2: 126). Wu Hung divides the development of the pictorial stone coffins in Sichuan into three stages, suggesting that the first stage started from mid Eastern Han Dynasty (Wu Hung 1987a: 72). As we do not have archaeological examples earlier than this period, the coffin from Hejiang (SCWW 1988, no. 3: 17-24 & pls) should also be dated to the second half of the Eastern Han Dynasty.

#### Discussion

According to the very rich archaeological examples of the *siling* on funerary objects, and the *siling* specimens found in tomb decorations and above-ground structures as discussed in Chapters One and Two, the development of the *siling* representation can be divided into three main stages:

### (1) Before the Han Dynasty

There is no excavated example of the whole set of *siling* motifs that can be dated before the Han Dynasty (206 B.C. - A.D. 220). However, scholars have suggested an earlier date for the first appearance of the *siling*, on the basis of the dragon and tiger patterns found from the Neolithic tomb site at Xishuipo, Puyang, Henan Province.<sup>287</sup>

On the floor of M45 at the site in Xishuipo, a pair of animals was drawn with shells, flanking the skeleton of the deceased (Pl. 2). The principal occupant of the tomb was buried in an extended supine position, with the head pointing to the southeast. These two animals face away from the body, with their heads at its feet. The animal on the occupant's right, which looks like a dragon, is raising its head, its body bent and its limbs extended. On the skeleton's left is an animal which looks like a tiger in a walking posture. A group of shells which was intentionally arranged in a triangular form in combination with two human tibias, is located 35 centimetres

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>287</sup> WW 1988, no. 3: 1-6 (Appendix: 40).

north of the skeleton of the principal occupant, below the feet.<sup>288</sup> This triangular pattern has been identified as an image of the *beidou* (Dipper) in the North, with its handle symbolised by the human tibias, pointing to the East, and its container symbolised by the triangular arrangement of shells, pointing to the West.<sup>289</sup>

In his discussion of the astronomical questions raised by the tomb at Xishuipo, Feng Shi explains that, the unequal sectors occupied by the four asterisms in the sky exactly correspond to the varying lengths of the four seasons in the Huanghe (Yellow River) area, and because of the need for agricultural production, among the four main directions, East and West were first to be identified by the ancient Chinese. Because of their relations with the sun and the moon, East and West are always the two most important directions for agricultural production. Therefore, animal images associated with the East and the West appear at the earlier stage of the development of the *siling*, before those associated with the South and the North, and it is possibly because they are more important among the four, they are more frequently depicted.

The *qinglong* and the *baihu* images (and possibly also the *xuanwu* represented as a turtle) were also found on the lacquer clothes chest excavated from the Warring States (fifth century B.C.) tomb of Marquis Zeng Hou Yi at Sui County, Hubei Province, with names of the twenty-eight *xiu* and various constellation designs (Pls. 56 & 56.1).<sup>291</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>288</sup> WW 1988, no. 3: 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>289</sup> WW 1990, no. 3: 52-53; ZYWW 1996, no. 2: 22-23, 25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>290</sup> WW 1990, no. 3: 52-60, 69.

The example is the clothes chest from the tomb of Marquis Zeng Hou Yi dated to 433 B.C. (*WW* 1979, no. 7: 1-14, 40-45), discussed in detail with other related funerary representations of the *siling* in Chapter Three.

The paired animal patterns found in Xishuipo coincide with later representations of the dragon and the tiger, it is therefore widely believed that they are the earliest representations of the *qinglong* and *baihu*, animal images of the East and West, dated back to six thousand years ago.<sup>292</sup> It is, however, difficult to explain why these paired animal motifs appear as early as in the Neolithic period but did not appear again in a similar format until the Warring States period. The time gap is hard to explain. The paired animal motifs can only be taken as a possible origin of the *qinglong* and *baihu* images. This assumption needs to be supported by further researches and more archaeological evidences.

The *siling* motifs did not appear simultaneously. Archaeological materials have shown that dragon, tiger and phoenix are popular patterns in Chinese Art since the Neolithic period, and it is possible that the *qinglong*, *baihu* and *zhuque*, three of the four *siling* images, originate from images of the dragon, tiger and phoenix. The animal representation of the north is most commonly represented by the *xuanwu*, a turtle-and-snake, however, there are other alternatives, especially in the Western Han period, such as a camel, a second *zhuque*, a turtle or a snake, depicted individually. Therefore, we can conclude that the combined image of urtle-and-snake probably appeared during the later development of the *siling*. Archaeological evidence also suggests that the *qinglong* and *baihu* formed a pair long before they were combined with the other two as a set of four directional motifs. I will discuss in detail in Chapter Seven individual motifs among the *siling* and how they are combined and finally became a set of four.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>292</sup> WW 1988, no. 3: 3; JHKG 1993, no. 4: 87-89; ZYWW 1996, no. 1: 62-63.

## (2) Early Western Han Dynasty

The reign of Emperor Jingdi (r. 156-141 B.C.) was important in the development of the *siling* because it was possibly the period of emergence of the complete set of four animal motifs. The *qinglong* and *xuanwu* representations (Pls. 9 & 10) found on the hollow bricks found from the Luojingshi at the Yangling<sup>293</sup> suggests that complete set of *siling* motifs had possibly appeared during this period. The reign of Emperor Wudi (r. 140 – 87 B.C.) was another important stage of the *siling* development because during this period, complete sets of *siling* motifs appeared and was found in a various kinds of funerary art, such as a group of rectangular bricks with moulded patterns (Pls. 5-8), a *pushou* in jade (Pl. 3), a *boshan* censer (Pl. 58, with a camel instead of a turtle-and-snake for the *xuanwu*) and a group of bronze braziers (Pls. 59, 59.1-59.4). Although some of the *siling* bronze braziers in museums are without provenance, others were excavated from the Shaanxi and Shanxi areas and can be dated around the period of Emperor Wudi.

The *siling* representations during this early stage are relatively simple in context. The four animals either appear by themselves or only accompanied by simple patterns. The set of *siling* images is the sole pattern on the body of the bronze braziers excavated from the Maoling and other nearby places (Pls. 59 & 59.1). On the *hu* vessels excavated from Luoyang (Pls. 93 & 93.1, 94) and the funerary face-cover (Pl. 57.1) excavated from Tomb no. 14 at Huchang in Yangzhou,<sup>294</sup> the *siling* images are depicted with continuous cloud designs.

 $^{293}\,$  Ma Yongying & Wang Baoping 2001: 34 & 56.

# (3) From Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty to the Eastern Han period

The *siling* specimens from the mural tomb at Jinguyuan in Luoyang (Fig. 3) have shown that, starting from Wang Mang's Xin period, the *siling* are depicted with various mythological deities and related images. During the Eastern Han Dynasty, the later the date, the greater the number of mythological images that appear together with the *siling*. During the Eastern Han period, the winged immortal also became a very popular motif in pictorial representation, appearing with the *siling* motifs, not only in tomb interiors, but also on funerary objects, such as bronze mirrors (Pls. 69-75). In some of the middle to late Eastern Han examples (late second century to early third century A.D.) on funerary objects, the *siling* are depicted with complex mythological scenes and human activities at the same time in the same context.

On a square plaque excavated from Dianfenchang, the *siling* are depicted with a warrior-like human figure (Pl. 60).<sup>295</sup> On three very similar belt-hooks in bronze which can be dated to the Eastern Han Dynasty (first to second century A.D.), the *siling* images surrounded a central armed hybrid image (Pls. 61, 61.1 & 61.2). Although this armed figure has been identified as Chiyou or alternatively as a "messenger from the Supreme God", these different suggestions are not contradictory. According to its appearance and prime location on the specimens, it is a powerful deity depicted to serve the same purpose of protecting the tomb and the deceased.

<sup>294</sup> ZGWWB 1997. 11. 23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>295</sup> SCWW 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & plates; KG 1998, no. 12: 77-86 (pl. 8).

Archaeological examples has shown that, during the Eastern Han Dynasty, the siling images, two pairs of vinyang opposites, are always depicted with other pairs of yin and yang symbols, such as Fuxi and Nüwa, Xiwangmu and Dongwanggong, to convey the yinyang theory. For example, the siling motifs were found on a stone sarcophagus excavated from Jianyang County (Pl. 48.2)<sup>296</sup> and Luzhou (Pl. 49.1)<sup>297</sup> of the Sichuan Province, with various mythological images, including Fuxi and Nüwa in the former, and Xiwangmu and Dongwanggong in the latter. On the six plaques which made up a pair of painted headrests in stone dated to the fifth year of Guanghe (182 A.D.) was excavated from M2 at Wangdu County, Hebei Province, images of the siling were depicted with various celestial figure and animal images, including Xiwangmu and Dongwanggong (Pl. 108.3).<sup>298</sup>

During the middle to late Eastern Han Dynasty (late second century to early third century A.D.), the siling are always depicted among very complicated contexts with various celestial scenes and images. Furthermore, the content and nature of some of these Eastern Han siling examples are not anymore limited to cosmology or mythology, but are also related to human life and activities. This is clearly demonstrated by the abundance of siling examples on stone sarcophagi excavated from Sichuan. For example, on the rear of a sarcophagus from Fushun County.<sup>299</sup> Fuxi and Nüwa, and a snake-entwined turtle xuanwu image are depicted (Pl. 51.2); on the front panel is an official depicted under a pair of que-towers (Pl. 51.3). On the left wall, the qinglong is depicted with images of Xiwangmu, and riding and

SCWW 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & plates (Appendix: 124a-d).
 SW 1988, no. 3: 18; SCWW 1991, pls.; Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 42-43.
 Hebeisheng wenhuaju gongzuodui 1959: 11-12 & pl. 27-37; WW 1959, no. 12: 31-32.

hunting scenes (Pl. 51); on the right wall, the *baihu* is depicted along with a rectangular net design, a farmer holding an agricultural tool, and three other men (Pl. 51).

Finally, it should be noted that, in a number of Eastern Han tombs, especially in the decoration of stone doors, the *xuanwu* is not always represented together with the other three directional animals. Instead, on the tomb doors from the Henan area, figures of armed guards are seen with the *qinglong*, *baihu* and *zhuque* (Figs. 8-13, 16-18); and on a group of Eastern Han tomb doors excavated from various sites in the Northern Shannxi area, we always find a pair of charging bulls depicted together with a pair of *zhuque*, *qinglong* and *baihu* (Pl. 111). These examples suggest that there might still have alternatives for depicting the guardian spirits of the north at this time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>299</sup> Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 40-41.

# Chapter Four: Textual Evidence for the Four Guardian Animals

Faced with such a wealth of material evidence for the four guardian animals, we should examine surving classical texts for clues to their origins and significances. This thesis uses the term *siling*, which is first found in *Li ji • Li Yun*:

"四靈以為畜, 故飲食有由也。何謂四靈? 麟鳳龜龍。By means of the *siling*, domestic animals are reared, thus they are the source of food and drink. What are the *siling*? The *lin* (unicorn), the *feng* (phoenix), the *gui* (turtle) and the *long* (dragon)."<sup>300</sup>

The *siling* mentioned in *Li Ji* are simply a group of auspicious deities with individual origins in Chinese mythology. Their appearances are reported very often in the ancient sacred narratives and were interpreted as good omens, bringing fortune and fulfilling wishes.<sup>301</sup> None of them here corresponds to any of the four cardinal points, although three of them, phoenix, turtle and dragon, do correspond to the apopearance of three of the four directional animals. However, in *Shuo wen jie zi*, Xu Shen (c.55 - c.149) comments as follows: "According to *Li Yun* [of the *Li Ji*], *lin*, *feng*, *gui* and *long* are the so-called *siling*. *Long* is in the east, *hu* is in the west, *feng* is in the south, *gui* is in the north, and *lin* is in the centre."<sup>302</sup>

The earliest datable record of the four cardinal animals is found in the chapter of *Huai Nan Zi* • *Tian Wen Xun* (comp. c. 140 - 139 B.C.) in a passage about the Five

For the reports of the appearances of these auspicious omens during the Western Han Dynasty, see Xi Han hui yao, vols. 29-30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>300</sup> LJZY, j. 22: 197 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 2: 1425).

何謂五星? 東方木也, 其帝太皞, 其佐句芒, 執規而治春, 其神為 歲星, 其獸蒼龍, 其音角,其日甲乙。南方火也, 其帝炎帝, 其佐朱 明, 執衡而治夏, 其神為熒惑, 其獸朱鳥, 其音徵, 其日丙丁。中央 土也, 其帝黄帝, 其佐后土, 執繩而製四方, 其神鎮星, 其獸黃龍, 其音宫, 其日戊己。西方金也, 其帝少昊, 其佐蓐收, 執矩而治秋, 其神為太白, 其獸白虎, 其音商, 其日庚辛。北方水也, 其帝顓頊, 其佐玄冥, 執權而治冬, 其神為辰星, 其獸玄武, 其音羽, 其日玉 癸。What are the five planets? The East is Wood. Its di (god) is taihao. Its zuo (assistant) is jumang. It grasps the compass and governs spring. Its shen (spirit) is suixing (Jupiter). Its shou (animal) is the canglong. Its musical note is jiao. Its days are jia and yue. The south is Fire. Its god is Yandi. Its assistant is zhuming. It grasps the balance-beam and governs summer. Its spirit is yinghuo (Mars). Its animal is zhuniao. Its musical note is zheng. Its days are bing and ding. The centre is Earth, its god is Huangdi. Its assistant is houtu (Sovereign of the Soil). It grasps the marking cord and governs the four quarters. Its spirit is zhenxing (Saturn). Its animal is huanglong. Its musical note is gong. Its days are wu and ji. The west is Metal. Its god is shaohao. Its assistant is rushou. It grasps the T-square and governs autumn. Its spirit is taibai (Venus). Its animal is the baihu. Its musical note is shang. Its days are geng and xin. The north is Water. Its god is zhuanxu.

<sup>302</sup> LJZY, j. 22: 197 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 2: 1425).

The *Huai Nan Zi* is a collection of essays compiled sometime before 139 B.C. by Liu An (c.179-122 B.C.), Prince of Huai Nan, and scholars recruited by him; see Loewe 1993: 189 and *ibid*:

Its assistant is *xuanming*. It grasps the plumb-weight and governs winter. Its spirit is *chenxing* (Mercury). Its animal is the *xuanwu*. Its musical note is *yu*. Its days are *ren* and *gui*. 304

Following the text in *Huai Nan Zi*, together with the *huanglong* as the animal associated with Earth (the centre), the animals associated with the four cardinal directions are clearly referred to as *shou* (animals). They are named as the *canglong*, the *zhuniao* (*zhuque*), the *baihu* and the *xuanwu*. They accompany four of the Five Planets, the *suixing* of the East (Jupiter), the *yinghuo* of the South (Mars), the *taibai* of the West (Venus) and the *chenxing* of the North (Mercury), as recorded in the *Huai Nan Zi* • *Tian Wen Xun* cited above. Besides, the four cardinal animals are sometimes called the *sishen* (Four Spirits). In this dissertation, however, I use *siling* as a more appropriate appellation for this set of cardinal animals because of their divine nature, although this term *siling* does not appear in other classical records.

A related record in the *Shi Ji* (c. 90 B.C.), shows the relations between the four quarters and the stars of the twenty-eight *xiu* (lunar lodges).<sup>305</sup> The *Shi Ji* • *Tian Guan Shu* records:

190-193 for the complicated textual history and various editions of the *Huai Nan Zi*.

<sup>\*</sup>Huai Nan Zi, j. 3: 66-67. Translation from Major 1993: 70-72. In Hou Han Shu·Wang Liang zhuan (compiled in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> centuries), we read, "[世祖]及即位,議選大司空,而〈赤伏符〉曰 '王梁主衞作玄武',帝以野王衛之所徙,玄武水神之名,司空水土之官也,於是擢拜梁為大司空,封武强侯。 Emperor Shizu came to the throne, discussing on the nomination of Da Si Kong (Grand Minister of Works), According to the Chi Fu Fu, 'Wang Liang controls Wei as xuanwu'. The Emperor took the view that Yewang was the place to which [the ruler] of Wei had been moved. Xuanwu is the name of the water god. Si Kong (Minister of Works) is the official of water and earth. For that reason, Wang Liang was promoted [from Si Kong] to Da Si kong and he was granted the title 'Wu Qiang Hou'." The Ming scholar Li Xian (1408-1466) annotated, "玄武,北方之神,龜蛇合體。 Xuanwu, God of the North, has a body combining the turtle and the snake" (Hou Han Shu, j. 22: 774): for the move of the ruler of Wei, see Shi Ji, j. 37: 1604.

The twenty-eight *xiu* (lunar lodges) were stars marked along the ecliptic belt of the celestial sphere, serving as reference points for the movement of the sun, the moon and the planets (Sun &

中宮天極星, ...... 東宮蒼龍, ...... 南宮朱鳥, ...... 西宮咸池, ...... 北 宮玄武 ...... The Central gong is the tianji (Dipper) ...... The Eastern gong is the canglong, ..... The Southern gong is the zhuniao, ..... The Western gong is the xianchi, ..... The Northern gong is the *xuanwu* .....<sup>306</sup>

The text is a constellation map in word form, indicating the locations of stars and their relationship to one another. According to the Tang commentary, the word gong should be written as guan because it does not mean palace, but official. The five gong indeed refer to the five star officials.307 The Dipper is in the centre, surrounded by the stars. Among these stars, the canglong, the zhuniao, the xianchi<sup>308</sup> and the xuanwu are four sets of stars associated with the four directions. Xianchi is the name of the group of seven stars in the west, including kui, lou, wei, ang, bi, cen and zi. Since this group of stars is in the west and belongs to the baihu constellation, it is more often named baihu, in order to match with the groups of stars in the east, the south and the north, which are called the *canglong*, the *zhuniao* and the xuanwu respectively.

In the  $Li Ji \cdot Qu Li$ , we read:

行。前朱雀而後玄武, 左青龍而右白虎。 On the march [of an army], the zhuque is in the front and the xuanwu is at the rear, the ginglong is

Kistemaker 1997: 19). See Ch. 5, pp. 152, 153 (Table One) & 154 for further discussion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>306</sup> Shi Ji, j. 27: 1289-1308; also in Han Shu • Tian Wen Zhi (Han Shu, j. 26: 1274-1279).

<sup>307</sup> Sima Zhen (c. 656-720) comments, "天文有五官。官者, 星官也。星座有尊卑, 若人之官曹 列位,故曰天官。" (Ibid.: 1289); see also Chen Zungui 1980-89, vol. 2: 265.

<sup>308</sup> See HSXZ, j. 26: 902 for Shi Ding's annotation to the text.

on the left and the *baihu* on the right. 309

The *ginglong*, the *baihu*, the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* here clearly refer to the animal guardians of the four cardinal points. According to the commentary by Kong Yingda (A.D. 574-648), que refers to bird, wu refers to turtle shell with the meaning of protection. According to the commentary by Chen Hao (A.D.1261 - 1341), they are like a military procession, of which the zhuque is the vanguard, the xuanwu is the rearguard, the qinglong and the baihu the left and right flanks respectively.311

Another reference about the four constellations is found in the *Lun Heng* • Wu Shi:

"東方 ...... 其星蒼龍也。西方 ...... 其星白虎也。 南方 ...... 其星 朱鳥也。北方 ...... 其星玄武也。In the east ...... the constellation is the Blue Dragon [canglong]. In the west ..... the constellation is the White Tiger [baihu]. In the south ..... the constellation is the Scarlet Bird [zhuniao]. In the north ..... the constellation is the Black Turtle [xuanwu]." 312

The canglong, the baihu, the zhuniao and the xuanwu are the four constellations in the east, the west, the south and the north respectively. A. Forke clearly pointed out that these four constellations are the Four Quadrants into which the twenty-eight

 $<sup>^{309}</sup>$  LJZY, j. 3: 22 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 1: 1250).  $^{310}$  SSZY, j. 2: 9 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 1: 121). It is suggested that the Shang Shu was composed between the late Spring to Autumn period and the last centuries of the Zhou Dynasty (late 6<sup>th</sup> century to early 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C.) (Loewe 1993: 377-378).

311 See the commentary to this passage by Chen Hao in SSZY, j. 2: 9 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 1:

Lun Heng, vol. 3: 45. Translation from Forke 1962 vol. 1: 106. The Chinese characters cang and qing both mean either green or blue, for example, the canglong or qinglong means the green dragon,

lunar mansions (or lodges) are divided, they are groups of stars, but not animals, though they bear the names of the animals.<sup>313</sup>

We also read in the same chapter:

天有四星之精,降生四獸之體,含血之蟲以四獸為長。Heaven by emitting the essence of these four stars produces the bodies of these four animals on earth. Of all swarms of creatures they four animals are the foremost.314

The sixing (four asterisms or four constellations) in the text refer to the canglong, the zhuque, the baihu and the xuanwu, the four groups of lunar mansions. The "essences" refer to the four divine animals, which are derived from the sixing. They are regarded as the physical emanations of the four stars, and as being the foremost representatives of the animal world on earth. This record shows the relationship between the system of twenty-eight xiu constellations and the siling in Han belief.

Another reference confirming this relationship is found in a late commentary to the Shang Shu in the Shang Shu Zheng Yi • Yu Shu • Yao Dian by Kong Yingda (A.D. 574-648):

四方皆有七宿,各成一形。東方成龍形,西方成虎形,皆南首而北 尾。 南方成鳥形, 北方成龜形, 皆西首而東尾。Each of the four

while qinghua is porcelain decorated in underglaze blue and white.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>313</sup> *Ibid.*<sup>314</sup> *Ibid.* 

directions has seven lunar mansions, and forms one body. [The mansions (or lodges) in] the east take the form of a dragon, [those in] the west of a tiger: in both cases, their heads face south and their tails face north. [The mansions in] the south take the form of a bird, [those in] the north of a turtle: in both cases, their heads face west and their tails east.<sup>315</sup>

The document tells us that each of the four directions comprises seven lunar lodges, and that in appearance these four constellations take shape as a dragon, a tiger, a bird and a turtle (Pl. 1). Morover, Kong's commentary appears to refers to the actual way in which the four animals were depicted, by noting the direction each of them was facing, for example, the dragon is in the east, but its head faces south and its tail north.

There are also other related references. Both the *huanglong* (the animal of the centre, identified in the passage from *Huai Na Zi* cited above) and the individual animals of the *siling* are recorded in Qin and Han texts, including the *Lü Shi Chun Qiu* • *Ying Tong Bian* (249 B.C.), and the *Shi Ji* • *Feng Chan Shu* (c. 90 B.C.). In the *Lü Shi Chun Qiu* • *Ying Tong Bian*, we find the following passage:

凡帝王者將興也,天必先見祥乎下民。黃帝之時,天先見大螾大螻, 黃帝曰:"土氣勝"。土氣勝,故其色尚黃,其事則土。及禹之時,天 先見草木秋冬不殺,禹曰:"木氣勝"。木氣勝,故色尚青,其事則 木。 及湯之時,天先見金刃生於水,湯曰:"金氣勝"。金氣勝,故

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>315</sup> SSZY, j. 2: 9 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 1: 121).

其色尚白, 其事則金。及文王之時, 天先見火,赤鳥含丹書集於周社, 文王曰:"火氣勝"。火氣勝,故其色尚赤,其事則火。代火者必將水, 天且先見水氣勝,水氣勝,故其色尚黑,其事則水。Whenever a lord or a king is about to arise, heaven must display omens to the people below. In the time of the Yellow Emperor, heaven first displayed big earthworms and mole crickets. The Yellow Emperor then said, "The qi of earth has conquered." Because the qi of the soil had conquered, the colour yellow was therefore honoured by him, and his affairs took the principle of earth. When it came to the time of Yu, heaven first displayed grasses and trees surviving through autumns and winters. Yu then said, "The qi of wood has conquered." Because the qi of wood had conquered, the colour preferred was green, and the affairs took their principle from wood. When it came to the time of Tang, heaven first displayed a metal weapon which was produced from water, Tang then said, "The qi of metal has conquered." Because the qi of metal had conquered, the colour white was preferred and his affairs took their principle from metal. When it came to the time of King Wen, heaven first displayed fire, and chiniao, red birds carrying red writings in their beaks gathered at the Altar of the Zhou. King Wen then said, "The qi of fire has conquered." Because the qi of fire had conquered, the colour red was preferred and his affairs took their principle from fire. The element that is going to replace fire is water. Heaven will first display the conquest of the qi of water; and because the qi of water conquers, the colour preferred should then be black, and affairs should take their

principle from water.<sup>316</sup>

About two to three decades after the compilation of the  $L\ddot{u}$  Shi Chun Qiu, when the Qin Emperor came to the throne in 221 B.C., someone presented a memorial, recommending the same concept and proclaiming the belief that the Qin was the receiver of the virtue of water, and that the conquest of the Zhou by the Qin represented the fact that "the qi of water" had conquered. The words are recorded in the Shi Ji • Feng Chan Shu:

黃帝得土德,黃龍地螾見。夏得木德,青龍止於郊,草木暢茂。殷得金德,銀自山溢。周得火德,有赤鳥之符。今秦變周,水德之時。昔文公出獵,獲黑龍,此其水德之瑞。When Huangdi (the Yellow Emperor) obtained the virtue of earth, the *huanglong* (the yellow dragon) and big earthworms appeared. When the Xia obtained the virtue of wood, the *qinglong* abode in the countryside, grass and trees flourished. When Yin (i.e. Shang) obtained the virtue of metal, silver was flowing out of the mountain. When the Zhou obtained the virtue of fire, there was a symbol of the red bird (*chiniao*). Now that the Qin has conquered the Zhou, it is the time of the virtue of water. In the past, Duke of Wen [of Qin] went hunting and got a black dragon: this is the auspice of the virtue of water.<sup>317</sup>

<sup>317</sup> Shi Ji, j. 28: 1366.

Lü Shi Chun Qiu, j. 13: 94. Translation from Wang Tao 1993a: 261. The Lü Shi Chun Qiu is the work of Lü Buwei (c.290-235 B.C.) and scholars recruited by him. For the life of Lü Buwei, refer to his biography in the Shi Ji • Lü Buwei Lie Zhuan (Shi Ji, j. 85: 2510). It is believed that he probably started recruiting scholars for the writing when he became Prime Minister of Qin in 249 B.C. (Xu Fuguan 1993 vol. 2: 7)

Among the four cardinal animals, only the red bird (*chiniao*) is recorded in both texts, as an auspicious sign from heaven, representing the victory of the *qi* of fire, but *Shi Ji* • *Feng Chan Shu* also mentions the *qinglong* (green dragon) and its association with the Xia Dynasty and the virtue of wood. In both texts, however, we see the concept of an alternation of colours, which in term are associated with particular animals.

In the *Yue Ling* ("Monthly Ordinances"),<sup>318</sup> compiled around the middle of the third century B.C., the four seasons, the five directions, the five colours, the five gods, the five spirits, the five sounds, the five special numbers, the five kinds of animals (scaled animals , feathered animals , naked animals , furred animals , and shelled animals ), the five rituals, the five intestines, the five smells, the five tastes, the five stars are all described in association with each other and arranged according to the Five Phases Theory. <sup>319</sup>

The Yue Ling is dated to the same period as the Lü Shi Chun Qiu • Ying Tong Bian and the memorial presented to the Qin Emperor recorded in the Shi Ji • Feng Chan Shu mentioned above. The contents of the three texts are therefore comparable. In the Yue Ling, wood is specifically linked to the east, spring, and the colour green; fire to the south, summer and red; metal to the west, autumn and white; water to the north, winter and black; earth is associated with the centre and the colour yellow, but is not linked to any season. The qinglong and the chiniao (equivalent to the zhuque) recorded in the Qin Dynasty memorial in the Shi Ji • Feng Chan Shu

The Yue Ling or the "Monthly Ordinances" is somewhat like an almanac and was compiled by Lü Buwei (c. 290 - 235 B.C.) or scholars recruited by him (Wang Tao 1993a: 253).

Chen Zungui 1980-89, vol. 1: 95-96.

therefore can also be specifically linked to the east and the south.

The *huanglong*, although not one of the four cardinal animals, is closely related to the idea of the *siling*, and is sometimes regarded as the animal of the earth, one of the Five Phases. In the *Shi Ji* • *Feng Chan Shu*, the *qi* of earth is represented by the *huanglong* and big earthworms, in the *Lü Shi Chun Qiu* • *Ying Tong Bian*, however, the *huanglong* is not mentioned. The animal of the centre and the earth is also represented later and more often as the *lin*. The Tang commentary to the *Li Ji* • *Li Yun* records:

公羊說:麟木精。左氏說:麟中央軒轅大角之獸。陳欽說:麟是西方毛虫。許慎謹按:禮運云:麟鳳龜龍,謂之四靈。龍,東方也。 虎,西方也。鳳,南方也。龜,北方也。麟,中央也。Gongyang Zhuan said, "lin is the essence of wood." Zuo Zhuan said, "lin is an animal named xuanyuan with huge horns, situated at the centre". Chen Qin said, "lin is an animal with fur from the west."<sup>320</sup>

These different explanations of the *lin* given by the earlier classics have pointed out that *lin* was always regarded as a divine animal, but that its definition was uncertain. Xu Shen, writing in the Eastern Han Dynasty, identifies the *siling* as "*lin*, *feng*, *gui*, *long*", but identifies them individually with the four directions and the centre as "*long*, *hu*, *feng*, *gui*" with *lin* as the emblem of the centre, intead of the *huanglong* cited in *Huai Nan Zi*. His explanation crucially adds a fifth animal to the *Li Ji*'s group of four, namely the *hu* or tiger, associated with the west.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>320</sup> LJZY, j. 22: 197 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 2: 1425).

#### Discussion

In the *Huai Nan Zi* • *Tian Wan Xun* and other Han classical records traced above, it is noted that the *qinglong* or *canglong* (green dragon), the *baihu* (white tiger), the *zhuque* or *chiniao* (red bird), and the *xuanwu* (black warrior) are the animal representations of the East, West, South and North, respectively. This corresponds perfectly with the many examples of these animals that we have seen in the archaeological record. On the contrary, although *lin*, *feng*, *gui* and *long* are grouped and termed *siling* in *Li Ji*, and in spite of Xu Shen's linking these *siling* with, there is not even a single excavated example where the *lin*, the phoenix, the turtle and the dragon are depicted together as a set. This is still the case even if we take existing archaeological account of examples alternative arrangements of the four animals, for instance the frequent absence of the *xuanwu*, or its substitution by other images. In these cases, the *lin* does not appear. Archaeological evidence have provides more diverse and complex resources that are not thoroughly recorded in classical texts.

The idea of *siling* is closely related to the Chinese term *sifang*, a term which has been interpreted and translated as the "four directions", Four Quarters, or Four Quadrates. The *sifang* are mentioned collectively and individually in Shang oracle bone inscriptions and the term occurs frequently in Zhou Dynasty texts.<sup>321</sup> Archaeological evidence shows that the images of the four animals were grouped together much later to match with and to convey the idea of *sifang*.

321 Allan 1991: 75.

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Chapter Five: Siling, the twenty-eight xiu system and the vinyang wuxing concept

During the Han Dynasty, which is a fundamental stage in the formation of Chinese culture, all kinds of knowledge are systemised and reorganised by means of cosmological principles. The idea of the siling, like most of Han concepts, has its own cosmological basis. It is related to the twenty-eight xiu (lunar lodges) system and the concept of yinyang wuxing.

# A. The twenty-eight xiu system

The twenty-eight xiu system is an important element in the development of the siling, to which the siling is either related or from which it was derived. The twenty-eight xiu were a group of twenty-eight constellations marked along the ecliptic belt of the celestial sphere to serve as reference points for the motion of sun, moon and planets, and therefore they are essential for the determination of seasons and in calendar making. 322 The twenty-eight xiu constellations did not arise simultaneously, some of their names are recorded individually in earlier classics, such as the Shi Jing, Zuo Zhuan and Guo Yu. 323

<sup>322</sup> Sun and Kistemaker 1997:18-19.

According to Xia Nai, Shi Jing (8th to 5th century B.C.) records eight of the names of the twenty-eight xiu. In Zuo Zhuan and Guo Yu (Spring and Autumn period or slightly later), there are also six names of the xiu which are mostly different from those recorded in later documents (Xia Nai 1976: 299).

| 28 xiu |            |         | Zeng Hou                 | Shijing       | Zuo Zhuan                        | Xia                  | Er Ya               | Yue Ling                 | Huai Nan       | Shi Ji                      |
|--------|------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|        |            |         | Yi's<br>clothes<br>chest | 詩經            | 左傳·<br>Guo Yu 國語                 | Xiao<br>Zheng<br>夏小正 | 爾雅                  | 月令                       | Zi 淮南子         | 史記                          |
| 1      |            | jiao 角  | jiao 角                   |               | Chenjiao<br>辰角                   |                      | jiao 角              | jiao 角                   | jiao 角         | jiao 角                      |
| 2      | <b>答</b> 龍 | kang 亢  | kang 亢                   |               | tiangen 天根、<br>ben 本             |                      | kang 亢              | kang 亢                   | kang 亢         | kang 亢                      |
| 3      |            | di 氐    | di氐                      |               |                                  |                      | di 氐                | di 氏                     | di 氐           | di 氏.                       |
| 4      | canglong   | fang 房  | fang 方                   | huo 火         |                                  | Dahuo<br>大火          | fang 房              | fang 房                   | fang 房         | fang 房                      |
| 5      |            | xin യ   | xin 心                    |               | nongxiang<br>農祥、<br>tiansi 天駟    |                      | xin 🕾               | xin 🗠                    | xin 🕾          | xin ∙©                      |
| 6      |            | wei 尾   | wei 尾                    |               | long 龍、<br>huo 火                 |                      | wei 尾               | wei 尾                    | wei 尾          | wei 尾                       |
| 7      |            | ji 箕    | ji 箕                     | ji 箕          |                                  |                      | ji 箕                |                          | ji 箕           | ji 箕                        |
| 8      |            | dou 斗   | dou 半                    |               |                                  |                      | dou 斗               | dou 斗、<br>jianxing<br>建星 | dou 斗          | dou<br>斗、<br>jianxing<br>建星 |
| 9      |            | niu 牛   | qianniu<br>牽牛            | qianniu<br>牽牛 |                                  |                      | qianniu<br>牽牛       | qianniu<br>奉牛            | qianniu 牵<br>牛 | qianniu<br>牽牛               |
| 10     | ,玄武        | nü 女    | wunü<br>婺女               | zhinü<br>織女   |                                  | zhinü<br>織女          |                     | zhinü<br>婺女              | wunü<br>婺女     | Wunü<br>婺女                  |
| 11     | хиапти     | xu 虛    | xu 虛                     |               |                                  |                      | xu 虛                | xu 虛                     | xu 虚           | xu 虚                        |
| 12     | хиа        | wei 危   | wei 危?                   |               |                                  |                      |                     | wei 危                    | wei 危          | wei 危                       |
| 13     |            | shi 室   | xiying<br>西營             |               |                                  |                      | dingying<br>shi 定營室 | yingshi<br>營室            | Yingshi<br>營室  | yingshi<br>營室               |
| 14     |            | bi 壁    | dongying<br>東營           | ding 定        | tianmiao<br>天廟、<br>yingshi<br>營室 |                      | dongbi<br>東壁        | dongbi<br>東壁             | dongbi<br>東壁   | dongbi<br>東壁                |
| 15     |            | kui 奎   | kui 奎                    |               |                                  |                      | kui 奎               | kui 奎                    | kui 奎          | kui 奎                       |
| 16     |            | lou 婁   | Iounü 婁女                 |               |                                  |                      | lou 婁               | lou 婁                    | lou 婁          | lou 婁                       |
| 17     |            | wei 胃   | wei 胃                    |               |                                  |                      |                     | wei 胃                    | wei 胃          | wei 胃                       |
| 18     | 11 白虎      | mang 昴  | mao 矛                    | mang<br>昴     |                                  | mang 昴               | mang 昴              |                          | mang 昴         | liu 留                       |
| 19     | baihu      | bi 畢    | bi 畢                     | bi 畢          |                                  |                      | bi 畢                | bi 畢                     | bi 畢           | zhuo 濁                      |
| 20     | P          | zi堆     | zi雌                      | 4             |                                  |                      |                     | zijuan<br>雌雋             | zijuan<br>雌雋   |                             |
| 21     |            | cen 参   | cen 参                    | cen 参         |                                  | cen 多                |                     | cen 多                    | cen 參          | cenfa<br>參罰                 |
| 22     |            | jing 井  | dongjing<br>東井           |               |                                  |                      |                     | dongjing<br>東井           | dongjing<br>東井 | lang 狼                      |
| 23     |            | gui 鬼   | yugui 與鬼                 | <b></b>       |                                  |                      |                     | hu 🛝                     | yugui 興鬼       | hu 🛝                        |
| 24     | 条 徐        | liu 柳   | you 酉                    |               |                                  |                      | Liuzhu<br>柳注        | liu 柳                    | liu 柳          | zhu 注                       |
| 25     | zhuque     | xing 星  | qixing<br>七星             |               | zhu、chunhuo<br>鹑火                |                      |                     | qixing<br>七星             | qixing<br>七星   | zhang 張                     |
| 26     | ] "        | zhang 張 | zhang 張?                 |               |                                  |                      |                     |                          | zhang 張        | xing 星                      |
| 27     |            | yi 翼    | yi 翼                     |               |                                  |                      | ļ                   | yi 翼                     | yi 異           | yi 翼                        |
| 28     | <u> </u>   | zhen 軫  | che 車                    |               |                                  |                      | 1                   | zhen 軫                   | zhen 軫         | zhen 軫                      |

Table One: Records of the twenty-eight xiu from archaeological and literary sources

As early as in the 1970s, Xia Nai argued that individual *xiu* names in these classics could not be used to prove the completion of the twenty-eight *xiu* system before the fourth century B.C.<sup>324</sup> Archaeological finds later proved that this astrological system had been completed by the early Warring States period (early fifth century B.C.). This earliest complete record of the twenty-eight *xiu* was found on the cover of a painted clothes chest excavated from the tomb of Marquis Zeng Hou Yi in Suizhou, Hubei Province, who died in 433 B.C.<sup>325</sup> As can be seen from the table, the names on the clothes chest are the foundation of the twenty-eight *xiu* in later records, such as the *Er Ya*, *Yue Ling*, *Huai Nan Zi* and *Shi Ji*.

It is undoubtedly true that the *siling* have a close relation with the system of twenty-eight lunar lodges, but to the question whether the set of four animal images is based on the twenty-eight *xiu* system or the other way round, there is still no definite answer.<sup>326</sup> The most that can be said is that the complete set of four animal symbols of the *siling* appears after the establishment of the twenty-eight *xiu* system.

#### B. The yinyang wuxing concept

The *yinyang* and *wuxing* concepts are based on a mode of correlative thinking. Scholars have tried to trace the origin of the concepts of *yinyang* and *wuxing* to the Yinyang School, a particular school of classical philosophy, and more specifically

WW 1979, no. 7: 1-14. See also the discussion of the twenty-eight *xiu* system painted on the chest by Wang Jianmin and others in WW 1979, no. 7: 40-45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>324</sup> *Ibid*.: 298-303.

Some people believe that the *siling* images were developed on the basis of the twenty-eight *xiu* system, see Wu Zengde 1981: 97-98. For the opposite view, see Chen Zungui 1980-89, vol. 2 & 3: 281-282, 327-330; Beijing tianwenguan 1987: 53-53.

to its principal theorist, Zou Yan (c. late third century B.C.). Zou Yan's work is lost. However, in the Qin Dynasty text *Lü Shi Chun Qiu*, the major content of his *wuxing* theory was preserved.

Angus Graham mentions that our information about Chinese cosmology before the Qin and Han periods comes primarily from historical sources, particularly the *Zuo Zhuan*, of which a set of six *qi* (shade/*yin*, sunshine/*yang*, wind, rain, dark and light) and a set of five *xing* (wood, fire, soil, metal and water) are mentioned. The set of six *qi*, belongs to the heaven, are the energetic fluids in the atmosphere and inside the body; the five *xing*, belongs to the earth, refers earlier in the *Huai Nan Zi* of about 140 - 139 B.C.to processes, such as fire rising and burning, and is now commonly translated as "Five Elements" or "Five Phases". Graham's statement was superseded shortly later by Sarah Allan who points out that *si fang*, the four directions or four quadrates, are mentioned collectively and individually in Shang oracle bone inscriptions, and with the advent of the five-element theory, there were five *fang*, north, south, east, west and the centre, but according to her explanation, this meaning of *fang* in Shang texts is spatial, not linear.

According to the *yinyang* theory, all things and events are the products of the

<sup>327</sup> Henderson 1984: 33. See also Needham 1954: 232-246, 273 for the role of Zou Yan in the *yinyang wuxing* theories. Zou Yan's biography is in the *Shi Ji* • *Meng Zi Xun Qing Lie Zhuan* (*Shi Ji*, j. 74: 2344-2346). Xu Fuguan concludes that Zou Yan was born around 356 - 357 B.C. and died in the years between 296-286 B.C. (Xu Fuguan 1993, vol. 2: 5-7).

<sup>328</sup> See n. 316

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>329</sup> Wang Tao quotes a large paragraph from *Lü Shi Chun Qiu* when he tried to reconstruct Zou Yan's *wuxing* theory (Wang Tao 1993: 260-261). Xu Fuguan too, believes that the book is a direct result of the development of Zou Yan's *yinyang wuxing* theory (Xu Fuguan 1993, vol. 2: 5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>330</sup> Graham 1991:325.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>331</sup> *Ibid*.: 325-326.

<sup>332</sup> Allan 1991: 75-76.

interaction of a pair of elements, principles or forces, *yin* and *yang*. <sup>333</sup> *Yin* is negative and signifies "Earth, Moon, Darkness, Quiescence, Female, Absorption, and the Dual"; *yang* is positive and signifies "Heaven, Sun, Light, Vigour, Male, Penetration, and the Monad". <sup>334</sup> In Chinese thought, *yang* is superior to *yin* but the two are mutually dependent. Unlike the West which always treats opposites as conflicting, China has long been recognised as tending to treat opposites as complementary. <sup>335</sup>

Wuxing in earlier usage refers to the five materials, Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal and Water, but it was interpreted as the "Five Phases" from the Han onwards, with an important additional concept of rotation. This order of the five and the concept of rotation can be described in two ways. Based on the concept of mutual production, the five processes generate each other, therefore wood catches fire, fire reduces to ash or earth, earth forms metal, metal liquefies when melted, and water nourishes wood. However, these five sometimes conquer each other, and therefore water extinguishes fire, fire melts metal, metal cuts wood, wood digs out earth, and soil dams water. The idea of wuxing, therefore, in its mature form, was not only a means of classification, but also the basis of a comprehensive theory for explaining changes in the cosmos. The idea of wuxing in the cosmos.

Yinyang and the Five Phases are two correlative systems of thought within the traditional Chinese Cosmology for the explanation of the motions of the

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<sup>333</sup> Needham 1954: 273-278.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>334</sup> Williams 1996: 458.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>335</sup> Graham 1986b: 28.

<sup>336</sup> *Ibid.*: 47; see also Chan Wing-tsit 1973: 244.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>337</sup> Needham 1954: 253-261.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>338</sup> Henderson 1984: 7.

universe.<sup>339</sup> The two concepts, which had much in common, were originally two separate currents with independent origin,<sup>340</sup> it is believed that they were thought of together by the time of Zou Yan.<sup>341</sup> Xu Fuguan however suggests that, for Zou Yan, *yinyang* is the principle governing the motion of the cosmos, while *wuxing* is the principle governing the alternation of history.<sup>342</sup>

Schuyler Cammann believes, "If these symbols [of the four cardinal directions] were not deliberately chosen to express Yin-Yang ideas, they were at least eminently suited to do so." The four colours, the four seasons and the four creatures for the four directions are three complementary sets of such "symbols". The green-coloured *qinglong* for the east and the spring, the white-coloured *baihu* for the west and the autumn, the red-coloured *zhuque* for the south and the summer, and the black-coloured *xuanwu* for the north and the winter. It is easily understood that the south and the north are a pair of opposites, in which the former is light and vigorous, and the latter is dark and quiescent, representing the greatest *yang* and the greatest *yin*, respectively. It has to be recognised that east and west are also a pair of opposites within the *yinyang* theory. According to C.A.S. Williams, *yang* is also symbolized by the Dragon and the land forms (mountains), whereas the tiger and the valleys and streams possess the *yin* quality. Schuyler Cammann further points out that, since the contrast of the mountains and the seas was also basic in

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According to A. C. Graham, the Chinese Cosmology which had assumed its permanent shape by the beginning of the Han Dynasty is a vast system starting from chains of pairs correlated with the *Yin-Yang* and with the Five Processes (Graham 1989: 319-320). See also Ho Peng York 1985: 11-17; Twitchett & Loewe 1987: 668-692; Bodde 1991: 97-103; Major 1993: 28-32 for similar discussions. The *yinyang* idea is found in the *Zuo Zhuan*, *Lao Zi*, *Zhuang Zi*, and *Xun Zi*, and the concept of wuxing is presented in the *Shi Ji*, *Mo Zi*, *Xun Zi*, *Zuo Zhuan* and *Guo Yu* (Chan Wing-tsit 1973: 244-245).

<sup>341</sup> Ibid.

<sup>342</sup> Xu Fuguan 1993, vol. 2: 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>343</sup> Cammann 1987: 108.

yinyang thinking, there is a secondary yinyang relationship between the east and the west. 345

The relation between the *yinyang* theory and the *siling* is mainly based on the involvement of the former in the several sets of symbols for the four cardinal directions, while the latter represents one set of such symbols. The relationship between the *wuxing* theory and the *siling* is based on a similar idea, however, in the concept of *wuxing*, besides the four cardinal directions, the centre is equally important. From the *Huai Nan Zi* • *Tian Wen Xun*, <sup>346</sup> we learn that the centre and the four cardinal directions correspond respectively to the Five Processes, the east to wood, the south to fire, the centre to earth, the west to metal, and the north to water. Besides, several groups of five "symbols" are associated with the five directions, including the four cardinal spirits and the *huanglong* (yellow dragon) of the centre which are the five animal representatives of the five directions.

Here comes a question about the *huanglong* in the centre. The *huanglong*, animal image of the centre, is used to match with four cardinal spirits and to convey the concept of *wuxing* which flourished during Han times. According to the concept of *wuxing*, reality is made up of and can be explained by a group of five elements. In order to cope with the number "Five", an animal image, such as the *huanglong* or the *lin*, was associated with the centre and with the element earth. It was matched with the four guardian spirits which are associated with wood, fire, metal, and water, to form a set of five directions which also includes the centre, as recorded in

344 Williams 1996: 458.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>345</sup> Cammann 1987: 109.

<sup>346</sup> *Huai Nan Zi*, j. 3: 66-67, Major 1993: 70-72.

the Huai Nan Zi • Tian Wen Xun. The resulting group of five animals was later named by a new term, wuling, as noted by the Tang scholar Kong Yingda in the Chun Qiu Zuo Zhuan Zheng Yi:

麟鳳五靈, 王者之嘉瑞也。 *Lin, feng* [etc.], the *wuling*, are auspicious omens for the emperor.<sup>347</sup>

The term "wuling" refers to the lin, feng, gui, long and baihu. Because of the divine nature of the animals, they were always considered to be auspicious omens for the imperial rule. Although the concept of centre as a direction existed long before the Han, the group of five was an extension and modification of the idea of the siling to adjust with the prospering system of yinyang and the Five Phases during the Han period. Despite the increase from four to five, from siling to wuling, the basic significance of the idea as a single set of symbols to explain the universal movement remained unchanged.

We can conclude that the topic of *siling* is one in which various aspects of society are involved. According to the commonly-held view, which has been proved by the very rich archaeological finds listed in Part One, that the *siling* symbols were applied extensively throughout the four hundred years of Han rule, their popularity represented a widespread acceptance of the thory of *wuxing* in Han cosmological thought. Although it is true that the idea of *siling* was related to the *wuxing* theory, one should not ignore the long and complicated historical process through which *siling* symbols came to be theorized in terms of *wuxing*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>347</sup> Chun Qiu Xu • Chun Qiu Zuo Zhuan Zheng Yi, j. 1: 6 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu vol. 2: 1708).

Chapter Six: Problems related to the variable positions of the qinglong and baihu images and aesthetic analysis of the siling specimens

#### A. Positions of the qinglong and baihu images

When the *siling* are located in the four quarters, there are two formats of arrangement, the first one according to the format of a normal map, and another one in mirror reverse. According to Pang Pu, during the periods of the Spring and Autumn and the Warring States, the twenty-eight *xiu* and related animal deities were drawn according to their actual situations in the sky, as heavenly images. Later, however, the heavenly motifs on the "tian tu" (sky map) were transposed to the earth in the format of a normal "di tu" (earth map) because of the need to compile the calendar, and that is why the positions of the twenty-eight *xiu*, the corresponding palaces and their related animals were reversed.<sup>348</sup>

It sounds logical that if the four spirits were first arranged in a "sky map" format and later in an "earth map" one, or vice-versa, some confusions may occur in their order. However, Pang cannot explain why positions of the *qinglong* and the *baihu* remained uncertain throughout the Han Dynasty when the calendar had been completely formulated. When these two animals are depicted on two sides, there are many examples in which the *qinglong* is on the right and the *baihu* on the left, but there are other examples in which the *qinglong* is on the left and the *baihu* on

<sup>348</sup> Pang Pu 1989: 137.

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the right.<sup>349</sup>

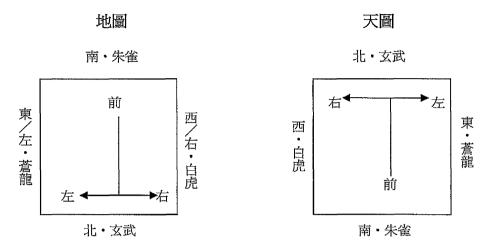


Fig. 35.1 (left): "earth map" (top: south; bottom: north) Fig. 35.2 (right): "sky map" (top: north; bottom: south) (Adapted from WW 1990, no. 3: 70-71).

As with the maps, the positions of the *qinglong* and the *baihu* depend on the earthly or heavenly perspective adopted in a particular work of art. Thus, even on the same art form with very similar motifs, the two animals can be on either the right or the left. For example, there are two very similar siling stove models in the collections of two American Museums. 350 On one of them, the ainglong is arranged on the left wall and the baihu on the right (Pls. 96 & 96.1), but on the other one, the qinglong is on the right and the baihu on the left (Pls. 97.1, 97.2 & 97.3).

The same situation is also found on the arrangement of the siling on stone sarcophagi. The siling are popular motifs on stone sarcophagi from the Sichuan

About 30% of the collected examples listed in the Appendix show the *qinglong* on the right and the baihu on the left and 40% show the qinglong on the left and the baihu on the right. In about 20% of the example, the positions of the qinglong and the baihu are unclear, either because they were found from separate sections or fragments of a set of artefacts, or appear on specimens that can be viewed from various sides or directions.

350 BCMA 1990, no. 10: 301 (Appendix: 16) & BBMS 26 (2): 36-46 (Appendix: 150).

area. The *qinglong* and the *baihu* are always carved on the two longer sides of the stone sarcophagi. In most examples, the *qinglong* is carved on the left wall and the *baihu* on the right (Figs. 25, 26 & 28), but there is also an example in which they are transposed (Fig. 29). Even more complicated is that, when three or all four of the *siling* are represented together on the same coffin, the positions of the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* are also variable. The *zhuque* is usually depicted on the front panel of a coffin and the *xuanwu* on the back panel (Figs. 26, 28 & 29), but there is also one example in which the *zhuque* is depicted on the rear panel (Fig. 27). In another case, both the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* are depicted on the front panel, while the *qinglong* and the *baihu* are on the two sides (Fig. 26).

Li Ling believes that there should be more than one system in directional order during the Qin and Han periods because he found out that there were different systems of directional order on oracle bones, bronze vessels and in written texts: the most common order of inscriptions on oracle bones is east, south, west, north; the order of inscriptions on the Xiangwei *ding* of the Western Zhou Dynasty is north, east, south, west; relevant records in classical texts have various orders, following two main systems, one is the "top: north; bottom: south", and another "top: south; bottom: north" By studying and comparing relevant records in three chapters of *Huai Nan Zi* (*Tian Wen Xun*, *Di Xing Xun* and *Shi Ze Xun*), Li Ling further hypothesises that the "top: north; bottom: south" system was used when dealing with astronomical and seasonal matters, and the "top: south; bottom: north" system was mostly used in topography. 352

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<sup>351</sup> Li Ling 1993: 126-129.

I believe that there are other possible reasons for the variable positions of the qinglong and the baihu. The first possibility relates to how "the four directions" are interpreted. Is it from the viewer's standpoint, or from that of the object? The second one mainly relates to objects which can be viewed from both sides, because confusion in the positions of the animals of the East and the West may easily occur on these objects.

According to Li Ji • Qu Li Bian (see above pp. 143-144), the correct directions of the four animals should be "the zhuque in the front and the xuanwu is at the back, the *qinglong* on the left and the *baihu* on the right." The question is, however, when the zhuque and the xuanwu are placed at the top and the bottom, should the qinglong and the baihu be placed on the right and the left as perceived by the viewer, or on the proper right and left sides of the object?

For the viewer looking at the jade *pushou* from the Maoling (Pl. 3), the *qinglong* is carved on the right and the baihu on the left, however, from the standpoint of the mask itself, the qinglong will be on the left and the baihu on its right, giving the correct orientation. We can imagine the pushou originally faced the entrance of the tomb, i.e. facing south. For the viewer looking at most of the sarcophagi excavated from Sichuan (Figs. 25, 26, 27 & 28), the ginglong is carved on the left and the baihu on the right; this is because the four cardinal animals on a stone sarcophagus should be seen from the standpoint of the occupant, with the qinglong and the baihu patterns on his left and right sides, the zhuque and the xuanwu in front of and behind him respectively.

352 Ibid.: 129-130.

On objects which are decorated on both sides, confusion in the positions of the ginglong and the baihu may also occur when they are placed in the tomb. A typical example comes from Luoyang M61, Henan Province. 354 On the rectangular piece in the centre of the trapezoid-shaped pediment which separates the main chamber into two sections, the qinglong and the baihu were found on the left and right sides respectively, and the *zhuque* is at the top, surrounding an animal-like figure (Pls. 18.1 & 18.3). The tiles are cut in openwork with symmetrical depictions of animals and other supernatural beings on the two flanking triangular slabs (Pl. 18.2). All three tiles can be viewed from both sides, though of course the designs on the back are completely different from those on the front.

The decorations on these two triangular bricks are mirror reversals of each other. Therefore, although on the central rectangular tile, the qinglong is on the left and the baihu on the right, it is possible to imagine a similar tile with these positions reversed. A parallel example is provided by a jade pendant on which the images of the siling are carved in openwork. 355 The zhuque is at the top, the xuanwu at the bottom, and the positions of the *qinglong* and the *baihu* may be exchanged by viewing the pendant from two different sides (Pl. 107).

To conclude, there are two main reasons for the variable positions of the qinglong and the baihu on siling objects. First, the dual system of directional order being used during the Qin and Han periods as suggested by Li Ling, and second, different ways in viewing the siling objects which cause confusion in the positions of the

353 LJZY, j. 22: 197 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 2: 1425).
 354 KGXB 1964, no. 1: 51-55 (Appendix: 45).
 355 Lu Zhaoyin 1993, pl. 233 (Appendix: 150).

animal motifs. Because of the dual system of arranging the directions and the two possible ways of viewing specimens, we should be more careful but also more open-minded when dealing with the directions of the *siling* motifs on specimens. I believe that no matter whether the *qinglong* is depicted on the right and the *baihu* on the left, or vice-versa, as long as they are arranged opposite each other on a specimen, their directional meanings are intended and the idea of the *siling* is conveyed.

## B. Aesthetic analysis of the siling specimens

The *siling* motifs were found on artefacts of different shapes and sizes, and in different formats. Some of them are two dimensional and some are three-dimensional. Designers adjusted the *siling* motifs in order to accommodate to the two-dimensional or three-dimensional formats, although the directional significance of the *siling* remained their chief consideration.

#### (1) The siling representations in two-dimensional formats

The *siling* are always arranged in relation to the four edges or four sides of a two-dimensional format in order to show clearly their directional meanings. In most cases, the four animal images surround a single central motif or set of motifs, but sometimes they are the sole patterns of the specimens.

#### (i) Two-dimensional examples in tomb decoration

The *siling* are popular motifs in tomb decoration. They were painted or carved on different parts of the tomb surface, such as the ceiling and the door. It is interesting to note that, when the *siling* images are applied on the tomb ceiling, they are always accompanied by various heavenly symbols and constellations; when they are arranged on the tomb door, they would be following special routines which enable them to match well with the *pushou* in the centre of the door.

On the ceiling of the mural tomb at a site at the Jiaotong University in Xi'an, dated to the late Western Han Dynasty, the *siling* images were painted with various heavenly patterns, including a scarlet sun holding a crow and a white moon containing a hare, flying cranes and birds, and numerous colourful S-shaped cloud patterns (Pls. 15.4-15.7). The *siling* are arranged on the four sides of the ceiling to show their directional significances, and the appearances of various heavenly omens and constellations in the same context also shows that this vault ceiling has been transformed into a complete cosmic system (Pls. 15.1-15.3).

In the Knitting Factory M1, a double-burial stone-structured tomb of Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty in Tanghe County, Henan Province, the *siling* were carved along the four sides of one of the six stone slabs on the ceiling of the northern main chamber, according to their corresponding directions (Pl. 30.2).<sup>357</sup> This is the only archaeological example in which the *siling* are depicted as the sole occupants of a two-dimensional stone slab in tomb decoration. The other five stone slabs were

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<sup>356</sup> KGYWW 1990, no. 4: 57-63 (Appendix: 12).

carved with various celestial motifs, including linked ring or *bi* patterns (representing stars or constellations), a tiger, the sun inhabited by a crow, the procession of the river god and a dragon. The six stones on the ceiling of the southern main chamber also depict heavenly symbols, including the moon inhabited by a toad, the seven stars of the Dipper and half of the *yi* constellation, and other star patterns. The heavenly sky is the main theme of the whole depiction on the tomb ceiling.

On the ceiling of the front chamber of an early Eastern Han Dynasty stone-structured tomb at Qilin'gang of Nanyang City, Henan Province, the four animals are carved on the four sides of a rectangular surface made of nine stone slabs, surrounding a frontal seated figure which is most possibly an image of the Taiyi (Pl. 31).<sup>358</sup> In the same context, images of Fuxi holding the sun and the seven stars of the Dipper are carved on the far right by the *qinglong*, while images of Nüwa holding the moon and the six stars of *nandou* (Sagittarius) are carved on the far left by the *baihu*. The *siling* images on the four sides of the rectangular surface show their directional significances in the sky. The depiction of the *siling* with various heavenly deities and constellations shows that the whole illustration is a heavenly scene.

A tomb door basically consists of a lintel, two doorposts and a pair of door leaves, always with a *pushou* in the centre of each door leaf. When the *siling* are arranged on the tomb door, they have to be adjusted to this special format.

<sup>357</sup> WW 1973, no. 6: 26-40 (Appendix: 52e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>358</sup> ZGWWB 1992. 9. 6 (Appendix: 57). See pp. 59-60 above for the discussion on this frontal image.

In the northern Shaanxi area where an abundance of fully-decorated tomb doors has been found, only the *zhuque* among the four cardinal animals was depicted at the top of the door leaves (Pls. 111 & 112). The *qinglong* and *baihu* images appear together, either inside the rings hanging down from the mouth of the *pushou* on the two door leaves (Pl. 111) or at the bottom of the two leaves (Pl. 112). The turtle-and-snake image of the *xuanwu*, a symbol of darkness, is most often depicted at the bottom section of the door; alone among the *siling*, it never appears at the upper part of the tomb entrance. In a number of cases, it is not presented and the figure of another animal, or of a guard or guards, appears instead.

We can conclude that, in order to match with the special format of a tomb door, the arrangement of the *siling* motifs on it follows special routines. A tomb door leaf is always divided into three sections: the central section is reserved for a *pushou*, the top and bottom sections are places for decorative patterns. It is a common practice to arrange a pair of *zhuque* in the top section of the pair of door leaves, and an animal or human image in each of the bottom sections. The *xuanwu* is never depicted at the top section of any part of a tomb door, but is always arranged at the bottom. The *qinglong* and the *baihu* are always paired and represented together on different parts of a tomb door.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>359</sup> For example, see Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 15 & 16, 34 & 35, 38 & 39, 54, 57 & 58, 62-65, 68 & 69

<sup>&</sup>amp; 35, 38 & 39, 54, 57 & 58, 62-65, 68 & 69.

360 For example, see Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 15 & 16 (Appendix: 19a-b), 34 & 35 (Appendix: 23a-b), 38 & 39 (Appendix: 29a-b), 54, 57 & 58 (Appendix: 28a-b), 62-65, 68 & 69 (Appendix: 22a-c); WW 1973, no. 6: 30; Zhonghua wuqiannian wenwu jikan bianji weiyuanhui 1980: 89 (Appendix: 43); KG 1986, no. 1: 82-84 (Appendix: 30a-b); KG 1987, no. 11: 997-1001 (Appendix: 27a-b); KG 1990, no. 2: 176-179 (Appendix: 20a-b).

## (ii) Two-dimensional objects

On the jade *pushou* from the Maoling District at Xingping (Pl. 3), a two-dimensional object supposed to be attached to a tomb door, the *siling* are carved on and around the broad animal mask in the centre. As seen by the viewer, the right edge of the object is entirely occupied by the serpentine body of the *qinglong*, while on the left edge, only two-thirds of the space is occupied by the *baihu* image. The *zhuque* is depicted on the right eyebrow, and the *xuanwu* is represented as a turtle holding a snake in its mouth at the bottom left corner of the object. Although the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* are not centrally placed at top and bottom, so as not to disturb the effect of the animal mask, they do oppose and balance each other: the *zhuque* is above the right eyebrow, and the *xuanwu* is below and to the left of the left eyebrow. The four animals on the *pushou* are representations of the *siling*, and the specific arrangement of these motifs is a means of balancing the composition.

It is also interesting to note that, the *xuanwu* on this jade *pushou* is represented by a turtle holding a snake in its mouth. This unique representation of the *xuanwu* is also based on the intention of balancing the composition. Since the right bottom corner of the animal mask is partly occupied by the tail of the serpentine *qinglong*, the snake is intentionally arranged to the left bottom corner to balance the composition. It is an accomplishment after a very careful consideration. The creation shows how difficult it is to design the four creatures within a limited space, and how well the Han artisans could do this.

<sup>361</sup> WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55 (Appendix: 6).

On a tiny jade plaque in the Shanghai Museum's collection, the four animal images on the plaque are carved in openwork and decorated with incised details (Pl. 107).<sup>362</sup> This example shows a concise and balanced composition of the set of *siling* motifs on a two-dimensional object. The fine inscriptions on this jade piece (see p. 128 above) also show that, during the Han Dynasty, besides indicating the four directions, the set of four animal motifs was also associated with wishes for longevity.

Other objects show that the *siling* were thought of as guardians or protectors. On three very similar belt-hooks in bronze, the four animal images were cast in openwork on the four sides, surrounding a central armed image (Pls. 61, 61.1 & 61.2). On the square gilt bronze plaque from one of the Eastern Han tombs at the Phosphate Factory at Wushan, Sichuan, the four animal motifs were also cast in openwork at the four edges, surrounding an armed central figure (Pl. 60).

Because of their specific format and relation with the sky (Chapter Three, pp. 115-117, 122-123), Han bronze mirrors provide a complex context for the arrangement of the *siling* images. The simplest format (Pl. 64) displays the *siling* on the four sides of the square enclosing the central boss. When the characters of the "twelve branches" are inscribed, three of which on each side of the square, the *siling* are aligned with the corresponding cyclical character. The remaining spaces in this arrangement are filled with various heavenly deities, or *xian* immortals,

<sup>362</sup> Lu Zhaoyin 1993, pl. 233 (Appendix: 151).

<sup>364</sup> SCWW 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & plate; KG 1998, no. 12: 77-86 (pl. 8).

One of them was excavated from Donggangtou, Hebei Province (KG 1960, no. 12: 656; Appendix: 83), one is published by Hayashi 1974: 226-7; Appendix: 84), one is in the British Museum's collection (Appendix: 85).

animals and birds (Pls. 69-75).

On *shoudai* or "animal band" mirrors, there may be four, six or seven "nipples". On those with four nipples, the *siling* are depicted according to the four cardinal directions alone (Pls. 82-83) or accompanied by other heavenly beings (Pls. 84-85); sometimes simplified into long parallel S-shaped lines (Pl. 86). On *shoudai* mirrors of the most complex *siling sanrui* type, the *siling* are depicted with three other auspicious deities (*sanrui*), separated by seven nipples in the principal field, surrounding the central boss (Pls. 87 & 89). Besides appearing in the main field, the *siling* may appear a second time on *siling sanrui* mirrors, in a narrow band just inside the outer rim (Pls. 88 & 90). Their positions on the outer band may vary in relation to the inner group of *siling* as the "heaven-plate" revolves in relation to the "earth-plate".

## (2) Siling representations in three-dimensional formats

The *siling* is a group of four sacred animals, representing the four main directions of the sky above, and of the earth below. The *siling samrui* mirrors with a second set of *siling* in the outer band illustrate the complexity that could be represented on a two-dimensional surface. A three-dimensional plan provides alternatives in arranging the *siling* images. However, the essential function of the *siling* images in a three-dimensional format remains the same. It is only necessary to consider how the four animals should be arranged on the artefacts in order to convey their

365 Wang E. Y. 1999: 82-83.

directional meanings, and from which direction they are supposed to be observed by the viewers.

# (i) Three-dimensional examples in tomb decoration and above-ground structures

The *siling* images in three-dimensional formats are found on individual columns and pillars in tombs. In the late Eastern Han Dynasty tomb in Beizhai Village, Yinan County, Shandong Province, <sup>366</sup> there are two sets of *siling* images in three-dimensional format. One set is depicted round the hemispherical base of a column in the front chamber (Pls. 32.2 & 32.3). <sup>367</sup> The four cardinal animals are incised with fine lines on the hemispherical surface, according to their corresponding directions, and there are also spiral cloud patterns incised on the four sides of the square stone plinth (Pl. 32.2). Another set is carved on three sides of the post in the entrance to the middle chamber (Pls. 32.4-32.6). <sup>368</sup> Both the *zhuque* and the *xuanwu* are arranged on the front side of the pillar, the *zhuque* at the top and the *xuanwu* at the bottom, and in between them is an armed standing hybrid. The *zhuque* is represented by a beautiful bird with a crest of three plumes standing in front view and the *xuanwu* image is represented by an upright turtle, entwined by a long scaly snake. The serpentine *qinglong* and *baihu* images are carved on the east and west sides of the pillar, respectively.

According to the Tang scholar Li Xian's annotation to the biography of Zhongshan

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>366</sup> Zeng Zhaoyu 1956.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>367</sup> *Ibid.*, rub pls. 27-30 (Appendix: 106d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>368</sup> *Ibid.*, rub pls. 12-14 (Appendix: 106c).

Jianwang Yan in Hou Han Shu • Guangwu shiwang liezhuan, "When a road is opened in front of a tomb and stone columns are built to mark it, this is called a spirit road. 墓前開道,建石柱為標,謂之神道。"369 The stone columns mentioned here in the text always come in a pair and carry the same function as a pair of que-towers. Such tower are built at the entrance of a spirit road and are designed to be observed from the entrance when entering the spirit road.

The siling examples on que-towers have mainly been found in Qu County, Sichuan. On the pair of que-towers at Shenjiawan, Xinmin Village, Qu County, the qinglong is carved on the inner flank of the west tower and the baihu on the inner flank of the east tower, and a zhuque is depicted at the top of each tower (Pls. 39, 39.1 & 39.2).<sup>370</sup> This is an archetypal arrangement of the *siling* images that can be seen on all the que-towers from Qu County. Both the qinglong and baihu on the que-towers from Shenjiawan have serpentine bodies and are grasping a line hanging down from a jade bi, and the zhuque is represented by a crested bird with long plumes and opened wings (Pls. 39.3 & 39.4). This is also typical of the representation of the siling on other que-towers from Qu County. Among the set of siling images, the xuanwu is relatively seldom represented on que-towers. The appearance of the xuanwu image in Que 1 and Que 2 at Zhaojiacun, Xinxing Village, Qu County (Pls. 40.1 & 41.1), shows that it would be arranged at the bottom of the front side when it is represented on the que-towers,<sup>371</sup> and the huge animal mask on the east tower of the Shenjiawan que (Pls. 39.7 & 39.8) invites us to recognize it as a particularly elaborate frontal representation of the xuanwu, seen here in frontal view and in

<sup>369</sup> See n. 115 & 116.

Wen 1955, pls. 1-4 (Appendix: 116a-b). See also Xu Wenbin 1992: 128-133.
 Wen 1955, pl. 4 (Appendix: 122, 123). See also Xu Wenbin 1992: 138-141, 142-147.

complementary opposition with its partner, the zhuque.

## (ii) Three-dimensional objects

In artistic representation, it is fairly common that designs alter according to space available, in order to acquire a balance of composition. When the four animal images are represented together on a piece or a set of artwork, because of the constraints of space and directions, and the need to balance the composition, special arrangement and adjustment of individual motifs is needed. This phenomenon can be clearly shown in the arrangement of the four animals on the group of bronze braziers from the Maoling and places nearby (Pls. 59 & 59.1), where they are carved in openwork around the upper body of the vessels (Fig. 33).

The *baihu* motif is depicted in profile on one longer side of the brazier, next to the *xuanwu*. Its front legs are placed together and its body squats towards the left. Its body is decorated with stripes and its tail is raised up over its back, towards its head. The body of the *zhuque* is also depicted in profile, facing left, but its neck is bent back and its head is turned outward towards the viewer. It has an innocent face with simple depiction of the eyes and mouth. In addition to its curved neck and the careful standing posture with its two feet close together, the image itself has a sense of humour.

The *qinglong*, like the *baihu* image on the opposite side, faces left and is depicted in profile. It has round eyes and triangular ears. Its neck is decorated with parallel lines. Its mouth is open, showing a powerful and impressive demeanour. Its wings

are represented by lots of vertical dot patterns inside pairs of parallel lines. Its tail touches the ground, while two spiral designs extend ornamentally from its wings.

In order to adjust to the rectangular format of the vessel, the *zhuque* motif is squeezed into a square surface at one end of the vessel. It has a wing tip and tail, but its tail is far shorter than usual. Its identity as the *zhuque* of the South is understood because it is depicted with the other three animal images of the *siling*.

The *xuanwu* at one end of the brazier is shown in bird's-eye view. Its head gently bends back over its carapace, and its feet stretch out of its carapace. The carapace is circular and is completely decorated with well-arranged rectilinear spiral designs. The *xuanwu* here is depicted as a turtle, with what appears to be a snake, close by between it and the *qinglong*. The snake seems to reappear on the other side of the vessels, between the *baihu* and the *zhuque*.

The composition of the animals on the braziers was seriously considered before the objects were made. The turtle is represented in a confined space at one end, while the *zhuque* at other end also without its traditional long and elaborate tail because of the shortage of space. More space is provided on the two longer sides where the *baihu* and the *qinglong* are depicted. Therefore, the snake winds in and out between all animals, with its head over the back of the *baihu* and its tail above the *qinglong*, and a balance of composition is achieved.

Another example on three-dimensional objects which is worthwhile discussing was found on a Western Han Dynasty funerary face cover in lacquer excavated from

M14 at Huchang at Yangzhou, Southern Jiangsu Province (Pl. 57). 372 The box-shaped face-cover, made up with four panels, was used to cover the entire head of the deceased. The four animals are painted according to their corresponding directions on its four inner panels among continuous cloud designs, the *qinglong* is on the right and the baihu on the left, the zhuque is at the top and the xuanwu at the back (Fig. 32 & Pl. 57.2). It is suggested by the siling images among continuous cloud designs on the inner panels that the inside of this face cover has been transformed into a microcosm of the sky, with the four cardinal animals protecting the deceased from the four directions.

The set of siling images is a popular motif on the Eastern Han Dynasty stone sarcophagi excavated from Sichuan. They are mainly depicted on the four sides of the sarcophagi. For example, a complete set of siling motifs are depicted among complicated contexts on the stone sarcophagus from Guitoushan (Pl. 48 & Fig. 25),<sup>373</sup> and it is particularly interesting to note that the names of fifteen of the carved images, including those of the siling, are inscribed. The siling are arranged on the four sides of this sarcophagus, the zhuque is the sole occupant of the front panel, the xuanwu, the qinglong and the baihu on the three other sides are depicted with various images of mythological deities, buildings, animals and plants (Pls. 48.2-48.9).

On a stone sarcophagus excavated from Dongbinting, the qinglong is depicted on the left wall and the baihu with two birds and a fish on the right (Pl. 49). 374

 <sup>372</sup> ZGWWB 1997.11.23 (Appendix: 108).
 373 SCWW 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & plates (Appendix: 124a-d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>374</sup> SCWW 1988, no. 3: 18 (Appendix: 125).

However, instead of being separately depicted on the front and back panels, the zhuque and xuanwu images are depicted together on the front, with a jade bi pattern, a pair of que-towers on which are seated the images of Xiwangmu and a possible image of Dongwanggong (Pl. 49.1).375 The arrangement of the siling on the sarcophagus from Dongbinting is unique among all the other siling stone sarcophagi.

There are also a few examples on the Eastern Han Dynasty stone sarcophagi from Sichuan in which either the zhuque or the xuanwu is left out from the set of four. For example, on a stone sarcophagus excavated from Jiufeng Village in Leshan County, only images of the *qinglong*, the *baihu* and the *zhuque* were found (Fig. 27). 376 On a sarcophagus from Fushun County and also on the sarcophagus of Wang Hui, excavated from Modong Village in Lushan County, the qinglong, the baihu and the xuanwu were found, while the zhuque is left out (Figs. 28 & 29).

Discussed above in Ch. 3, pp. 89-90.
 Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 87-88 (Appendix: 127).

Chapter Seven: Evolution of the set of siling motifs

Qinglong, baihu and zhuque motifs probably originate from images of the dragon,

tiger and phoenix. The detailed pre-history of these animal motifs is beyond the

scope of this dissertation. However, by quoting relevant archaeological examples of

the Neolithic period to the Shang and Zhou Dynasties, I aim to show that the

ginglong, baihu and zhuque images have much earlier origins than the complex

turtle-and-snake image of the xuanwu.

(1) Individual motifs

(i) Oinglong, zhuque and baihu

The dragon in China is a cultural construct of great antiquity. A twenty-metre long

dragon image modelled on the ground with yellowish small stones was excavated

from a Neolithic tomb site dated back to 7600 to 8000 years B.P. at Chahai,

Liaoning Province.<sup>377</sup> This should be one of the earliest examples of the dragon

pattern. The pair of dragon and tiger images from the Neolithic tomb site at

Xishuipo, Henan Province, date back to four thousand years ago. 378 During the

Shang and Zhou Dynasties, the dragon was one of the most popular animal motifs

to decorate bronzes and jades. 379

Patterns of the phoenix with its typical crest and long plumed tail were found on

<sup>377</sup> *LHWWXK* 1988, no. 1; *NFWW* 1996, no. 4: 74. <sup>378</sup> *WW* 1988, no. 3: 1-6 (Appendix: 40).

For examples in bronze, see Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan kaogu yanjiusuo 1980: 106 & pls.

ceramic vessels from Neolithic sites. For example, they were excavated from sites dated to the Liangzhu Culture (c. 2000 – 3000 B.C.) at Caoxieshan in Wu County (Pl. 113) and Qianshanyang in Wuxing (Pl. 113.1), Jiangsu Province. During the Shang and Zhou Dynasties, phoenixes with typical crest and long plumed tail frequently appeared on bronze vessels (Pl. 114).

## (ii) The problem of xuanwu

The tiger is an animal that exists in nature. Dragon and phoenix, although they are culturally constructed images, bear distinct characteristics, and were therefore also easily recognisable. For this reason, images of the *qinglong*, *baihu* and *zhuque*, three of the four creatures of the *siling*, which are probably derived from the dragon, tiger and phoenix motifs, remain relatively stable. Whereas the *xuanwu* image, combination of a turtle and a snake, that was newly created in the Han dynasty, enjoyed more flexibility in artistic representation. Being composed of two individual animals, the paired turtle and snake *xuanwu* image is the strangest and the most arcane image among the four animal images of the *siling*.

About the iconography of the *xuanwu*, there are three main problems: the date of its emergence, the name *xuanwu* itself, and the meaning of its specific iconography as a turtle-and-snake combination. Although the character *gui* & is commonly translated as "tortoise", in the context of Shang divination, *gui* is translated by Sarah Allan and many western scholars as "turtle". On bronze vessels of the Shang and Zhou Dynasties, snakes and turtles are often depicted as secondary motifs, but

there are also many examples on which either the snake (Pls. 116 & 116.1) or the turtle (Pl. 116.2) is depicted as a very important central motif. Allan further points out "The position of the turtle in Shang bronzes suggest that turtles were regarded as water animals. They are mostly frequently found in the middle position of the bowl on *pan* water basins." <sup>380</sup> Allan's observation is of great importance since as we have seen in the *Yue Ling* (Chapter Four, pp. 149-150), water is linked with the north, winter and black. In the Han Dynasty, both north and black are also associated with the *xuanwu*. From the Shang association of the turtle with water, it seems entirely possible that it could also have been associated with the north and the colour black, as early as the Shang Dynasty, even though it was not until the Han Dynasty that the *xuanwu* was depicted as a paired image of turtle and snake.

Sun Zuoyun has suggested that the mythology and the name of the *xuanwu* had been recorded before the appearance of its image, in *Shan Hai Jing* and *Chu Ci*. He believes that Yu Jiang of the north, who is described in *Shan Hai Jing • Hai Wai Bei Jing* as a black-bodied human wearing two green snakes in his ears and trampling two green snakes, is the earliest image of the *xuanwu* 玄武. <sup>381</sup> In *Chu Ci • Yuan You*, the name "*xuanwu*" was first recorded: "時瓊澤而儻莽今,召玄武而奔屬。The sky is getting dark, call for the *xuanwu*, run quickly and become its subordinate." However, because of uncertainty about the dates of these two texts, we are not sure if these textual records can be dated before the appearance of the

<sup>380</sup> Allan 1991: 107.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>381</sup> KG 1960, no. 6: 25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>382</sup> Chu Ci Ji Zhu, vol. 5: 6. While no certain agreement of the date of the Shan Hai Jing has been reached, most scholars now regard Wu Zang Shan Jing as being the oldest part of the work (Warring States period, 475-221 B.C.) while Hai Wei Bei Jing is dated to the Warring States period or even the Han era (Loewe 1993: 359-361). The date of Chu Ci is also uncertain, but Qu Yuan was active in the State of Chu in the last quarter of the fourth century B.C. (Ibid.: 48).

xuanwu image itself.

The name "xuanwu" in Chinese characters is written 玄武. 玄 is literally translated as "dark", and 武 means warrior. Therefore, it is also called the Dark Warrior. It is believed that the animal is so-called mainly because it is located in the North and because its body is covered with a hard carapace like armour. The turtle and the snake were at first represented separately and were combined to represent the xuanwu image much later than the other three animal spirits of the siling. On a group of hollow bricks (Pls. 7, 10, 12) and bronze braziers (Pls. 59 & 59.1) excavated from the imperial tomb districts in the Western Han capital area, the xuanwu image is represented for the first time as a snake-entwined turtle. This combination subsequently becomes the standard representation of the xuanwu.

About the iconography of the animal, Annette L. Juliano points out that, in Chinese folklore, all turtles are female and must be mated with a serpent for procreation, and that by extension, the snake-and-turtle can also be regarded as a combined symbol of the primary creative forces, *yin* and *yang*.<sup>384</sup> Her idea coincides with that of Sun Zuoyun, who believes that the legend comes from the intermarriage of the turtle and the snake clans under the dictates of exogamy.<sup>385</sup> According to John S. Major, however, although many snake-entwined turtle images of the *xuanwu* strongly suggest a sexual embrace, there is no classical authority for the belief that

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<sup>383</sup> For example, in his annotation to *Chu Ci · Yuan You*, Zhu Xi pointed out, "說者曰:玄武,謂龜蛇。位在北方,故曰玄。身有鱗甲,故曰武。Somebody said: *xuanwu* means turtle and snake, "*xuan*" refers to its northern situation, "*wu*" refers to its carapaced body" (*Chu Ci Ji Zhu*, vol. 5: 6). For similar discussions, see also *NPMMCA*, 1990 Nov: 52-53; *ZGWWB* 1995. 7. 23; *ZYWW* 1995, no. 3: 38-39, 118.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>384</sup> Juliano 1980.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>385</sup> Chu Ci Ji Zhu, vol. 5: 25-26.

all turtles are female and all snakes are males. Major agrees that the paired image incorporates the *yinyang* qualities, but he further explains that, *yin* and *yang* are almost never absolute qualities in Chinese cosmology: as emblems of darkness, water and north, both the turtle and the snake are *yin* relative to the other directional symbols; the snake, however, is *yin* in relation to the Red Bird of the South, but *yang* relative to the turtle. <sup>386</sup>

Another difficulty in understanding the *xuanwu* image is that, unlike the other three cardinal animals which always appear as a dragon, a tiger or a phoenix, respectively, the *xuanwu* does not have a fixed visual image. The *xuanwu* is most often represented by a paired turtle and snake, but sometimes it appears as a turtle on its own, without being entwined by a snake, and during the early stage of its development, there are even instances when its place is taken by a camel (Pls. 58, 58.1 & 58.1), a second *zhuque* (Pls. 93 & 94) or a horse, <sup>387</sup> a pair of fish (Pl. 27), a guard (Figs. 8-13, 16, 17) or a bull (Pl. 111). On a group of bricks dated around the first century B.C. to early first century A.D. (Pls. 117 & 118), <sup>388</sup> a wall painting (Pl. 21.3) <sup>389</sup> and a carved stone slab (Pl. 47.15)<sup>390</sup> of the first century A.D., and a brick dated to the end of the Eastern Han Dynasty (second to early third century A.D.) (Pl. 119), <sup>391</sup> the *xuanwu* is represented by turtle on its own. In these cases, there is no doubt that they are representations of the *xuanwu* because they appear together with other cardinal animals, having clear directional meanings.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>386</sup> Major 1995: 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>387</sup> Ibid.: 1. This mirror is now kept in the Museum of History in Beijing.

Zhonghua wuqiannian wenwu jikan bianji weiyuanhui 1980: 89; *WW* 1984, no. 3, pl. 47 & rubs. 44-45; Henansheng wenhuaju wenwu gongzuodui 1963a, cat. no. 61 (Appendix: 43, 47).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>389</sup> KG 1959, no. 9: 462-463, 468 (Appendix: 38).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>390</sup> See Fu Xihua 1950, vol. 1, pls.77 & 78 (Appendix: 89a-d) for a pair of such representations on a stone slab which should be one end of a stone sarcophagus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>391</sup> Rudolph 1951, pl. 99 (Appendix: 113).

On the ceiling of the Western Han mural tomb at a site at the Jiaotong University in Xi'an, the xuanwu in the North is even only symbolised by a small snake surrounded by a constellation of five stars (Pl. 15.7). The entire illustration on the mural ceiling is an indication of a complete cosmic system that is not only represented by the siling, but also by the twenty-eight constellations and many other heavenly omens. This specific and unique representation of the xuanwu can be a combination of the animal image and the group of stars in the North. It is very likely that the five stars are arranged in the form of the Dipper. In terms of visual expression, it is also not impossible that, the five linked stars are a representation of the turtle's carapace, and the depiction of a snake in between them is to indicate the turtle-and-snake image of the xuanwu.

Because of its composite and complex appearance, the xuanwu icon is more flexible in artistic transformation. On the front side of the pillar from Yinan, the turtle of the xuanwu appears erect, standing on its hind feet and extending its front feet, almost as if in a dancing posture (Pl. 32.4). 393 Both turtle and snake appear very energetic, and curved processes extend from the sides of the snake's body like the curving wings of standing hybrid figure above, which is believed to be a representation of Chiyou. 394 This xuanwu image should be specially designed to match with other curious animal patterns in the tomb. On a late Eastern Han bronze mirror, the xuanwu appears as a fish-like turtle entwined by a snake again with curved extensions to its body, and there seems to be no room for the turtle's head because of the space constraint (Pl. 120 & 120.1). These are two similar

 <sup>392</sup> KGYWW 1990, no. 4: 57-63 (Appendix: 12).
 393 Zeng Zhaoyu 1956, rub. pls. 12-14 (Appendix: 106c).
 394 Discussed above, pp. 61-62 & n. 90.

representations of the *xuanwu*. The most striking and elaborate rendering of the xuanwu is that seen on the east tower of the Shenjiawan *Que* (Pls. 39.7 & 39.8).

Qinglong, baihu, zhuque and xuanwu are all binomes, consisting a colour and an animal name: qing is a colour (green or blue) and long is dragon; ba is a colour (white) and hu is tiger; zhu is a colour (red) and que is bird; xuan is also a colour (black or dark), but instead of gui, "turtle", the animal is called wu, "warrior". In the commentary to Shang Shu by Kong Yingda in Shang Shu Zheng Yi, we read: "武謂龜甲捍禦故變文玄武焉。Wu refers to turtle shell for protection, therefore literally transformed into xuanwu."395 Although the xuanwu is generally depicted as a turtle or turtle-and-snake, other renderings are also possible, such as fish which is also water creatures or guard figures which are warriors.

## (2) Combinations and development

## (i) *qinglong* and *baihu*

The individual motifs of the *siling* did not appear simultaneously. During the development process, individual motifs of the *siling* were combined in pairs before they were finally grouped as a set of four. As I have pointed out in Chapter Five (pp. 154-158), the idea of the *siling* is developed from the idea of the four quarters that is closely related to the opposite but correlative thinking of *yin* and *yang*, and the four main directions are joined to form two pairs of *yinyang* opposites, one of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>395</sup> SSZY, j. 2: 9 (Shi San Jing Zhu Shu, vol. 1: 121).

which is the East and the West, and another one is the South and the North. The long and the hu, animals of the East and the West, were represented as a pair thousands of years before the paired appearance of the zhuque and the xuanwu, animals representing the South and the North. Archaeological materials have shown clearly that in the development of the siling, the pairing of long and hu is not only the earliest but also the most popular combination.<sup>396</sup>

The long and hu images excavated from the Neolithic tomb site at Xishuipo (Pl. 2) are possible prototypes of the animal motifs of the East and the West, dated back to six thousand years ago. 397 The conspicuous long and hu images among the comprehensive cosmological illustration on the clothes chest from the Warring States tomb of Zeng Hou Yi (Pl. 56) emphasise the importance of the East and the West among the four directions.<sup>398</sup> The south and north are represented by the fire symbol and by a turtle in a less prominent position on the two ends of the crest.

We can however note the greater prominence given to the *qinglong* and *baihu*, on the Zeng Hou Yi chest, sarcophagi and tomb entrances, and even on siling sanrui mirrors where they occupy larger segments of the circumferential band. The persisting importance of the East and the West relates to the motions of the sun and the moon. Because of the need for agricultural production and their close relation with the sun and the moon, the East and the West were the first of the four directions to be identified by the ancient Chinese, therefore, animal images associated with the East and the West also appeared at an earlier stage of the

396 About 70% of the listed examples in the appendix are combinations of the *qinglong* and the baihu images.

397 WW 1988, no. 3: 1-6 (Appendix: 40). Discussed above in Chapter Three, pp. 133-134.

development of the siling.<sup>399</sup>

#### zhuque and xuanwu (ii)

The South and the North form another pair of *yinyang* opposites among the four directions, therefore the zhuque, animal image of the South, is very often depicted with the xuanwu, animal image of the North, to convey the yinyang philosophy. However, the zhuque and the xuanwu motifs did not appear together in the same context before the period of Emperor Wudi (r. 140-87 B.C.). As mentioned, the zhuque image of the South is borrowed directly from that of the phoenix, which appeared as early as the Neolithic period (Pls. 113 & 113.1). The turtle, known as gui, was especially prominent in the Shang period. By the Han Dynasty, it was known as xuanwu, "dark warrior", it was variously depicted as a turtle, turtile-and-snake, or in other forms. According to archaeological evidence, the combined turtle-and-snake xuanwu image should be regarded as the final stage in the development of the set of siling motifs.

 <sup>398</sup> WW 1979, no. 7: 1-14, 40-45 (Appendix: 79).
 399 WW 1990, no. 3: 52-60, 69. Discussed above in Ch.3, pp. 98, 122, 134.

# Chapter Eight: Regional distribution and dissemination of the excavated Siling specimens during the Han Dynasty

Before the period of Emperor Wudi, Western Han territories were divided into the *guo* (state) and the *jun* (commandery), and below these is the *xian* (county). 400 During the reign of Emperor Wudi, in order to strengthen the power of the central government, many additional *jun* were established. In 106 B.C., Emperor Wudi established thirteen *ci shi bu* (Administrative Regions) each of which was inspected by a *ci shi* (regional inspector). 401 In 89 B.C., seven *jun* around the capital Chang'an were combined into the newly established *si li jiao wei bu* (Main Administrative Region). 402 (Fig. 12) The sites from which the earliest examples of the *siling* were excavated all belong to the *si li jiao wei bu*. During the Xin Dynasty, although new names and titles were given to the administrative regions and their governors, there was only little change in the territorial division. 403

The local administrative system during the Eastern Han period was similar to that of the Western Han Dynasty, the only differences were the moving of the capital from Chang'an to Luoyang, and the downgrading of the *si li jiao wei bu* to become

shortly after the establishment of the Western Han Dynasty, Emperor Gaozu (r. 202-195 B.C.) granted guo as fiefs to his followers and members of the royal Liu family. Among the sixty jun during this early Western Han period, more than forty were under the control of different guo. Guo was much more powerful than jun. Later, as a result of the elimination of the influence of the feudal states by several Western Han emperors (for example, see Han Shu • Wendi Ji in Han Shu, j. 4: 110; Jingdi Ji in j. 5: 142-143; and Wudi Ji in j. 6: 170). By the end of the Western Han Dynasty, jun became more powerful.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>401</sup> Han Shu • Wudi Ji (Han Shu, j. 6: 197).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>402</sup> According to *Han Shu • Di Li Zhi • shang*, the areas around central and southern Shaanxi, southern Shanxi and northern Henan, all belong to the *si li jiao wei bu*, set up by Emperor Wudi in 89 B.C. (*Han Shu*, j. 28-1: 1542-1546).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>403</sup> According to *Han Shu • Wang Mang Zhuan • zhong*, in the first year of Tianfeng (A.D. 14), Wang Mang changed the names of many official titles and places, and the monetary system. (*Han Shu*, j. 99-2: 4136-4137).

one of the thirteen *zhou* or local administrative regions. 404 According to archaeological finds, the Main Administrative Region is the most essential region for the early development of the set of *siling* images.

In Map One, on which the locations of the excavated sets of *siling* motifs around the Han period are indicated, we see that most of the Western Han examples of the *siling* were excavated from areas in the middle reaches of the Huanghe (Yellow River). Those excavated around Chang'an and Xianyang are the earliest traceable examples of the complete set in its definitive form, and examples dated to the late Western Han to the Xin Dynasty were also found from Shanxi Province and Luoyang. Around the Xin Dynasty, areas of distribution of these excavated artefacts seemed to have shifted from the central Shaanxi area to Luoyang, and a few examples were also found from the Nanyang area in southeast Henan Province, northern Hubei Province, and Qufu and Jinxiang in southwest Shandong Province. This shifting of the set of *siling* motifs is not only related to the dynastic change, but is also a result of the moving of the administrative and cultural centre from Chang'an, the capital of the Former Han Dynasty, towards Luoyang, the Later Han capital, and the changes in population distribution over the entire country.

Chang'an, in the Shaanxi Plain, is geographically isolated from the main Han population which was concentrated along the middle to lower reaches of the Yellow River. 405 Luoyang, and its surrounding area, was one of the most densely populated areas in both the Western Han (Map Three) and the Eastern Han

<sup>404</sup> According to *Hou Han Shu • Bai Guan* 4, there were thirteen *zhou* 州 during the reign of Emperor Guangwu (A.D. 25-57), one of which was the former *si li jiao wei bu*. (*Hou Han Shu*, *zhi* 27: 3613-3614).

Dynasties (Map Four). Its location enabled it to get supplies easily from the key economic areas along the lower reaches of the Yellow River and the Shandong Peninsula (Map Five). 406 This is the reason why the city was one of the areas with the highest population density during the Han Dynasty, even before becoming the capital of the Later Han Dynasty. 407 Situated in the heart of the Han territories, geographically it was also in a better position than Chang'an to transfer a fashion of taste in art towards all sorts of directions within the country. Because of the moving of the capital, the practice of the set of *siling* motifs was transferred from Chang'an to Luoyang, and then easily disseminated from Luoyang to other parts of the country.

Besides the moving of the capital, change in population distribution during the period also played an important role in the transmission of the *siling* motifs. According to Western Han Dynasty law, it was illegal to move away from one's hometown or to change one's registered permanent residency without permission. If the law was not followed, even aristocrats were subject to punishment. As recorded in *Han Shu • Wangzihou Biao (shang)*:

[元鼎五年, 侯聖嗣] 坐知人脫亡名數, 以為保, 殺人, 免。In the fifth year of Yuanding [112 B.C.], [Liu] Sheng succeeded [to the nobility of Hushu]. He was brought up on a legal charge in that being aware of the names and numbers of those who had deserted he had

<sup>405</sup> Ge Jianxiong 1986: 96-104.

406 Bielenstein 1954, vol. 1: 163; Wang Huichang 1992: 112-113.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>407</sup> Based on the earliest preserved census of the Han population recorded in *Han Shu • Dili Zhi*, compiled in the second year of Yuanshi (A.D. 2), by the end of Western Han Dynasty, the greater part of the population was concentrated in what was then northeastern China (east of Shan Hai Guan).

afforded them protection; and he had committed acts of murder. He was deprived of his nobility. 408

When the war between Chu and Han was over in 202 B.C., the economy of the central Shaanxi Plain had been seriously damaged. Several large-scale migrations into the region during the early period of the Han Dynasty were mostly the result of imperial policies. In order to strengthen Guanzhong (the central Shaanxi Plain) and improve the imperial image of the new capital, Emperor Gaozu (r. 206 - 195 B.C.), the first emperor of the Western Han Dynasty, tried to increase the high-ranking population of the area by political means. New policies were applied, such as giving favorable treatments in tax and military service to the remaining marquises and high-ranking officials in the area, and moving into the capital a lot of newly created noblemen from other regions. Intellectuals and rich families were also officially moved into the capital area from the northeast. These measures are clearly written in Shi Ji • Gaozu Ben Ji and Han Shu • Gaodi Ji:

諸侯子在關中者,複之十二歲,其歸者複之六歲 ..... All the noblemen staying in Guanzhong [central Shaanxi] and those returning from other regions are exempted from military service for twelve years and six years, respectively. 409

吏二千石, 徙之長安, 受小第室。[High-ranking] officials of two thousand shi were moved into Chang'an and granted small mansion

Han Shu, j. 15-1; 437.
 Shi Ji • Gaozu Ben Ji (Shi Ji, j. 8: 380).

houses.410

十一月,徙齊、楚大族昭氏、屈氏、景氏、懷氏、 田氏五姓關中,與 利田宅。 In the eleventh month [of 198 B.C.], five large-branched families of Qi and Chu were moved into the Central Shaanxi Plain, including the families of Zhao, Qu, Jing, Huai and Tian, giving them favourable treatments in regard to fields and housing.<sup>411</sup>

Since then, the population of the capital area was blossoming throughout the dynasty. In order to reduce the population density of the capital, there was a large-scale emigration from the area during the reign of Emperor Wendi (r. 179 - 157 B.C.), but with this exception, there was no further large reduction of the population of the capital throughout the Western Han Dynasty. It is probably because of the relatively better environment and living standards and the feeling of privilege in living in the capital area that very few people moved away from the central Shaanxi area during this period. People emigrated only because of administrative orders, including the guilty officials and criminals exiled to the border areas, retired officials moving back home and noblemen moving to the fiefs they had been granted.

One important point to be noted is that this large population in the capital was

<sup>410</sup> Han Shu • Gaodi Ji • xia (Han Shu, j. 1-2: 78).

<sup>411</sup> Han Shu • Gaodi Ji • xia (Han Shu, j. 1-2: 66). According to the records in Shi Ji, Han Shu, other intellectuals and rich families were also moved into the area, and the total population was more than one hundred thousand (Ge Jianxiong 1986: 133).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>412</sup> Ge Jianxiong 1986: 156.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>413</sup> *Ibid*.: 105-106.

<sup>414</sup> *Ibid*.: 157-159.7

mostly the upper class of society, including the aristocracy, officials and the richest families. These people had the greatest political and financial powers, and their cultural and artistic accomplishments are the basic requirements in understanding and appreciating the idea of the siling animal motifs. Therefore, it is not surprising that the earliest examples of the siling were excavated from the imperial tomb districts near Chang'an and most of the Western Han examples were also excavated from the Chang'an areas or places nearby. It was this upper class that first showed its interest in the idea of the siling and the set of siling motifs. Their attention to the siling representations had helped to enhance the social interest on the topic.

During the Western Han Dynasty, although feudal lords were also not allowed to go freely into the capital, sometimes they had to travel to the capital to report on the affairs of their fiefdoms. 415 New fashions in ideas or artistic taste that arose in the capital would also be brought back to his state by the feudal lord and his attendants. Only two clearly defined Western Han examples of the siling have been excavated outside the Major Administrative Region, but both examples come from Western Han feudal States, which had been granted to members of the imperial Liu family. One of them is the boshan censer from the Zhongshan State at Mancheng, Hebei Province (Pls. 58, 58.1 & 58.2). 416 (Map One: 82) The other is the face cover from the Guangling State at Yangzhou in Jiangsu Province (Fig. 32 & Pl. 57.2). 417 (Map One: 108).

<sup>415</sup> For example, as recorded in Shi Ji • Gaozu Ben Ji, the Princes of Huainan, Yan, Jiang, Liang, Chu, Changsha went into the capital, reporting their state affairs to the emperor in 197 B.C. (Shi Ji, j. 8: 387). However, a feudal king more often went alone to report the affairs of his own state, for example, the king of Guangling went into the capital to report in 76 B.C., and was awarded a lot of treasures (Han Shu • Zhaodi Ji, in Han Shu, j. 7: 231).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>416</sup> Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan kaogu yanjiusuo & Hebeisheng wenwu guanlichu 1980, vol. 1: 257 & vol. 2, pl. 175 (Appendix: 82).

417 ZGWWB 1997. 11. 23 (Appendix: 108).

The boshan censer was excavated from the tomb of Dou Wan, wife of Liu Sheng. Liu Sheng and Dou Wan were very close relatives of the Western Han imperial court in Chang'an. Liu Sheng was an elder brother of Emperor Wudi and was granted the title of Prince Jing of Zhongshan in 154 B.C. and Dou Wan was a niece of Grand Empress Dowager Dou. Their gigantic-sized cliff tombs house over two thousand eight hundred wonderful buried objects, among which is the boshan censer with the siling motifs (Pl. 58). It is not surprising that some of these artefacts should be valuable gifts from the court. The four animal motifs on the sides of the pair of siling bronze braziers from Maoling (Pl. 59.1) are very similar to those on the boshan censer. The two sets of animal decorations are comparable not only in casting technique, but also in artistic style and composition, and therefore they might be products of the same group of artisans.

The *siling* funerary face cover from Yangzhou is an interesting object. Some people believed that the face cover in lacquer is named *wenming*, because its appearance and its function in tombs coincide with the description of *Dongyuan wenming* in the commentary by Fu Qian in *Han Shu* (see Chapter Five, p. 103). The solitary face cover decorated with the *siling* motifs from M14 at Huchang (Fig. 32 & Pl. 57.2) is dated to the first century B.C. Since it still remains an early but isolated excavated example of a complete set of *siling* motifs in the areas around the east and the southeast, and since we do not know much about its owner, it is not certain how this fashion and artistic taste of burying with the *siling* specimens was spread from the capital area to Yangzhou, the Guangling State, during the Western Han Dynasty.

The very short duration of Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty (A.D. 9- 23) is not only a remarkable period in the history of the Han Dynasty, but also a turning point in the development of the idea of *siling* and the set of four animal images. Since the correlated *yinyang* and *wuxing* doctrines were believed to be the principles governing the motion of the cosmos and the alternation of history, respectively, 418 they became more important and were used to explain dynastic changes and the fact of the Mandate of Heaven being received by a new ruler. As Wang Mang wanted to take advantage of the *yinyang* and *wuxing* doctrines for political means, the first thing he needed to do was to ensure that they were well known and widely accepted. Directly generated from *yinyang* and the five phases, the *siling* provided a group of four substantial animal images, a convenient and effective way to convey the *yinyang* and *wuxing* doctrines.

About the regional distribution of the *siling* examples during the Xin Dynasty, there are two notable points. The first is that because of the very short duration of the dynasty, on one hand, the smaller number of *siling* dated to the Xin Dynasty represents a fairly high frequency, but on the other hand, Xin Dynasty tombs and artefacts cannot be clearly distinguished from those of the early Eastern Han period. Secondly, during the Xin Dynasty, apart from those excavated from the former Main Administrative Region, examples of the *siling* were also found from the Nanyang area in southwest Henan Province, northern Hubei Province, Qufu and Jinxiang in southwest Shandong Province. These examples cover a much larger area, indicating a wider transmission of the set of *siling* motifs during Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>418</sup> Discussed above in Ch. 5, pp. 154-158.

To summarise the above discussion, the first complete set of siling motifs should have appeared during the early Western Han Dynasty, and Xin Dynasty was a transitional period during which the set of motifs was developed gradually from that beginning to its maturity in the Eastern Han Dynasty. From the early Western Han period to the Xin Dynasty, there was a gradual shift of the set of siling motifs from Guanzhong to the Central Plain, before the set of siling motifs was further transmitted from the Central Plain to all other areas from the Xin Dynasty to the Later Han Period (Map One).

Another interesting point to be noted is that after the dissemination of the set of siling motifs towards Luoyang and surrounding areas, the number of excavated specimens of the *siling* from Guanzhong drops significantly. 419 It is not until the beginning of the second century that the set of siling motifs appears again on the doors of the popular pictorial stone tombs in the very north of Shaanxi Province. 420

The first to the second centuries A.D. was the flourishing period of the development of the siling, and within this period, pictorial stones are probably the most popular medium in funerary art, on which most of the siling motifs are found. The siling images from the very north of Shaanxi Province were mainly preserved in a group of pictorial stone tombs dated around the first to second century A.D.<sup>421</sup> The production of large amount of stone-structured tombs in Northern Shaanxi was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>419</sup> Among the examples from Shaanxi Province in the Appendix (Appendix: I-34), only four of them can be dated around the Xin Dynasty (Appendix: 15, 16, 17, 18). Among them, the siling stove model in the Cleveland Museum of Art (Appendix: 16) is said to have been excavated near Xi'an, but as the museum has no clear record of its provenance and as there is no other similar example from the area for comparison, its origin is uncertain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>420</sup> Appendix: 19-34. <sup>421</sup> *Ibid*..

supported by the plentiful of supply of stone in that area.<sup>422</sup> They were found depicted in complete sets on the doors of these tombs with similar technique and in similar composition. This group of specimens is geographically isolated from other major areas of excavation of the *siling* patterns and should have no direct relation with the earliest objects found in the central Shaanxi Plain. They belong to the mid-Eastern Han period when the *siling* patterns had been widely accepted and practised all over the Han territories.

The set of patterns of the *siling* from the Sichuan area also emerged later. None of these examples from Sichuan can be dated before the second century A.D. (Map One: 116-145). They were mostly excavated from cave tombs, for most of which the identities of the owners are uncertain. However, inscriptions on a pair of *que*-towers from Qu County (Pl. 43.2)<sup>423</sup> and on a sarcophagus from Lushan<sup>424</sup> tell us that the owners in both cases were provincial officials of those areas.

Sichuan Province was originally made up of the ancient States of Ba 巴 and Shu 蜀, and some other minorities in the west. Although Sichuan is a remote area, during the Han Dynasty, the Chengdu Plain was relatively rich, except for areas along the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow River and the Shandong Peninsula, Chengdu and its surrounding districts are the only major agricultural areas outside Central China (Map Five). According to the two censuses made in

<sup>422</sup> Li Mo 1997, vol. 1: 452.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>423</sup> Wen 1955, pl. 1-4; Xu Wenbin 1992: 129-133 (Appendix: 116a-b).

<sup>424</sup> Chang Renxia 1955a, pls. 55, 56. See also Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 1-4 (Appendix: 138a-c).

<sup>425</sup> Sichuan is habited by different minorities, among which the Ba and Shu, had existed long before the unifying of the country by the Qin Emperor, were the greatest. It is believed that the names of Ba and Shu come from the Ba Mountain in the east and the Shu Mountain in the west (see Meng Mo 1989: 9).

A.D. 2 and A.D. 140, the Chengdu Plain in Central Sichuan had the second greatest number of households by A.D. 2 (Maps Three & Four). They had their own very localized and independent route in the development of art. According to archaeological excavations, Han pictorial art appears in more than fifty counties in all over Sichuan Province and these artefacts were dated around mid-Eastern Han to early Jin Dynasties (early second to third centuries A.D.). Since the area was dominated by the deep-rooted local cultural tradition and was geographically isolated from the major regions in Central China, it normally took longer to adopt the main trends of art from the Central Plain, including the set of *siling* motifs.

The earliest examples of the *siling* representations found from imperial tomb areas show clearly that it was the aristocrats at the capital who first introduced the fashion of the set of *siling* motifs. This situation changed during the Xin and Eastern Han period when the set of *siling* motifs had become well known and widely accepted in the society, it was not anymore the upper class noblemen who had the most interest in the set of patterns, but also local officials and the wealthy people. The *siling* specimens of the Xin Dynasty or Eastern Han period were found as funerary gifts or architectural components in the tombs of different social classes in different areas. The owners of these *siling* specimens include high-ranking class, <sup>428</sup> provincial officials of different ranks, <sup>429</sup> local landlords (with or without

<sup>426</sup> Bielenstein 1954, vol. 1: 163. See also *Han Shu • Dili Zhi • shang (Han Shu*, j. 28-1: 1597-1598).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>427</sup> Huang Xiaodong 1996: 129.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>428</sup> For example, a group of *siling* eaves tiles from Shaanxi (Appendix: 17) were probably components of the Biyong, an imperial hall, during the Wang Mang period, and the owner of a Eastern Han *siling* pottery lid from a tomb Zaoyang City M3 in Hubei should be a high-ranking nobleman (Appendix: 80).

During Han times, high-ranking officials refer to those having two thousand shi  $\Xi$  or more for monthly salary (Qu Duizhi 1991: 130-131). Some of the owners of the excavated siling examples were high-ranking officials with two thousand shi per month, such as Taishou (e.g. Appendix: 74).

official titles) and rich locals of the area.<sup>430</sup> These Xin to Eastern Han *siling* examples further prove that, because of the wider acceptance of the idea of *siling* and the set of four animal images in society, to a large extent, there was no class restriction on the artistic use of the *siling* since Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty.

However, most of them were probably middle to low-ranking officials with three hundred to one thousand *shi* a month, including *xianling* (magistrate of a county of more than 10000 households), *Xianchang* (magistrate of a county of less than 10000 households) or garrison official (e.g. Appendix: 19-34, 52).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>436</sup> For example, the mural tomb at Zaoyuan, Pinglu, Shanxi, with painted *siling* motifs, belonged to a rich landowner (Appendix: 38); and the owner of the huge multi-chamber mural tomb in Yinan, Shandong Province, from which two sets of *siling* motifs were excavated, was probably a very influential landowner of the area (Appendix: 106).

# **Conclusion**

The complete set of *siling* symbols, *qinlgong*, *baihu*, *zhuque* and *xuanwu*, is a Han dynasty product, although as separate animal images, they did not appear simultaneously and all have much more ancient origins and associations with the cardinal directions. Individual images of the *siling* were derived from similar animal images of the dragon, phoenix, tiger, turtle and snake. They have undergone a long process of development, in which individual animals were paired and grouped, and finally combined into the complete set of four cardinal images.

The Neolithic tomb at Xishuipo M45 is a remarkable burial at the outset of this process of development (see pp. 47-49). Two animal patterns, apparently a dragon and a tiger, are modelled with shells on the ground, on either side of the deceased (Pl. 2). On the one hand, these two animals, flanking the occupant of the tomb, are clearly his guardians; on the other hand, there seem to be directional implications in the tomb context: the head of the occupant points to the south, while the heads of both animals point in the opposite direction towards the feet of the deceased. Because of these directional implications, the pair of animal patterns excavated from Xishuipo are possible prototypes of the *qinglong* and *baihu*, later adopted as directional animal symbols of the east and west. A group of shells arranged in a triangular form in combination with two human tibias, pointing to the west, and located at the northern end of the burial, has been identified as the *beidou* (Dipper). 434

The paired *qinglong* and *baihu* images are associated with the east and west, respectively, and the very rich archaeological materials show that, they are both the earliest and the most popular *siling* pair, especially if we accept the evidence of the Xishuipo Neolithic tomb. This may be because east and west are closely related to the motions of the sun and the moon, the sources of food and livelihood for the ancient people. It was at a much later date that the other pair of *siling* symbols was depicted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>434</sup> n. 50.

together. The phoenix motif appeared as early as the Neolithic period and that of the turtle in the Shang, but the turtle-and-snake *xuanwu* image was not seen until the early Western Han Dynasty, and none of the excavated paired phoenix and turtle-and-snake representations can be dated before the reign of Emperor Jingdi (r. 156-140 B.C.).

The early Western Han Dynasty was the period when complete sets of the four animal images first emerged and these siling specimens were geographically limited to the neighbourhood of the Western Han capital Chang'an. Complete sets of siling representations were found on moulded bricks (Pls. 5, 6, 7, 8), a jade pushou (Pl. 3) and a group of bronze braziers (Pls. 59, 59.1, 59.2, 59.3 & 59.4, 59.5) dated to the second century B.C. However, these specimens were limited to the Yangling and Maoling, Western Han imperial tombs, in Chang'an and nearby areas that were mostly inhabited and controlled by the aristocracy and the upper class. The political and financial powers of this social class enjoyed were essential for building well-decorated tombs and using well-designed funeral objects; the comparative high education this group of people had was also essential for them to understand the idea of siling and to appreciate the new fashion of siling representations. I believe that, during the early Western Han period, the idea of siling, and the new artistic taste and fashion of applying the set of siling symbols in a funerary context was limited to the aristocracy and the upper class, and that outside that society, the siling representations were not yet generally known or accepted. More sets of the siling can be dated to the late Western Han period. They include groups of moulded bricks from tombs near Xianyang City (Pls. 12-14); a wall painting specimen excavated from the Xi'an Jiaotong University (Pls. 15.2-15.7); and the pierced and painted hollow tile excavated from M61 at Shaogou, Luoyang (Pls. 18.1-18.3). These excavated materials prove that, it was not until the first century B.C. that the set of siling symbols began to be used in tombs in other areas and those of different social ranks, and to appear on a wider variety of funerary art.

Turtle-and-snake patterns were found on hollow bricks (see Pls. 9-10) excavated from the Yangling, tomb of Emperor Jingdi (r. 156-140 B.C.) (Pl. 10) (Ma & Wang 2001: 55-56).

Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty (A.D. 9-25) was a transitional period during which the set of siling motifs developed from that beginning towards its maturity in the Eastern Han Dynasty. Since the late Western Han period, the wuxing concept was believed to be the principle governing the alternation of history and was used to explain dynastic changes and the fact of the Mandate of Heaven being received by a new ruler. Wuxing in the earlier usage refers to the "Five Processes", each of which overcomes the previous one and generates the next in the series. Wang Mang welcomed a wider understanding and acceptance of the wuxing theory because he wanted to take advantage of it for political means, aiming to strengthen his dynastic power. The siling provided a convenient and effective way to convey the wuxing theory, that was therefore widely used. From the early Western Han to the Wang Mang periods, there was a gradual expansion of the areas where the siling were represented; specimens have been excavated from the Central Shaanxi Plain to Luoyang, while a few examples have also been found from the Nanyang area in southeast Henan Province, northern Hubei Province, and Qufu and Jinxiang in southwest Shandong Province, indicating a wider dissemination of the siling representations by the time of Wang Mang's Xin Dynasty. During the Eastern Han period, the siling representations were no longer limited to these any areas, and examples have been found from different areas all over China (Map One).

A Chinese tomb is a microcosm of the universe and the ceiling of the tomb symbolizes the sky. The *siling* is a group of animal gods and a set of heavenly motifs with directional meanings, which can symbolize the sky and help providing a complete and consistent plan of the universe. It is the reason why when the *siling* symbols are depicted in tomb, they are always arranged at the four quarters of the ceiling or on the upper parts of the four walls, and in many cases, they are depicted together with celestial patterns, including various star and cloud designs, and other heavenly images, such as the sun and the three-legged crow, the moon and the toad. <sup>436</sup> This phenomenon is particularly apparent during the Western Han and Wang Mang's Xin

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>436</sup> For example, see *WW* 1977, no. 6: 1-12 (the tomb of Bu Qianqiu in Luoyang, Henan); Shaanxisheng kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an Jiaotong daxue 1991 (a tomb at Jiaotong University in Xi'an, Shaanxi); *KG* 1975, no. 3: 178-181, 177 (a tomb at Qianyang County, Shaanxi); *WW* 1993, no. 5: 1-16 (a tomb at Qianjingtou, Luoyang, Henan).

Dynasty. During the Eastern Han Dynasty, the set of *siling* symbols became more popular and when it appears in a tomb, it is no longer limited to the ceiling, but also appears in other parts, such as column base (Pl. 32) and stone pillars (Pl. 32.1),<sup>437</sup> and on the sides of stone sarcophagi (Pls. 47-52).<sup>438</sup>

Reading from archaeological materials, we notice that majority of the existing *siling* specimens have been arranged or sought to be arranged in a pattern of *qinglong*/east; *baihu*/west; *zhuque*/south; *xuanwu*/north. This pattern coincides with the related literary references in five Han or pre-Han texts cited in Part Two of this thesis. I should, however, state clearly that there is in fact no Han period textual reference for a group entitled the *siling*, composed of the four animal motifs thoroughly catalogued in Part One. Archaeological evidence tells us unequivocally that this pattern might have existed as an ideal but was never a rule or a norm that had to be followed when locating the *siling* images, because for various reasons, there were some alternatives in actual practice. Archaeological evidence has provided more diverse and complex examples that are not thoroughly recorded in classical texts.

Even if the tomb builders wished to place the *siling* representations in strict accordance with the directions that the literary texts suggest, it was sometimes impossible to do as, because of constraints in space or local topography, other practical considerations, or simply because of carelessness of the builders. For example, in the mural tomb at Zaoyuan Village, Pinglu County, Shanxi Province (Pls. 21 & Fig. 5), since the tomb entrance is in the east, not the south, the painter has adjusted the main images so that the *qinglong* and the *baihu* appear on the south and north walls, respectively, and the *xuanwu* on the west wall. Effectively, therefore, once on is inside the tomb, the entrance appears to be the south. In another case, the diagram (Fig. 1) showing the arrangement of decorative bricks in M36 near the Xianyang City, Shaanxi, shows that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>437</sup> Both examples from the Eastern Han stone-structured tomb in Beizhai Village, Yinan County, Shandong Province, see Zeng Zhaoyu 1956, rub. pls. 27-30 (Appendix: 106d) and rub. pls. 12-14 (Appendix: 106c).

<sup>(</sup>Appendix: 106c).

438 KG 1985, no. 12: 1130-1135 (Pl. 47, Appendix: 69a-d); Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 6, 42, 87-88, 40, 1 (Pl. 48-52, Appendix: 124a-d, 125, 127, 122, 138a-c).

some bricks were placed upside down, or with the decorated side facing the exterior rather than the interior of the tomb. The excavators of M36 suggest that the bricks were not arranged according to the respective directions of the *siling* because they were originally components from other architectural sites being re-used to build the tomb. I do not think there is any evidence of such re-use, but would argue instead that since the bricks were pre-fabricated outside the tomb and brought into the tomb area for the actual construction, there was great scope for mistakes when the overseer was not checking properly, and therefore the four animal symbols were not always positioned in strict accordance with their corresponding directions.

Although there are alternatives in the positions of the *siling* in visual representation, we are aware of two strict rules in arrangement that is kept throughout the Han era and thereafter, that is, the four animal images are always sub-divided into two pairs of opposites: *qinglong* and *baihu*, *zhuque* and *xuanwu*, occupying the east and the west, the south and the north. This is possibly influenced by the *yinyang* theory that gained great prevalence during the Han Dynasty. According to the *yinyang* theory, all things and events are products of interaction of a pair of opposite elements, *yin* and *yang*. The relation between the *yinyang* theory and the *siling* is mainly based on the involvement of the former in the several sets of symbols for the four cardinal directions, while the latter represents one set of such symbols. Similar to the four colours and the four seasons, the four animals (*siling*) are one of the complementary sets of "symbols" for the four main directions.

The variable positions of the paired *qinglong* and *baihu* images throughout the Han Dynasty can be explained in two ways (see pp. 182-188). First, as suggested by Li Ling, this may have been a result of the dual system of directional order being used during the Qin and Han periods. Li Ling points out that there were two different systems of directional order on oracle bones, bronze vessels and in written texts, namely, "top: north; bottom: south", and "top: south; bottom: north". By studying and

<sup>439</sup> See KG 1982, no. 3; 225-235 for the site report.

comparing relevant records in Huai Nan Zi, he further hypothesizes that the first system was mainly used in astronomical and seasonal matters and that the latter was mainly used in topography. Second, a confusion may have arisen through viewing the siling objects in different ways. For example, on the large rectangular tile in the centre of the trapezoid-shaped pediment which separates the main chamber of M61 at Shaogou in Luoyang into two sections, images including the qinglong, baihu and zhuque are carved in open-work and painted along the edges anf top of the tiles (Pls. 18.1 & 18.3).440 The positions of the qinglong and baihu images depend on the final placement of the tile, in which this face of the tile faces the tomb entrance. Another similar example is the tiny siling jade plaque in the Shanghai Museum's collection, on which the four animal images are carved in openwork and decorated with incised details on both sides (Pl. 107). 441 I conclude that, no matter whether the *qinglong* is depicted on the right and the baihu on the left, or vice-versa, as long as they are arranged opposite each other on a specimen, especially when the zhuque and xuanwu images are depicted on the two other opposite sides, their directional meanings are intended and the idea of the *siling* is conveyed.

In conclusion, there are three functions of the siling representations in Han art. First: as a group of four cardinal symbols. No other Han decorative motifs have the function of symbolizing the four main directions. This function can be seen on almost all of the archaeological materials covered, so it can be regarded as the most important. Second: as a group of guardian images, safeguarding the soul of the deceased on its journey to the heaven. As a group of animal gods depicted in the tomb, it is understandable that the set of siling would be expected to give protection to the deceased on its difficult journey to heaven. This is, however, not the major function of the siling symbols. Besides the siling, there are also other guardian images in Han tomb decoration: these images are identified as guardians because they appear erect, martial and armed. There are quite a number of examples when the siling are depicted together with various

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>440</sup> KGXB 1964, no. 1: 107-125 (Appendix: 45). M61 is dated to the periods of Emperor Yuandi to Emperor Chengdi (r. 48-7 B.C.).
 <sup>441</sup> Lu Zhaoyin 1993, pl. 233 (Appendix: 151).

guardian images in the same pictorial context. On these examples (e.g. Pls. 3, 18.2, 60, 61, 61.1, 61.2), the siling are never the major motifs, but are arranged around the central and principal guardian image, so that they appear to be a group of guardian assistants). 442 Third: as a group of auspicious patterns, making good wishes for the tomb occupant. This function is the least important, as among the existing Han visual materials, there is only one example that certainly has this function (Pl. 107).<sup>443</sup>

The principal function of the set of siling symbols is their cardinal significance, which is of particular importance in the tomb. The decoration of the tomb was intended to serve as a guide to the soul in its new home, which thus needed to be shown as complete as possible. The living relatives too would then have a clear idea of the world to which the dead person had gone. It is a practice of the Han Chinese to place the dead body in the north of the tomb, facing the tomb entrance which is supposed to be opened in the south, however, as we have seen, the constraints of local topography sometimes prevented such an arrangement. The tombs of Liu Sheng, Prince Jing of Zhongshan (d. 114 B.C.), and his wife Dou Wan at Mancheng, Hebei Province, face east, because that is the shape of the mountain in which they are cut; 444 some other Han tombs on slopes near Changsha, Henan Province, face west instead, and accordingly, the entrance has to be in the west. The set of siling representations is the most effective solution to this problem, because it has the ability and effect of reorienting the space and the four main directions within the tomb context. A typical example of such usage comes from the mural tomb at Zaoyuan, Pinglu, Shanxi Province. 445 On Fig. 5 (p. 70), we can notice that the tomb faces east in actual topography, but with the xuanwu image depicted on the back wall, and the qinglong

442 WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55 (Appendix: 6); KGXB 1964, no. 1: 107-125 (Appendix: 45); KG 1998, no. 12: 83, fig. 8 (Appendix: 140); Appendix: 65; TG 46, 1974: 226-227 (Appendix: 84); KG 1960, no. 12: 656 (Appendix: 83).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>443</sup> Lu Zhaoyin 1993, pl. 233 (Appendix: 151). It is an inscribed jade ornament with the siling images carved in openwork and decorated with incised details. The inscriptions read, "yanshou wannian changyi zisum 延壽萬年長宜子孫 longevity extended for ten thousand years, always suitable for the sons and

grandsons".

Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan kaogu yanjiusuo & Hebeisheng wenwu guanlichu 1980, vol. 1: 257 & vol. 2, pl. 175 (Appendix: 82).

445 KG 1959, no. 9: 462-463, 468 (Appendix: 38).

and baihu images depicted opposite each other on the south and north walls, the space and the four main directions within the tomb context is readjusted, so that the tomb occupant still faces "south", with the "east" on his left and the "west" on his right (see pp. 69-72 for close analysis). It may be note that a similar directional readjustment is made in the case of the Buddhist caves at Dunhuang. Because the whole cliff faces east, all cave entrances and the principal Buddha imagea within each cave face east, yet inside the caves, the Pure Land of the West is always depicted on the Buddha's right (on our left as we enter the cave) which is actually the south wall, so that the Buddha sits and facing "south", with the "east" on his left side and the "west" on his right. The group of siling is the most convenient way of making clear the directions, especially inside the tomb. As the four animals are quite distinct from one another, they are unmistakable.

This paper traces the emergence and spread of the visual representations of the *siling*, suggesting that it was in the Western Han Dynasty and in the neighbourhood of the capital Chang'an that the siling images first emerged in a consistent iconography, before moving eastwards to the Eastern Han capital Luoyang, and subsequently spreading from Luoyang to various parts of China. This research project shows the power and effect of the representations of the siling, a set of four divine animals, in Han art, particularly in the Han funerary context, and their relationship with some o the intellectual ideas and the socio-economic and political situation that were current during the Han Dynasty. The Han Dynasty has a long history of more than four hundred years, it is a crucial stage in the formation of the Chinese culture, during which there was a systematic reorganization of all kinds of knowledge using cosmological principles. During the Han era, through this knowledge, Chinese succeeded in acquiring a better understanding of nature, and of the relationship between nature and man, and there were also great economic changes that resulted in a complete transformation in the socio-economic structure. Individual animal images of the siling might have appeared before the Han Dynasty, but the complete set of siling symbols is a Han Dynasty product and its development would have been influenced by

different aspects of Han society that are beyond the scope of this thesis, but will be topics for further research.

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Abbreviations
AA= Artibus Asiae
AC = Art of China 中國文物世界
ACASA = Archives of the Chinese Art Society of America / Archives of Asian Art
AH = Art History
AO = Ars Orientalis
BBMS = Bulletin of the Buffalo Museum of Science (Hobbies)
BCMA = Bulletin of the Cleveland Museum of Art
BIHP = Bulletin of the Institute of History and Philology 中央研究院歷史語言研究所集刊
BMFEA = Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities
BNMH = Bulletin of the National Museum of History 國立歷史博物館館刊
BSOAS = Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies
BZU = Bulletin of the Zhengzhou University 鄭州大學學報 (Philosophy and Social Science Edition 哲學社
        會科學版)
CDEA = Cahiers d' Extreme-Asie
CQFLJZJY = Chunqiu Fanlu jinzhu jinyi 春秋繁露今注今譯
CS = Chinese Science
DDLJ=Da Dai Li Ji jin zhu jin shi 大戴禮記今注今釋
DLZZ=Dalu zazhi 大陸雜志
DNWH = Dongnan wenhua 東南文化
DY = Duo yun 朵雲
EC = Early China
GA = Gallery of Art 收藏天地
HJAS = Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies
HNKGJK = Hunan kaogu jikan 湖南考古季刊
HNWBTX = Henan wenbo tongxun 河南文博通訊
HSXZ=Han Shu xinzhu 漢書新注
HTR = Harvard Theological Review
HXKG=Huaxia Kaogu 華夏考古
IIAS = IIAS Newsletters
JAOS = Journal of the American Oriental Society
JAS = Journal of Asian Studies
JESHO = Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient
JHKG=Jianghan kaogu 江漢考古
JZXK = Jiuzhou xuekan 九州學刊
KDYK=Kangdao yuekan 康導月刊
KG=Kaogu 考古
KGTX = Kaogu tongxun 考古通訊
KGXB=Kaogu xuebao 考古學報
KGXJK = Kaoguxue jikan 考古學集刊
KGYWW = Kaogu yu Wenwu 考古與文物
LHWWXK = Liaohai wenwu xuekan 遼海文物學刊
LJZY = Li ji zheng yi 禮記正義
LSCQ = Lü Shi Chun Qiu 呂氏春秋
LSYJ=Lishi yanjiu 歷史研究
MRDTB = Memoirs of the Research Department of the Tōkyō Bunkō (Oriental Library)
MS = Monumenta Serica
MSYJ=Meishu yanjiu 美術研究
NDXT=Nandu xuetan 南都學壇
NFWW=Nanfang wenwu 南方文物
NM = Numan
NPMJ=The National Palace Museum Journal 故宮博物院院刊
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NPMMCA = The National Palace Museum Monthly of Chinese Art 故宮文物月刊 NPMRO = The National Palace Museum Research Quarterly 故宮學術季刊

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OA = Oriental Art
RES = Respresentations
SCWW=Sichuan wenwu 四川文物
SFHTJZ = San Fu Huang Tu Jiao Zheng 三輔黃圖校証
SHJJZ = Shanhaijng jiaozhu 山海經校著
SHZJY = Lidai Shihuozhi jinyi 歷代食貨志今譯
SSZY = Shang Shu zheng yi 尚書正義
SXNB=Shixue nianbao 史學年報
SXYK=Shixue vuekan 史學月刊
SXYSD = Sixiang yu shidai 思想與時代
SYH = Shu yu hua 書與畫
TG=The Tōhō Gakuhō (Kyōto: Journal of Oriental Studies 東方學報)
TOCS = Transactions of the Oriental Ceramic Society
TP = T'oung Pao
TS = Tenri Sanōkanpō (Bulletin of Tenri University Sankōkan Musuem 天理參考館報)
WB = Wenbo 文博
WBTX = Wenbo tongxun 文博通訊
WW = Wenwu 文物
WWCH = Wenwu chibg-hua 文物精華
WWCKZL = Wenwu cankao ziliao 文物參考資料
WWTD = Wenwu tiandi 文物天地
WWZLCK = Wenwu ziliao congkan 文物資料叢刊
YJXB = Yanjing xuebao 燕京學報
YSJ=Yishujia 藝術家
YTLJZ = Yantielun jianzhu 鹽鐵論簡注
YWZZ=Yiwen zazhi 藝文雜誌
YYDY=Yiyuan duoying 藝苑掇英
ZGMS = Zhongguo meishu 中國美術.
ZGWWB = Zhongguo wenwubao 中國文物報
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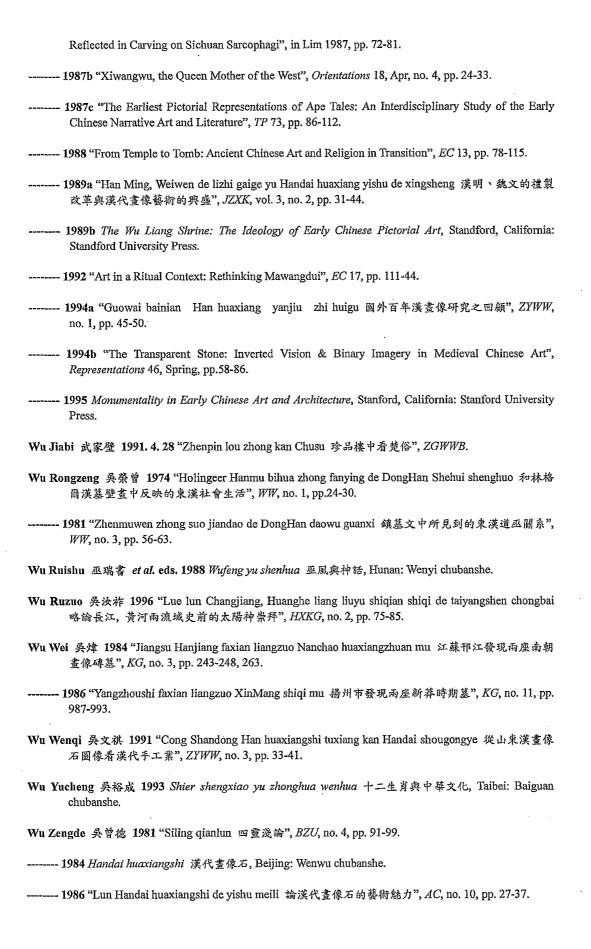
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# Appendix I: Distribution of siling examples

| Abbreviations: |             |           |                   |                 |                     |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| q'l = qinglong | b'h = baihu | = b, z    | x'w = xuanwu      |                 |                     |
| L = left       | R = right   | F = front | B = back / bottom | T = top         |                     |
| h = height     | I = length  | w = width | t = thickness     | diam = diameter | += pattern repeated |
| E= east        | W= west     | S= south  | N= north          |                 |                     |

| height  | 1 = length | ıgth | w = w                  | width      | t = thickness |               | diam = diameter         |         | += pattern repeated              | peated     |  |
|---------|------------|------|------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------|--|
| east    | W= west    | est  | S= so                  | uth        | N= north      | Ę             |                         |         |                                  |            |  |
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| Shaanxi | No. 1-34   | IV.  | IV. Hubei              | No. 79-81  | VII. Jiangsu  |               | No. 108-113 X. Zhejiang | X. 7    | hejiang                          | No.146     |  |
| Shanxi  | No. 35-39  | >    | Hebei & Beijing        | No. 82-88  | VIII. Anhui   |               | Vo. 114-115             | X.<br>L | No. 114-115 XI. Location unknown | No.147-151 |  |
| Henan   | No. 40-78  | ΛĮ.  | No. 40-78 VI. Shandong | No. 89-107 | X.            | IX. Sichuan N | No. 116-145             |         |                                  |            |  |

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| N        | 7.   | Location          | Date                        | Cwner of            | Media &                      | Size (cm)        |     | i ne sitin | The sting images |           | Sources/Collection                |
|          |      |                   |                             | specimen            | Orientation                  |                  | 4.1 | 2'9        | p, h             | x'w       |                                   |
| ا و      | 6    | Luojingshi        | Early W. Han,               | Emperor Jingdi &    | hollow bricks (fragments),   | unknown          | 1   |            |                  |           | Ma & Wang 2001: 55-56.            |
| 3        |      | <b>推赞</b> 石,      | poula bellod                | nis imperiai        | patterns mounded in inread   |                  |     |            |                  |           |                                   |
|          |      | Yangling 陽陵,      | (r. 156-140                 | Iamily              | reliei                       |                  |     |            |                  |           |                                   |
| <u>P</u> | 10   | Xianyang 咸陽,      | B.C.)                       |                     |                              | unknown          |     |            |                  | <b>r1</b> |                                   |
|          |      | Shaanxi           |                             |                     |                              |                  |     | ,          |                  |           |                                   |
| 2        | 59   | The Third Branch  | early W. Han                | an official whose   | a bronze brazier with        | 9.2 high         | 1   | 1          | 1                | I         | WB 1991, no. 4: 3-18. Shaanxi     |
|          |      | of the Fifth      | to Wudi period              | rank was about      | matching eared cup &         | 14 long          |     |            |                  |           | kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an shi       |
|          |      | National Cotton   | (2 <sup>nd</sup> century to | that of Five Grand  | handled ring-support for the | 8.2 wide         |     |            |                  |           | wenwu guanlichu 1993: 60;         |
|          |      | Factory 國棉五廠      | 87 B.C.)                    | Masters 五大夫,        | dno                          |                  |     |            |                  |           | KGYWW 1997, no. 6, cover page.    |
|          |      | 三分廢 M6, near      |                             | Assistants to the   |                              |                  |     |            |                  |           | Shaauxi Provincial Cultural       |
|          |      | Xi'an, Shaanxi    |                             | Three Ministers     |                              |                  |     |            |                  |           | Bureau.                           |
| 3        | 59.1 | Wazhagou 瓦碴溝,     | W. Han, Wudi                | an aristocrat or an | a pair of bronze braziers    | unknown          | 1   | 1          |                  | 1         | Shaanxi Provincial Museum of      |
|          |      | Maoling 茂陵,       | period (r.                  | upper class person  | with matching eared cups &   | (similar size to |     |            |                  |           | History. Similar examples from    |
|          |      | Xingping County   | 140-87 B.C.)                |                     | handled ring-supports for    | No. 2)           |     |            |                  |           | Shanxi and in museums in China    |
|          |      | 與平縣, Shaanxi      |                             |                     | the cups, & trays            |                  |     |            |                  |           | and overseas.                     |
| 4        |      | Maquan 馬泉,        | early W. Han                | an aristocrat or an | a bronze brazier with        | unknown          | 1   | 1          | 1                | 1         | KG 1979, no.2: 125-135, fig. 5.7. |
|          |      | Xianyang, Shaanxi | to Wudi period              | upper class person  | matching eared cup,          | (similar size to |     |            |                  |           | Xianyang Museum.                  |
|          |      |                   | (2 <sup>nd</sup> century to |                     | handled ring-support for the | No. 2)           |     |            |                  |           |                                   |
|          |      |                   | ·87 B.C.)                   |                     | cup, & tray                  |                  |     |            |                  |           |                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Maquan is situated between the Maoiing and Pingling, imperial tombs of Wudi (r. 140 - 87 B.C.) and Zhaodi (86 - 74 B.C.) respectively, and Xianyang City, the former capital of the Qin Dynasty. These places, during the Han Dynasty, were mostly inhabited by noblemen and the upper class (KG, 1979, no2, pp.125-135).

| 5        | _    | Fuping 富平, · · · Shaanxi                                  | early W. Han<br>to Wudi period<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> century to<br>87 B.C.)                  | unknown                                   | a bronze brazier with<br>matching eared cup, handle<br>broken                                | unknown<br>(similar size to<br>No. 2)   | 1                                       |  |      | ı              | <i>WWTD</i> 1996, по. 2: 25.   |
|----------|------|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|------|----------------|--|
| 9        | 3    | Wazhagou,<br>Maoling, Xingping<br>County, Shaanxi         | W. Han, Wudi<br>period (r.<br>140-87 B.C.)   | an aristocrat or an<br>upper class person | a large pushou of green<br>jade, with patterns carved<br>and finely incised in bas<br>relief | 34.2 x 35.6 x<br>14.7<br>weight: 10.6kg | 1/R                                     |  | 1/1  | 1              | WW 1976, no. 7: 51-55; KGYWW<br>1986, no. 3: 9-10; Wang<br>Wenqing 1994: 144. Maoling<br>Museum. |
| 7        | 8    | Wazhagou,<br>Maoling, Xingping<br>County, Shaanxi         | Wudi period to<br>end of W. Han<br>(140B.CA.D.<br>8)                                       | an aristocrat or an<br>upper class person | hollow brick, patterns<br>moulded in bas relief, the<br>front side of a brick                | 35 x 113 x 18.5                         | 1+/L                                    |  | 1+/R | , <sup>1</sup> | <i>WW</i> 1976, no. 7: 54-55. Maoling<br>Museum.   |
| 8<br>a)  | 9    | Wazhagou,<br>Maoling, Xingping                            | Wudi period (r. 140-87 B.C.)   | an aristocrat or an<br>upper              | a/ b /c) hollow brick,<br>patterns moulded in bas  | 18 x 116.5 x<br>40.5                    |   | 2                                      |      |                | WW 1976, no. 7: 51-53;<br>Zhonghua wuqiannian wenwu  |
| p)       | 5    | County, Shaanxi   | to end of W.<br>Han (A.D. 8)   | class person                              | relief   | 13.8 x 45 (section)                     |   |  | 1    |                | jikan bianji weiyuanhui 1980:<br>34; Wang Wenqing 1994:  |
| ં        | 7    |   |  |   |  | 17.8 x 117.5 x<br>37.5                  |   |  |      | 1              | 145. Maoling Museum.   |
| ф        | /    | Daozhang Village,<br>Maoling, Xingping<br>County, Shaanxi |  |   | d'e) hollow brick, patterns<br>moulded in bas relief   | 117.5 x 37.5                            |   | 2                                      |      |                | Asian Art Museum of San<br>Francisco 1994, pls. 30 & 31.<br>Maoling Museum.                      |
| (e)      | /    | Guandao Village,<br>Maoling, Xingping<br>County, Shaanxi  |  |   |  | 114.5 x 36                              |   |  |      | 2              |  |
| 9<br>a)  | 12   | Erdaoyuan 二道原<br>M26, Xianyang,<br>Shaanxi                | W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> century B.C.)<br>brick in a late<br>W. Han to Xin | the upper class or<br>local officials     | a hollow brick (fragment),<br>patterns moulded in thread<br>relief:                          | 137 x 40 x 22<br>(brick)                |   | ······································ |      | 2              | KG 1982, no. 3, figs. 14.1-3;<br>Zhang Daoyi 1993: 405; Zhang<br>Hongxiu 1994, pls. 29, 21 & 22. |
| (q       | /    |   | Dynasty (late 1 <sup>st</sup> Century B.C. to A.D.   |   | a) M26:1 front<br>b) M26:1 back  |   | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 2                                      |      |                |  |
| ၁ ရ      | 12.1 | Erdaovuan M34   | 23) tomb   |   | c) M26:1 flank<br>a hollow brick, patterns   | 110 x 16 (brick)                        |   | 2                                      | 2    |                | KG 1982, no. 3, pls. 1.1 & 1.4;  |
| а)       | ,    |   |  |   | moulded in bas relief:   | ,                                       |   |  |      |                | Zhang Daoyi 1993: 406; Zhang   |
| <u> </u> | 14.1 |   |  | -   | a) front<br>b) flank   |   |   |  | 2    |                | Hongxiu 1994, pis. 10 & 11.  |

| Erdaoyuan M36 W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> the upper class or century B.C.) local officials brick in a late W. Han to Xin Dynasty (late 1 <sup>st</sup> Century B.C. to A.D. 23) tomb   |   |  |               |  |                                   |                                  |                              |               |   |                                   |  |                            |                   |                                 |                            |                   | _                                |                              |                              |   |                       |
|---|---|--|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 134   Erdaoyuan M36   W Han (2 <sup>md</sup> .1) <sup>st</sup> the upper class or hollow brides (e-t), pattern a) 118 x 38   century B.C.)   local officials   a) M36:12 front   b) 115 x 15   century B.C. to A.D.   23) tomb   b) M36:12 front   d) 118 x 38   century B.C. to A.D.   c) M36:14 front   d) 118 x 38   c)   d) M36:14 front   d) 118 x 38   c)   d) M36:14 front   d) 118 x 38   d)   d) M36:34 front   d) 118 x 38   d)   d) M36:34 front   d) 118 x 38   d)   d) M36:34 front   d) 118 x 18   d)   d) M36:35 front   d) M36:36 front   d) M36:36 front   d) M36:36 front   d) M36:36 front   d) M36:38 fr | KG 1982, no. 3, figs. 11.1, 3.3 & fig. 12.3; Zhang Daoyi 1993: 406; Zhang Hongxiu 1994, pls. 20, 8 & 9, 25. |  |               | KG 1982, no. 3, pls. 2.3 & fig. 10.4; Zhang Daoyi 1993: 406; | Zhang Hongxiu 1994, pls. 18 & 19. | KG 1982, no. 3, figs. 11.7, 11.8 | & pl. 3.4; Zhang Daoyi 1993: | 405.          | KG 1982, no. 3, pl. 3.2 & fig<br>11.4; Zhang Daoyi 1993: 405; | Zhang Hongxiu 1994, pls. 23 & 26. | KG 1982, no. 3, pls. 2.1, 1.5 & fig. 12.2. Thang Dacki 1993: 406 | & 405; Zhang Hongxiu 1994, | pls. 13, 15 & 24. | KG 1982, no. 3, pls. 3.1, 2.2 & | & 405: Zhang Hongxin 1994. | pls. 16, 27 & 30. | KG 1982, no. 3, fig. 2.1 & 10.6; | Zhang Daoyi 1993: 405; Zhang | Hongxiu, 1994, pls. 14 & 12. | KG 1982, no. 3, pls. 1.2 & 1.3;<br>Zhang Daovi 1993: 406: Zhang | Hongxiu 1994, pl. 17. |
| 13.4   Erdaoyuan M36   W. Kfan (2 <sup>M-1</sup> the upper class of century BC.)   local officials   a) molided in thread relief.   a) 118 x 38   molided in thread relief.   | 2   | 2                                      | 1             | 2  | 2                                 |                                  |                              |               |   |                                   |  |                            |                   |                                 |                            |                   |                                  |                              |                              | 7   | 2                     |
| 134   Erdaoyuan M36   W. Han (2 <sup>md</sup> -1) <sup>st</sup> fre upper class or hollow bricks (a-t), pattern brick in a late oritic in a late |   |  |               |  |                                   | 7                                | 2                            | 1             | 7   | 2                                 |  |                            |                   |                                 | <u> </u> -                 | _                 |                                  |                              |                              |   |                       |
| 13.4   Erdaoyuan M36   W. Han (2 <sup>14</sup> -1 <sup>15</sup>   the upper class or century B.C.)   local officials   lo | <u> </u>  | -<br> -                                |               |  |                                   |                                  | -,-                          |               |   |                                   | 2  | 2                          | -                 | 2                               | 2                          | 2                 | 2                                |                              | 2                            | <del></del>   |                       |
| 13.4   Erdaoyuan M36   W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup>   the upper class or century B.C.)   local officials   brick in a late   W. Han to Xin   Dynasty (late   1 <sup>st</sup> Century B.C. to A.D.   23) tomb   13.1   | a) 118 x 38   | b) 115 x 15                            | c) 38 x 18    | d) 118 x 38  | e) 118 x 18                       | 38 x 18                          | (brick)                      |               | i) 118 x 38   | J) 125 x 15                       | k) 118 x 18  | I) 118 x 18                | m) 38 x 18        | n) 118 x 38                     | o) 113 x 19                | p) 38 x 18        | q) 116 x 38                      |                              | r) 118 x 18                  | 116 x 20<br>(hrick)   |                       |
| 1 13.4 Erdaoyuan M36 W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> -1 <sup>nd</sup>   | hollow bricks (a-t), pattern<br>moulded in thread relief:<br>a) M36:12 front                                | b) M36:12 flank                        | c) M36:12 end | d) M36:14 front  | e) M36:14 top                     | f) M36:33 front                  | g) M36:33 flank              | h) M36:33 top | i) M36:34 back  | j) M36:34 top                     | k) M36:36 front  | 1) M36:36 flank            | m) M36:36 end     | n) M36:38 back                  | o) M36:38 flank            | p) M36:38 top     | q) M36:62 front                  |                              | r) M36:62 flank              | s) M36:57 front   | t) M36:57 flank       |
| 1 13.4 Erdaoyuan M36  1 13.5  1 13.2  1 13.2  1 13.3  1 13.3  1 13.3  1 13.6  1 13.6  |   |  |               |  |                                   |                                  |                              |               |   |                                   | Accessory  |                            |                   |                                 |                            |                   |                                  |                              |                              |   |                       |
| 11 13.4   | W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> century B.C.) brick in a late W. Han to Xin                        | Dynasty (late 1st Century B.C. to A.D. | 23) tomb      |  |                                   |                                  |                              |               |   |                                   |  |                            |                   |                                 |                            |                   |                                  |                              |                              |   |                       |
|   | Erdaoyuan M36   |  |               |  |                                   |                                  |                              |               |   |                                   |  |                            |                   |                                 |                            |                   |                                  |                              |                              |   |                       |
| (c)   | 13.4  |  | _             | 13.5   | ,                                 | _                                | . /                          | 13.1          | 13  | /                                 | 13.2   |                            | _                 | _                               | _                          | 13.3              | _                                |                              | /                            | 13.6  | 13.7                  |
|   | a   | (q                                     | છ             | <del>(</del> P   | (e)                               | Û                                | g)                           | (q            | Ci .  | (ſ                                | স  | C                          | m)                | Ē                               | ି                          | (E                | Э                                |                              | (i                           | (s  | · 🗗                   |

| Inner circle         1/E         1/S         1/W         1/N         KGYWW 1990, no. 4: 57-63, cover pl. 3:1-4; Shaanxi kaogu yanjiusuo & Xi'an Jiaotong diam: 268-270 | i x 30   1/L   1/R   1/R   Zhang Hongxiu 1994, pls. 1–4.                   | 1/L 1/T 1/R 1/B Tai Jingnong 1976, pl. 28.                       | (R) (L) kG 1975, no. 3: 178-181, 177 & pl. 7.                                   | 3.4, 1/E 1/B 1/R 2/F BCMA 1990, no. 10: 301. 3.4 Cleveland Museum of Art, U.S.A. 1.1, U.S.A.                 | (diam) 15.8-19 +/E +/S +/W +/N KG 1960, no. 7: 38; Wang Renbo 1995: 30; Wu Hung 1995, figs 3.17, 3.18 & 3.19. Shaanxi Provincial Museum of History | (diam) 17.2-19.3 1 1 1 1 Li Xueqin 1990, pl. 151. | <ul> <li>x 52,</li> <li>1/L</li> <li>Shaanxisheng bowuguan &amp; Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958:</li> <li>16 &amp; 15. Shaanxi</li> </ul> | b) 118 x 36,<br>120.5 x 35.5 (R,<br>L)   | 119 x 55 (L) 120   1/R   1/L   1/L   KG 1990, no. 2: 176-179.<br>x 54 ®        | 134 x 41 (L) 127 1/R                              |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| painted and coloured Inner circle patterns on the ceiling of the main chamber of the tomb Outer circle diam: 268-2.  | brick, rectangular shape, 22 x 90 x 30 inscribed, patterns in relief lines | brick, square shape, 35 x 34 inscribed, patterns in relief lines | wall painting in colour, on the eastern and western walls of the burial chamber | a pottery stove model, 12.7x18.4, patterns moulded in bas 12.1x18.4 relief 12.1x31.1, 11.4x31.1 (F. B. L. R) | a set of pottery eaves tiles, (diam) moulded in relief   | as above (diam)                                   | stone, carved in bas relief, a) 109 x 52, components of the tomb (R, L)   | a) 2 door leaves b) 118 x 36, b) front sides of the 2 120.5 x 35.5 doorframes L) | stone, patterns carved in bas 119 x 5 relief, a tomb door's x 54 ® components: | a) 2 door leaves 134 x 4 (b) 2 dooriambs x 43 (6) |
| , a rich local or a rich landowner or ods a local offical  | unknown  | unknown  | to unknown  | to unknown n   | family the imperial  |   | a garrison official<br>or a rich<br>landowner   |  | a garrison official<br>or a rich<br>is landowner <sup>3</sup>                  | 5)  |
| y late W. Han, Xuandi to Pingdi periods (r. 73 B.C – A.D. 5)   | W. Han (1 <sup>st</sup><br>century B.C.)                                   | W. Han (1 <sup>st</sup><br>century B.C.)                         | late W. Han to Xin (late 1st century B.C. to A.D. 23)                           | late W. Han to early E. Han (1st century B.C to 1st century A.D.)  | of Xin (c. A.D. 4)   |   | E. Han, 12 <sup>th</sup><br>year of<br>Yongyuan   | 永元十二年<br>(A.D. 100)  | E. Han,<br>Zhangdi to<br>Hedi periods  |   |
| Jiaotong University<br>交通大學, Xi'an<br>西安, Shaanxi  | Shaanxi Province   | Shaanxi Province   | Qianyang County<br>千陽縣, Shaanxi   | excavated near<br>Xi'an, <b>Shaanxi</b><br>(museum's record)   | Western outskirts of<br>Xi'an, (South of<br>Chang'an),<br>Shaanxi  | Shaanxi Province                                  | Tomb of Wang<br>Deyuan 王德元,<br>Xishanci 西山寺,  | Suide County,  | Yanjiacha 純家岔<br>M2, Xindian<br>Village 辛店村,                                   | Suide County 終德<br>縣 Shaanxi                      |
| 12   15-<br>15.7   | 13 16  | 14 17  | 15 /  | 16 96-<br>96.3   | 17 11  | - 81  | 19 /<br>a)  | (9   | 20 /<br>a)   | (a)   |

| Shaanxisheng bownguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 54, 57 & 58. | Shaanxi Museum of Steles, Xi'an.            | Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958: 62-65, 68-69. Shaanxi | Museum of Steles, Xi'an.         |                          | Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wengilanhii 1958 | pls. 34 & 35. Shaanxi Museum   | 01 SIGLS, A1 411.                         | Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 47 & 48. Shaanxi Museum of Steles, Xi'an. | Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 29 & 30. Shaanxi Museum of Steles, Xi'an. | Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 40 & 41. Shaanxi Museum of Steles, Xi'an. |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   | 1,1<br>1,8<br>1,8                           |   |                                  | 1/L<br>1/R               |   | 1/L  | 4   |  |  |  |
| 1/L   |   |   | 1/L                              | -                        | 17.L  |  |   | 1/1  | 1/L  | 1/L  |
| 1/L<br>1/R  |   | 1/L<br>1/R  |                                  |                          | 77 27   |  |   | 1/L<br>1/R   | 1/L<br>1/R   | 17.<br>18.   |
| 1/R   |   |   | 1/R                              |                          | 1/R   |  |   | 1/R  | 1/R  | 1/R  |
| unknown   |   | a) 109 x 52, 110<br>x 52.5<br>(R & L)                                       | b) 144 x 45,<br>147 x 39         | c) 118 x 44, 128<br>x 40 | 118.5 x 51<br>(each leaf)                             | 180 x 43.5   | (each pillar)                             | 111 x 51 (each)  | 109 x 52 (each)  | unknown  |
| stone, carved in bas relief, a tomb door containing: a) two door leaves | b) two door pillars joining with the lintel | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, a tomb door's<br>components        | a) 2 door leaves a) 2 doorframes | c) two doorjambs         | stone, carved in bas relief, a                        | containing:  | b) 2 door pillars joining with the lintel | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, two door leaves   | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, two door leaves   | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, two door leaves   |
| a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner                          |   | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner                              |                                  |                          | a garrison official,                                  | landowner  |   | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner   | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner   | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowncr   |
| E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)   |   | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)   |                                  |                          | E. Han (c.  |  |   | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)  | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)  | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)  |
| Banfosi 板佛寺,<br>Kuaihualing 快華<br>嶺, Suide County,                      | Shaanxi                                     | Dagualiang<br>大(主瓜)梁, Suide<br>County, Shaanxi                              |                                  | ·                        | Kuaihualing,<br>Honsiiiagon                           | 後<br>の<br>の<br>の<br>が<br>は<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>の<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に<br>に | County, Suazuxi                           | Kuaihualing M1,<br>Housijiagou, Yihe<br>Town 養合鎮,<br>Suide County,<br>Shaanxi                        | Zhuanyaoliang,<br>Hejiagou 寶家溝,<br>Shizheng Village<br>市政鄉, Suide<br>County, Shaanxi                 | Liang Village 祭<br>村, Yulin 榆林,<br>Shaanxi   |
|   |   |   | ·                                |                          | 29-<br>29.4   |  |   | /  |  | ,  |
| 21<br>a)  | (q  | 22<br>a)  | Î                                | ତ                        | 23<br>a)  | <u> </u>   |   | 24   | 25   | 26   |

| KG 1987, no. 11: 997-1001.<br>  Mizhi County Museum.<br>  1/L ,             | Shaanxisheng bowuguan & Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958, pls. 54, 57 & 58.            | 1/L Shaanxi Museum of Steles, 1/R Xi'an Shaanxisheng bowuguan & | 1/L pls. 38-39 & 40-41. 1/R Shaanxi Museum of Steles, Xi'an. | KG 1986, no. 1: 82-84.                               | 1/R                                 | Han & Wang 2001, pls. 50-52; 47-48.            | 1/R<br>1/R                                      | Han & Wang 2001, pls. 61-66.                                  | Han & Wang 2001, pls. 72-78; 79-80.                               | 1/R                                | Han & Wang 2001, pls. 102-105.                                       |
|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 3 T.L.  | .1 %   |   | 1/L  | 1 ~  |                                     | 2 1/R  |   | 2/R   | t 1/R   |                                    | 2 1/R  |
| 1/R 1/L 1/R 1/R   | 1/L<br>1/R   | 1.17  | 1/R  | 1/L<br>1/R   |                                     | 1/L 1/L 1/R 1/R                                |   | 2/L   | I/L   I/L   I/R   |                                    | 1/L 1/L 1/R 1/R  |
| 0 x 113,<br>14<br>120   | (each)<br>a) 51 x 112, 51.5<br>x 112.5<br>(R & L)                                  | b) 38 x 116<br>(each)<br>a) 111 x 49.8                          | (each) b) 120 x 38 [(each)                                   | a) 50 x 103<br>(each)<br>b) 34 x 118,                | 38 x 118<br>(L & R)                 | 5  | b) 122.5 x 31,<br>121 x 31.5<br>(L & R)         | 116 x 33.5 (L.) 2   | a) 114.5 x. 49.5 [1] (L.) 114 x 49.5 (R)                          | b) 110x34.5 (L)                    | 115 x 51 (L) 1<br>116 x 51 (R)                                       |
| stone, carved in bas relief, components of the tomb door:  a) 2 door leaves | b) 2 doorframes<br>stone, carved in bas relief,<br>components of the tomb<br>door: | a) 2 door leaves b) 2 doorframes stone, carved in bas relief,   | on tomb door: a) two door leaves b) two doorframes           | stone, carved in bas relief,<br>on the tomb<br>door: | a) 2 door leaves<br>b) 2 doorframes | stone, painted and carved in<br>bas relief, on | the tomb doors: a) 2 door leaves b) 2 doorposts | stone, painted and carved in<br>bas relief, the two doorposts | stone, painted and carved in<br>bas relief, on the tomb<br>doors: | a) 2 door leaves<br>b) 2 doorposts | stone, painted and carved in<br>bas relief on the two door<br>leaves |
| a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner                              | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner                                     | a garrison official,  | or a<br>rich landowner                                       | a <i>Lang</i><br>(Gentlemen) of<br>Yulin             |                                     | a garrison official,<br>or a                   | rich landowner                                  | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner                | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner                    |                                    | a garrison official,<br>or a rich<br>landowner                       |
| E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)   | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)  | E. Han (c.  | A.D. 100)  | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)                              |                                     | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)                        |   | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)                                       | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)   |                                    | E. Han (c.<br>A.D. 100)  |
| Guanzhuang<br>Village 官莊村,<br>Mizhi County<br>米脂縣, Shaanxi                  | Pifosi 皮佛寺,<br>Kuaihualing, Suide<br>County. Shaanxi                               | Tannanliang Village   | 雑南梁村, Yulin,<br>Shaanxi                                      | Wangiata 王家塔,<br>Suide County,<br>Shaanxi            |                                     | Dabaodang 大保當<br>M5, Shenmu                    | County 神木縣,<br>Shaanxi                          | Dabaodang M11,<br>Shenmu County,<br>Shaanxi                   | Dabaodang M16,<br>Shemmu County,<br>Shaanxi                       |                                    | Dabaodang M18,<br>Shenm County,<br>Shaanxi                           |
| _   |  |   |  | _  |                                     |  |   | /   |   |                                    | `  |
| 27<br>a)<br>b)  | 28<br>a)   | b)  | (a)  | 30<br>b)   |                                     | 31<br>a)                                       | (9  | 32  | 33<br>a)  | 2                                  | 34   |

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|                   |                   | Date                     | Owner of            | Media &                       | Size (cm)        | •   | The siling images | g image | 2           | Sources/Collection              |
|                   |                   |                          | specimen            | Orientation                   |                  | 1.6 | b,z               | q, q    | w,x         |                                 |
|                   | Jiancaoping 火草坪   | early W. Han             | unknown             | a pair bronze braziers with   | unknown          | 1   |                   | 1       | <del></del> | KG 1985, no. 6: 527-529, pl. 6. |
|                   | MI, Taiyuan 太原,   | to Wudi period           |                     | matching eared cups &         | (similar size to |     |                   |         |             | Shanxi Provincial Museum of     |
| _                 | Shanxi            | (206-87                  |                     | handled ring-supports for     | No. 2)           |     |                   |         |             | History                         |
|                   |                   |                          |                     | the cups, & rays              |                  |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
| 36 / B            | Bi Village 畢村 M1, | B.C.)                    | a garrison official | a pair of bronze braziers     | unknown          | 1   | I                 | 1       | 1           | WW 1980, no. 6: 42-51 & pl. 1.  |
| Н.                | Hunyuan County    |                          |                     | with matching eared cups &    | (similar size to |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
| ***               | 渾源縣, Shanxi       |                          |                     | and handled ring-supports     | No. 2)           |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
|                   |                   |                          |                     | for the cups, & trays         |                  |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
| 37 / P            | Pingshuo 平朔,      |                          | unknown             | a pair bronze braziers with   | Unknown          | 1   | 1                 | 1       | 1           | WWTD 1996, no. 2: 25.           |
| S                 | Shanxi            |                          |                     | matching eared cups &         | (similar size to |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
|                   |                   |                          |                     | handled ring-supports for     | No. 2)           |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
|                   |                   |                          |                     | the cups                      |                  |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
| 38 Z              | Zaoyuan Village   | Xin to early E.          | a rich landowner    | painted patterns on the tomb  | unknown          | 1/N |                   | 1/S     | 1/W         | KG 1959, n0. 9: 462-463, 468,   |
| 777               | 囊園村, Pinglu       | Han (1 <sup>st</sup>     | •                   | ceiling and caisson           |                  | Ð   |                   | (원      | <u>@</u>    | pl. 1; ZGMS 1981, no. 2: 64;    |
|                   | County 平陸縣,       | century A.D.)            |                     |                               |                  |     |                   |         |             | Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan       |
| .Ω.               | Shanxi            |                          |                     |                               |                  |     |                   |         |             | kaogu yanjiusuo 1989, pl.46.    |
| 39 / N            | Mamaozhuang       | Late E. Han              | unknown             | stone, patterns carved in bas | 140 x 39 x 12    |     |                   |         | 1           | WW 1992, no. 4: 23-25.          |
| (a) V             | Village 馬茂莊村      | (late 2 <sup>nd</sup> to | •                   | relief, tomb walls:           | (each)           |     |                   |         |             |                                 |
| P) (q             | M2, Lishi County  | early 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | •                   | a) S. end of the E wall       |                  |     | 1                 |         |             |                                 |
| 極                 | 鞋石縣, Shanxi       | century A.D.)            |                     | b) S. end of the W wall       |                  |     |                   |         |             |                                 |

| III. | III. Henan | n             |                            |                 | •  |                  |      |                   |             |                                  |   |
|------|------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Ν̈́ο | PI.        | Location      | Date                       | Owner of        | Media &                                      | Size (cm)        | Ē    | The siling images | mages       | Sources/Collection               |   |
|      |            |               |                            | specimen        | Orientation                                  |                  | 1, 6 | $q \mid b,z$      | u, x = u, q |                                  |   |
| 40   | 2&         | M45, Xishuipo | Yangshao                   | tomb of a tribe | patterns laid out in shells on   Tomb master | Tomb master      | 1/1  | I                 | I/R         | WW 1988, no. 3: 1-6; WW 1990,    | , |
|      | 2.1        | 西水坡, Puyang   | Culture,                   | leader          | the ground on either side of                 | 184 tall; dragon |      |                   |             | по. 3: 52-60, 69; ЛНКС 1993, по. |   |
|      |            | 濮陽. Henan     | Neolithic                  |                 | the skeleton of the tomb                     | 178 long, 67     |      |                   | -4.         | 4: 87-89; ZYWW 1996, no. 1:      |   |
|      |            |               | period (c.a.               |                 | master                                       | tall; tiger 138  |      |                   | .=          | 61-64, 65-71, 72-75; ZYWW        |   |
|      |            | •             | 4000 B.C.)                 |                 |  | long, 63 tall    |      |                   |             | 1996, no. 2: 22-31; ZYWW 1997,   |   |
|      |            |               |                            |                 |  |                  |      |                   |             | no. 1: 58-59, 75.                |   |
| 41   |            | Luoyang 洛陽,   | W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to | unknown         | painted pottery hu vessel                    | unknown          | 1/L  | 1                 | 1/R         | Luoyang bowuguan 1986: 81.       |   |
|      |            | Henan         | 1st century                | ,               |  |                  | •    |                   |             | Luoyang Museum.                  |   |
| 42   | 93 &       | 1             | B.C.)                      |                 |  |                  |      | 2   1             |             | Luoyang bowuguan 1986: 78.       |   |
|      | 93.1       |               |                            |                 |  |                  |      |                   |             | I nowang Missim                  |   |

| oulded in 113 x 22.5 1/T 1/B Zhonghua wuqiannian wenwu doorpost jikan bianji weiyuanhui 1980: 89; Zhou Dao 1985, pl. 221; Zhao Chengfu 1990, pl. 47 & rubs. 44-45; MSY/ 1994, no. 2: 21. | ber a set of 451 (I) 31 (w) 2 1 1   WW 1977, no. 6: 1-12, 13-16, 17-22.              | tterns in side of the side of the front         Pediment:         1/L         1/T         1/R         KGXB 1964, no. 1: 107-125, pls.           side of the side of the side of the front in the front are lengths)         44 & 161         Huang & Gao 1996: 95-97. | 1+/R   1+/L   Henansheng wenhuaju wenwu gongzuo dui 1963a, pl.18; Zhang   Xiuqing 1988a: 148; Zhou Dao   1995, pl.92. | th repeated unknown 1+/R 1+/L Henansheng wenhuaju wenwu gongzuodui 1963a, cat. no. 61. | rved in bas 213 x 39 x 40 1/R 1/L <i>KG</i> 1993, no. 5: 399 lintel      | rved in bas       125 x 72,       1/L       ZYWW 1982, no. 1: 5-11 and pl.         s of:       125 x 68       1/R       1.         sy       (L & R)       1. | ay 125 x 67,       |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|
| brick, patterns mouided in<br>bas-relief, tomb doorpost  | a wall painting, on a set of<br>18 bricks on the flat ceiling<br>of the back chamber | painted brick, patterns in openwork, front side of the central brick of the pediment between the front and back chambers  | brick, stamped patterns in<br>bas relief  | hollow bricks with repeated<br>stamped patterns  | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, tomb door lintel                | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, door leaves of:<br>a) eastern doorway   | b) western doorway |
| unknown  | Bu Qianqiu and<br>his wife   | a rich local or<br>local official   | unknown   | unknown  | unknown  | unknown  |                    |
| Wudi period to<br>Xin (140 B.C.<br>to A.D. 23)   | late W. Han, Zhaodi to Xuandi periods (86-49 B.C.)                                   | late W. Han,<br>Yuandi to<br>Chengdi<br>periods<br>(48 – 7 B.C.)  | late W. Han<br>to early E. Han<br>(1st century<br>B.C. to 1st   | century A.D.)  | late W. Han<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 1 <sup>st</sup><br>century B.C.) | late W. Han to Xin (2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 1 <sup>st</sup> century  | B.C. to A.D.       |
| Fanji  | Tomb of Bu<br>Qianqiu 卜千秋,<br>Luoyang, Henan   | Shaogou 烧漭<br>M61, Luoyang,<br>Henan  | Zhengzhou 鄭州,<br>Henan  | Henan Province<br>(probably near<br>Zhengzhou)   | 姥莊,<br>ge 馬村<br>County<br>nan  | The Power Plant<br>tomb 發電痕基,<br>Tanghe, Nanguan   | 寿關, Nanyang,       |
| 117  | 121  | 18-<br>18.3   | /   | /  | _  | Fig 8  |                    |
| 43   | 44   | 45  | 46  | 47   | 48   | 49<br>a)   | <u>A</u>           |

| 50<br>a) | 20-<br>20.5   | Jinguyuan<br>全久園 I novano            | Xin Dynasty,                            | a rich local or<br>local official | painted set of 12 bricks, on<br>the walls of the back               | 20.3-22 x 30-41 (each brick) | 1        | 2   | 1        | -        | WWZLCK 9, 1985: 163-173;<br>Huang & Guo 1996: 111-120.   |
|----------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------|-----|----------|----------|--|
|          |               | Henan                                | period                                  |                                   | chamber   |                              |          |     |          |          | Luoyang Museum of Ancient                                |
| ন        | 19            |                                      | (A.D. 20-23)                            |                                   | a painted brick, coloured, on<br>the ceiling of the back<br>chamber | 41 x 47                      |          | -   | _        |          | Tombs.   |
| 51<br>a) | 26 &<br>Fig 9 | Xindian Village<br>新底村, Huvang       | Xin Dynasty,<br>5 <sup>th</sup> vear of | Feng Ruren, Da<br>vin 大尹 (the     | stones, patterns carved in bas relief:                              | a) 136 x 68,<br>136 x 62     |          | 1/R | 1/L      |          | KGXB 1980, no. 2: 239-262;<br>Nanyang Handai huaxiangshi |
|          |               | 湖陽, Tanghe                           | Tianfeng                                | Prefect of)                       | a) door leaves, main  | (L & R)                      |          |     |          |          | bianji weiyuanhui 1985, pl.                              |
| (q       | Fig 9         | County 唐河縣,                          | 天鳳五年                                    | Yuping                            | chamber   | b) 90 x 48, 106              |          | 1/L | 1/R      |          | 87. Nanyang Museum of Han                                |
|          |               | Henan                                | (A.D.18)                                |                                   | b) door leaves, south door<br>of middle chamber                     | x 43<br>(L & R)              |          |     |          | •        | Pictorial Art.   |
| િ        | ,             |                                      |   |                                   | c) top of south and north   | unknown                      | 1/S      |     | 1/N      |          |  |
|          |               |                                      |   |                                   | wans or me soumern mann<br>chamber                                  |                              |          |     | -        |          |  |
| 52<br>a) | Fig<br>10     | The Knitting                         | > -                                     | axianling 縣今                      | a & b) night and left sides of                                      | a) 40 x 149 (R)              | 1/R      |     |          |          | WW 1973, no. 6: 26-40; Nanyang                           |
| ì        | ;             | raciony 針類類拳                         | (57-Y -7-D)                             | or xianchang                      | me acon mites at the motth  |                              |          |     |          |          | Handa makiangsin Manji                                   |
| <u> </u> |               | M1,Tanghe,<br>Nanvano 南陽             |   | 縣長 (county<br>magistrate)         | wall of the southern main   | b) 40 x 133 (L)              |          |     | 1/L      |          | weiyuanhui 1985, pls. 32-35.<br>Nanyang Museum of Han    |
| 7        |               | Mangama 17,1%;                       |   | indersa and                       | a) door loof of north (mother)                                      | 122 x 67 (acab)              |          | 1/1 |          |          | Distorial Art  |
| 3        |               | пепап                                |   | •                                 | tomb doorway  | (rap) 70 v 651               | •        | 3 8 |          |          | 1 Iconial fait   |
| ਚ        |               |                                      |   | •                                 | d) door leaf of south (left)  |                              |          |     | 1/L      |          |  |
|          |               |                                      |   |                                   | tomb doorway  |                              |          |     | 1/R      |          |  |
| (e)      | 30.1          |                                      |   |                                   | e) the 5 <sup>th</sup> stone from the                               | 96 x 49                      | 1/W      | 1/S | 1/E      | Z.       |  |
|          |               |                                      |   |                                   | east, ceiling of the northern<br>main chamber                       |                              | <u> </u> | E   | <u>R</u> | <u>B</u> |  |
| 53       | \             | Xiawan 夏灣 M1,                        | Xin Dynasty                             | a local landowner                 | a pair of hemispherical grey  | 15 (each diam)               | 1        | l i | -        |          | Zhao Chengfu 1990: 28.                                   |
|          |               | Zhechuan County<br>淅川縣, <b>Henan</b> | (A.D. 9-23)                             |                                   | pottery lids, patterns<br>moulded in high relief                    | 7.4 (h)                      |          |     |          |          |  |
| 54<br>(E | /             |                                      | Xin to early E.                         | a low-ranking                     | a hemispherical grey pottery  | 15.4 (diam)                  | 1        | 1   | 1        |          | WW 1984, no. 3: 38-46; ZYWW                              |
| ì        |               |                                      | century                                 | OMICIAL                           | relief  |                              |          |     |          |          | Renxia 1988: 137;  |
| £        | Fig           | Henan                                | A.D.)                                   |                                   | stone, patterns carved in bas                                       | 170 x 92                     | 1/L      |     | 1/R      |          | Zhang Daoyi 1993: 575.                                   |
|          | <br>          |                                      |   | ,                                 | relief, door leaves of the:   | (each leaf)                  |          |     |          |          | Nanyang Museum of Han                                    |
| ତ        |               |                                      |   |                                   | b) western doorway<br>c) eastern doorway                            |                              |          | Z X | 1/R      |          | Pictorial Art.   |
|          |               | from an extension                    | 1                                       |                                   |   |                              |          |     |          |          |  |

| 1                  | The Knitting Factory M2,                                     | Xin to early E.<br>Han (1st                | unknown   | stone, patterns carved in bas relief, door leaves of the:  | unknown                         |     | 1/L<br>1/R |            |     | ZYWW 1985, no. 3: 14-18.<br>Nanyang Museum of Han  |
|--------------------|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-----|------------|------------|-----|--|
| Tanghe,<br>  Henan | Tanghe, Nanyang,<br>Henan                                    | century A.D.)                              |   | a) left doorway<br>b) right doorway  | unknown                         |     |            | Z Z        |     | Pictorial Art  |
| Pus<br>Nar         | Pushan 蒲山 M2,<br>Nanyang City,                               | Xin to early E.<br>Han (1 <sup>st</sup>    | unknown   | stone, patterns carved in bas relief, door leaves of the:  | a) 130 x 46 (L)<br>130 x 48 (R) |     | 1/L<br>1/R |            |     | ZYWW 1997, no. 4: 50-51 & pl.<br>3.  |
| Henan              | lan  | century A.D.)                              |   | a) left doorway<br>b) right doorway  | b) 128 x 45 (L &<br>R)          |     |            | 1/L<br>1/R | `   |  |
| Ιξ                 | Qilin'gang 麒麟崗,  | early E. Han                               | a Taishou 太守  | stone, patterns carved in bas  | 130 x 380 ·                     | 1/R | 1/T        | 1/L        | 1/B | ZGWWB 1992, 9.6; Han & Niu   |
| Nar<br>He          | western outskirts of<br>Nanyang City,<br>Henan               | (1st century<br>A.D.)                      | (governor), xianling or xianchang 11                    | relief, a set of nine stones<br>on the ceiling of the front<br>chamber                                     |                                 |     |            |            |     | 1995: 23-25.<br>Nanyang Cultural Bureau.   |
| Shi                | Shiqiao 五橋,<br>Nanyang, <b>Henan</b>                         | early E. Han<br>(1st century<br>A.D.)      | a taishou 太守<br>(governor),<br>xianling or<br>xianchang | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, the two opposite<br>sides of the doorbeam of the<br>front chamber | 33 x 105 (N)<br>32 x 139 (S)    | 1/S |            | N/I        |     | KGYWW 1982, no. 1: 35.<br>Nanyang Museum of Han<br>Pictorial Art                         |
| F (M C)            | Yigou Village<br>宜溝鄉, Tangyin<br>County 湯陰縣,                 | E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup><br>century A.D.)   | unknown   | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, a tomb door's<br>components, containing:                          | 42 x 175 x 43                   | 1/R |            | 1/L        |     | KG 1994, no. 4: 379-81.<br>Tangyin County Cultural Bureau                                |
| He                 | Henan  |  | •   | a) door lintel b) 2 door leaves  | 128 x 56 x 14<br>(each)         |     | I/R        |            |     |  |
| 公英辛                | Yingzhuang<br>英莊, Xindian<br>辛店, Nanyang                     | E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup><br>century A.D.)   | unknown   | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, door leaves of:<br>a) western (L) doorway                         | a) 136 x 36                     |     |            |            |     | WW 1984, no. 3: 25, 26, 31;<br>Handai huaxiangshi bianji<br>weiyuanhui 1986, pl. 419; Pu |
| රි                 | County, Henan  |  | ,   | b) eastern (R) doorway   | b) 212 x 367                    |     |            | 1/L<br>1/R |     | Anguo 1987, pl.87; Zhang Daoyi<br>1993: 575.   |
| 9 图 2 米            | Gushang Village<br>国上村 M1,<br>Yongcheng County<br>永城縣, Henan | E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup><br>century A.D.)   | unknown   | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, door leaves of the<br>western door of the tomb                    | unknown                         |     | 1/L        | 1/R        |     | ZYWW 1980, no. 1: 37-41, соver<br>page 2.10 & 11; ZYWW 1990, no.<br>1: 43-50.            |
| Par<br>Wu          | Panyuan 潘園,<br>Wuyang County<br>舞陽縣, Henan                   | E. Han (1st to<br>mid-2nd<br>century A.D.) | unknown   | collected stone, patterns<br>carved in bas relief, tomb<br>door leaves                                     | 146 x 60 x 7.5                  |     | 1/F        | 1/B        |     | KG 1993, no. 5: 398-403.   |

| WW 1980, no. 3: 69-72; ZYWW 1985, no. 3: 66-70; Nanyang Handai huaxianeshi bianii | weiyuanhui 1985, pls. 183, 184, | 191; Shan Xiushan 1989:<br>144-145; Chang Renxia 1988: | 136, 138. Nanyang Museum of<br>Han Pictorial Art | ZYWW 1996, no. 1: 108-117.  |   | Sun Wenqing 1936, pl.38   | Beijing & Shanghai Lüxun<br>bowuguan 1986, vol. 1, pl. 178.    | Nanyang Handai huaxiangshi<br>bianji weiynanhui 1985, pl. 439. | Lü Pin 1990, pl. 117.  | Lü Pin 1990, pls. 175, 179, 194.                               |  |   |
|---|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1/R   | 1/R                             | •  | 1/R  | 1/L   | 1/R   | 1/L   | 1/L  | 1/R  | 1/R  | 1/L  | 1/L  | 1/L   |
| 1/L1<br>/R  | 1/L1                            | /R   |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |
|   |                                 |  | 1/L  | 1/R   | 1/L   | 1/R   | 1/R  | 1/L  | 1/L  | I/R  | 1/R  | 1/R   |
| 170 x 96 (R)<br>170 x 92 (L)  | 175 x 94 (R)                    | unknown (L)  | 227 x 45   | unknown   | unknown   | 175.9 x 33.6  | 32.5 x 199   | 164 x 31   | 37 x 123   | b) 40×212  | b) 33 x 113  | c) 31 x 125                                   |
| stone, pattern carved in bas relief: a)door leaves. S doorway                     | b)door leaves, N doorway        | c) upper left Initel<br>(altogether 4 lintels, 2       | pairs of door leaves, & a doorjamb)              | stone, pattern carved in bas<br>relief, above the door lintel<br>of the | western main chamber  | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, back side of the stone<br>at the north of the door<br>lintel | collected stone, patterns<br>carved in bas relief              | collected stone, patterns<br>carved in bas relief              | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, left of level six,<br>southern side of the western<br>tower | stone, patterns carved in bas relief a) right side of level 4, | south of east tower b) left side of level 6, south of east tower | c) right side of level 3, north of west tower |
| unknown   |                                 |  |  | unknown   |   | unknown   | unknown  | unknown  |  |  |  |   |
| E. Han (early<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> century<br>A.D.)                                 | `                               |  |  | E. Han (early 2 <sup>nd</sup> century A D. stone/                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>rd</sup> century A.D. tomb) | E. Han (1st to 2nd century A.D.)  | E. Han (I <sup>st</sup> to<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> century<br>A.D.) | E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> century<br>A.D.) | E. Han, 1 <sup>st</sup><br>year of<br>Yanguang<br>延光元年<br>(A.D. 122)                                 | E. Han<br>(c. A.D. 122)  |  |   |
| East coast of Panhe<br>潘河, Fangcheng  | County, Henan                   |  |  | Datuying Village<br>達土營村 M1,<br>Oilianan 土甲屬                            | Nanyang, Henan  | Caodian 草店,<br>Nanyang, <b>Henan</b>  | Nanyang, <b>Henan</b>  | Tanghe, Nanyang,<br>Henan                                      | The Qimu Que<br>啟母尉, Songshan<br>嵩山, Dengfeng<br>County 登封縣,<br>Henan                                | The Shaoshi Que<br>少室閥, Songshan,                              | Dengfeng County,<br>Henan  |   |
| Fig<br>15   |                                 |  |  | _   |   | /   | /  | /  |  | 1  |  |   |
| a)  | ক্র                             |  | ં  | 2 G   | 9   | 92  | 99   | 29   | 89   | a)   | <u> </u>   | (၁  |

| ZYWW 1986. no. 1: 89-90. Jun<br>County Museum                         | ZYWW 1997, no. 4: 57-61 & pl.<br>4.                               |   | WW 1986, no. 4: 48-63; Nanyang<br>Handai huaxiangshi bianji<br>weiyuanhui 1985: 170 & 193; | Chang Renxia 1988: 91.<br>Nanyang Museum of Han<br>Pictorial Art. | ZYWW 1996, no. 3: 19-21.<br>Nanyang Cultural Bureau.                 | Henansheng wenwn yanjiusuo 1993, pls. 19, 21, 23, 25, 40, 42, 45, 48, 56, 58, 60, 62, 65, 67, 69, 71, 88, 90, 92, 94, 116, 120, 122, 124, 166, 168, 170, 172, 176, 178, 180, 182, 185, 187, 189, 191, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216. | ·   | ZYWW 1985, no. 3: 51-54.  | Huang Liuchun 1994, pl. 201.   |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| 1/R   |   |   |  |   |  | В   |   |   | N/I  |
|   |   | 1/L<br>1/R                                |  | 1/S   | 1/B  | RVL   | 1/L   | 1/R   | 1/W  |
| 1/L   | 1/L<br>1/R  |   |  |   |  | Ţ   |   |   | 1/S  |
|   |   |   | I/N  |   | 1/F  | L/R   | 1/R   | 1/L   | 1/E  |
| 162 x 42 x 38   | 130-140 x 55-70<br>(each leaf)                                    |   | 145 x 87 (each)  |   | 162 x 34 x 32  | 186 x 108 (M1 each doorleaf) 169 x 96 (M2 each  | 22 x 76 x 7   | 264 x 50 x 30   | unknown  |
| stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, a door lintel of the<br>tomb | stone, pattern carved in bas relief: a) back, 2 door leaves       | b) front, 2 door leaves                   | a set of 2 stones, patterns<br>carved in bas relief, on the<br>ceiling of the middle       | chamber: a) S. covering stone b) N. covering stone                | stone, patterns in bas relief,<br>door lintel of the back<br>chamber | stone, carved in bas relief,<br>most door leaves of the two<br>tombs (six pairs of door<br>leaves in each tomb)   | bricks, patterns in bas relief<br>(two bricks from a collapsed<br>tomb)   | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, tomb doorbeam                    | stone, patterns carved in<br>high relief, column base,<br>rchitectural component |
| unknown   | unknown ·   |   | axianling 縣令 or<br>xianchang 縣長<br>(county   | magistrate)   | nwown  | Zhang De<br>(Taishou of<br>Hongnong<br>弘農太守) & his<br>wife  | unknown   | unknown   | The royal family<br>of the Xu State  |
| E. Han<br>(c. A.D. 161)   | E. Han stones (2 <sup>nd</sup> century) in a Jin (3 <sup>rd</sup> | to early 4 <sup>th</sup><br>century A.D.) | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century                             | A.D.)   | E.Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century) tomb  | E. Han (late<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> century<br>A.D.)  | E. Han (late<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.) | E. Han (late<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.) | E. Han to Wei<br>(late 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 3 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.)       |
| Zhengchang 鄭癡,<br>Jun County 浚縣,<br><b>Henan</b>                      | The Women & Young Childrens' Health Centre tomb                   | 辱幼保健院基<br>Nanyang City,<br>Henan          | Shilipu 十里緒<br>M1, Lihe Village<br>漂河鄉, Nanyang  | County, Henan   | Shilipu M2, Lihe<br>Village, Nanyang<br>County, Henan                | Dahuting 打虎亭<br>M1 & M2,<br>Mi County 密縣,<br>Henan  | Zhanglou Village<br>張棲村, Xinye<br>County 新野縣,<br>Henan                    | Shilicun 十里村,<br>Liangbei Village<br>祭北鄉, Yu County<br>禹縣, Henan          | Xuchang County<br>許昌縣, Henan   |
| /   | Fig<br>16   |   | 34.1   | 34.2  | ,  | 20-<br>20.2<br>&<br>21-<br>21.1   | /   | 1   | 33   |
| 70  | 71<br>a)  | (q  | 72<br>a)   | (q  | 73   | 74  | 75  | 97.   | 77   |

| Henansheng wenhuaju wenwu<br>gongzuodui 1959a, pls. 28, 27 & | 39.               |                               | Henansheng wenhuaju wenwu | gongzuodui 1959a, pls. 19, 36, | 37. Museum of History, Beijing. |                               |                               |
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| a & b) painted brick, high relief, for sealing the tomb      | doorway           | c) painted brick, high relief | d) painted brick in high  | relief, back wall of the       | chamber                         | e) painted brick, high relief | f) painted brick, high relief |
| a rich local or a<br>rich landowner                          | or local official |                               |                           |                                |                                 |                               |                               |
| Southern &<br>Northern                                       | Dynasties         | (A.D. 420 -                   | (685                      |                                |                                 |                               |                               |
| Xuezhuang Village Southern & 學莊村, Deng Northern              | County <b></b>    | Henan                         |                           |                                |                                 |                               |                               |
| /  | /                 | 24.4                          | 24.1-                     | 24.3                           |                                 | 24.5                          | 24.6                          |
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|    |        |                |                         | tomb/site      | Orientation                   | ment(cm)       | 1, b | <i>b,z</i>        | 4,9     | w,x    |                                |
| 79 | 26 &   | Hon            | early Warring           | Marquis Zeng   | painting, lacquer, motives in | 40.5 x 71 x 47 | 1    | 13                | 1       | 13     | WW 1979, no. 7: 1-14, 40-45;   |
|    | 26.1   | Yi 曾侯乙墓,       |                         | Hou Yi         | red on a black coloured       |                |      | fire=             |         | turtle |                                |
|    | . •    | Sui County 隨懸, | B.C.)                   |                | ground, on a wood-cored       |                |      | anb               |         |        | 1991; JHKG 1993, no. 3:        |
|    |        | Hubei          |                         |                | box                           |                |      |                   |         |        | 66-68. Hubei Provincial Museum |
| 80 | 95     | Zaoyang City   | Xin to early E.         | a high-ranking | a pair of hemispherical       | diam 13.6      | 1    | 1                 | 1       | 1      | JHKG 1994, no. 4: 16-21.       |
|    |        | 素陽市 M3, Hubei  |                         | nobleman       | pottery lids, grey clay,      | h 6.8          |      |                   |         |        | Zaoyang Museum.                |
|    |        |                | to end of 1st           |                | patterns moulded in high      | (each)         |      |                   |         |        |                                |
|    |        |                | century A.D.)           |                | relief                        |                |      |                   |         |        |                                |
| 8  | _      | A tomb at      | E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup> | uwouyun        | a hemispherical pottery lids, | unknown        |      | <b></b> 4         | 1       | 1      | JHKG 1994, no. 4: 16-21.       |
|    |        | Yuquange 玉泉閣,  | century A.D.)           |                | grey clay, patterns moulded   |                |      |                   |         |        |                                |
|    |        | Jingmen        |                         |                | in high relief                |                |      |                   |         |        |                                |
|    |        | 莉門, Hubei      |                         |                |                               |                |      |                   |         |        |                                |

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| 82 | 58,    | Tomb of Liu Sheng W. Han (2nd  | W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dou Wan, the     | bronze, inlaid with silver,  | 32.3 cm (h) 22.3 | 1    | -                               |             |      | Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan        |    |
|    | 58.1   | 劉勝, Prince Jing of half of 2nd | half of 2nd             | wife of Liu      | boshan censer, patterns cast   | cm (diam of      |      |                                 |             | •    | kaogu yanjiusuo & Hebeisheng     |    |
|    | ર્ચ દે | Zhongshan 中山靖   century B.C.)  | century B.C.)           | Sheng, member of | Sheng, member of   in openwork round the   | pedestal)        |      |                                 |             |      | wenwu guanlichu 1980, vol. 1:3,  |    |
|    | 7.00   | _                              |                         | the imperial Liu | upper body of the vessel   |                  |      |                                 |             | •    | 253-257 & vol. 2, pl. 175. Hebei |    |
|    |        | B.C.), Mancheng                |                         | family           |  |                  |      |                                 |             |      | Provincial Museum                |    |
|    |        | 海城, Ding County                |                         |                  |  |                  |      |                                 |             |      |                                  |    |
|    |        | 定縣 . Hubei                     |                         |                  |  |                  |      |                                 |             |      |                                  |    |

| £  | 61.1  | Donggangtou       | late W. Han to          | middle to         | bronze, belt-hook, patterns    | 14.8 x 5.1    | 1/L | 1/T  | 1/R | 1/B | 1/B KG 1960, no. 12: 656.       |
|----|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----|------|-----|-----|---------------------------------|
|    |       | Village 東周頭村,     | E. Han (1"              | low-ranking class | cast in openwork               |               |     |      |     |     |                                 |
|    |       | Shijiazhuang City | century B.C. to         |                   |                                |               |     |      |     |     |                                 |
|    |       | A 条胜中, Hebei      | contany 7               |                   |                                |               |     |      |     |     |                                 |
| 84 | 61.2  | unknown           | A.D.)                   | unknown           |                                | c. 14.8 x 5.1 | 1/L | 1/T  | 1/R | 1/B | TG 46, 1974: 226-7.             |
| 85 | 19    | unknown           |                         | unkaown           |                                | (1) 14.7      | 1/L | 1/T  | 1/R | 1/B | British Museum                  |
| 98 | 28    | Santaizi 三臺子,     | E. Han (1st to          | unknown           | stone, pattern carved in       | unknown       |     | 1//I |     | 1/B | WW 1966, no. 4: 53;             |
|    |       | Beijing           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> century |                   | bas-relief, tomb right door    |               |     |      |     |     | Finsterbusch 1971, pl. 671.     |
| Ī  |       |                   | ٥٠٠٠٠)                  |                   | ICAVES                         |               |     |      |     |     |                                 |
| 87 | 38    | Shangzhuang       | E. Han, 1st             | Mr. Qin, Shu Zuo  | stone, pillar in square shape, | 207 x 45 x 24 |     | _    |     |     | WW 1964, no. 11: 13-22; Zhang   |
|    |       | Village 上莊村,      | year of                 | (clerk) of        | patterns carved in bas relief  |               |     |      |     |     | Daoyi 1993: 466. Excavated with |
|    |       | Shijingshan       | Yuanxing                | Youzhou           |                                |               |     |      |     |     | a pair of inscribed columns.    |
|    |       | 石景山, Beijing      | 元與元年                    |                   |                                |               |     |      |     |     |                                 |
|    |       |                   | (A.D. 105)              |                   |                                |               |     |      |     |     |                                 |
| 88 | 108.2 | Wangdu 堂都 M2,     | E. Han, 5 <sup>th</sup> | an official       | painted stone slabs,           | 11.2 x 35.3 x | 1/R | 1/T  | 1/L | 1/B | Hebeisheng wenhuaju             |
|    |       | Hebei             | year of                 |                   | components of 2 similar        | 11.6          |     |      |     |     | gongzuodui 1959: 11-12 & pls.   |
|    |       |                   | Guanghe                 |                   | headrests, one from middle     |               |     |      |     |     | 27-37; WW 1959, no. 12: 31-32;  |
|    |       |                   | 光和五年                    |                   | chamber & another one          |               |     |      |     |     | Zhang Anzhi 1986, pl. 84.       |
|    |       |                   | (A.D. 182)              |                   | from the first back chamber    | •             | •   |      |     |     | Museum of History, Beijing.     |

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|    |               |                  |                            | specimen | Orientation                                     |                 | 1, b | z'q $b'h$ |                   | w,x |                                  |
| 68 | 47-           | Η-               | Xin to early E.            | unknown  | stone slabs, patterns with                      | 84 x 277 x 20   |      |           | 1/R               |     | Fu Xihua 1950, vol. 1, pls. 63 & |
| a) | 47.15         | Yaowatou Village | Han (early                 |          | engraved outlines                               | (coffin)        |      |           |                   |     | 65, 64 & 66, 75 & 76,            |
| (9 |               | 瓦頭村, Qufu        | 1st century                |          | & relief dot designs,                           |                 | 1/L  |           |                   | ,   | 77 & 78. KG 1985, no. 12:        |
| ં  | <u> </u>      | County 曲阜縣,      | A.D.)                      |          | inner sides of 4 walls of                       |                 |      | 2/F       |                   |     | 1130-1135. Confucius Temple      |
| ਚ  |               | Shandong         |                            |          | a stone-coffins tomb                            |                 |      |           |                   | 2/B | in Qufu, Shandong.               |
| 06 | 25            | Guoshankoucun    |                            | unknown  | stone, patterns carved in bas   a) 61.5 x 117 x | a) 61.5 x 117 x | 1/L  | 1/L       | 1/R               |     | KG 1995, no. 5: 385-389.         |
| æ  |               | 郭山口村 M2,         | Han (early 1 <sup>st</sup> |          | relief, the two doorleaves                      | 9.5 (each)      |      |           |                   |     |                                  |
|    |               | Huji Village     | century                    |          | of:   |                 |      |           |                   |     |                                  |
|    |               | 胡集鄉, Jinxiang    |                            |          | a) south chamber                                |                 |      |           |                   |     |                                  |
| (q |               | County 金海縣,      | A.D.)                      |          | b) north chamber                                | b) 61.5 x 117 x | 1/L  | 1/L       | 1/R               |     |                                  |
|    |               | Shandong         | •                          |          |   | 9.5 (each)      |      |           |                   |     |                                  |

| 91<br>a)   | ,    | Zhifang Town<br>纸坊鎮, Cangshan  | E. Han, c.<br>6 <sup>th</sup> year of       | unknown | stone, patterns carved in bas relief        | 117 x 28             |     |             |                                       | Jiang Yingju 1982, pls. 417, 416.<br>Wang & Zeng 1990: 84.        |
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| ত্র        | 1    | County 茶山縣,                    | Yongchu (c.<br>A.D. 112)                    |         |   | 118 x 30             |     | -           |                                       | Cangshan County Cultural Bureau                                   |
| 92         | _    | The Shrine of Guo<br>Ju 郭臣洵.   | Late E. Han,<br>before 4 <sup>th</sup> year |         | stone, incised patterns                     | 31.5x 112.5          | 1/1 | -           | 1/R                                   | Fu Xihua 1950, vol. 1, pls. 22, 25 & 26; Beijing & Shanghai Lüxun |
|            |      | Xiaotangshan<br>孝堂山. Feicheng  | of Yongjian<br>永建四年                         |         |   |                      |     | ····        | <del></del>                           | bowuguan 1986, vol. 2, pl.29.                                     |
|            |      | County 肥城縣,                    | (A.D. 129)                                  |         |   |                      |     |             | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |   |
| 8          |      | Shanong                        | 157 17                                      |         |   |                      |     | ľ           | 1                                     |   |
| <u>8</u> 9 | _    | The Wu's<br>Cemetery, Jiaxiang | E. Han, 1".<br>vear of Jianhe               |         | stone, patterns carved on the<br>Wushi Oue: |                      | 1/S | <del></del> | —–<br><u>₹</u>                        | Jiang & Wu 1995, pls. 15-16 & 17-18.                              |
|            |      | County 嘉祥縣,                    | 建和元年  |         | a) two sides of the top                     |                      |     |             |                                       |   |
| (q         |      | Shandong                       | (A.D. 147)                                  |         | of east tower                               |                      | 1/R | 1           | 1/L                                   |   |
|            |      |                                |   |         | b) east side of the base of                 |                      |     |             |                                       |   |
| ଚ          |      |                                |   |         | cast tower<br>c) south of the bracket       |                      |     | 1/R         | 1/1                                   | Finsterbusch 1971 cat. no. 265.                                   |
|            |      |                                |   |         | system of the sub-tower of west tower       |                      |     |             | <br>                                  |   |
| 24         | 36   | Ximicheng 母米                   | E. Han, 1st                                 | unknown | stone, patterns carved in bas               | 52.5 x 124           | 1/L |             | 1/R                                   | Jiang Yingju 1982, pl. 411.                                       |
|            |      | 城, Chengqian                   | year of Yuanjia                             |         | relief                                      |                      |     |             |                                       | Cangshan County Cultural  |
|            |      | Village 城前村,                   | 元嘉元年(17)                                    | •       |   |                      |     | <del></del> |                                       | Museum  |
|            |      | Cangshan,<br>Shandong          | (A.D. 131)                                  |         |   |                      |     |             |                                       |   |
| 95         | 35-  | Houzhangda 後掌                  | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | unknown | a pair of stone, patterns                   | c. 100 x 330         | 1   | 1/T 1       | 2/B                                   | Tengzhou Museum of Han  |
|            | 23.2 | 大, Teng County                 | century A.D.)                               |         | carved in bas relief, two                   | (each stone)         |     |             |                                       | Pictorial Art   |
|            |      | 泰泰, Shandong                   |   |         | each divided into 2 sections.               | (each small section) |     | · · · · · · |                                       |   |
| 96         |      | Teng County 縣縣,<br>Shandong    | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.)    | unknown | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief     | 35 x 301             | 1/L | 3 1,        | 1/R                                   | Jiang Yingju 1982, pl. 293.<br>Preserved at the original site.    |
| 97         | _    | Baizhuang                      | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | unknown | stone, patterns carved in bas               | 121 x 69 (each       | 1,8 | 1           | 1/L                                   | Jiang Yingju 1982, pls. 360 &                                     |
|            |      | 台莊, Linyi County               | century A.D.)                               | •       | relief, tomb door leaves                    | leaf)                |     |             |                                       | 361.  |
|            |      | 臨沂縣, Shandong                  |   |         |   |                      |     |             |                                       | Linyi County Cultural Bureau.                                     |

| Jiang Yingju, 1982, pl. 578.<br>Zhaoyuan County Cultural<br>Bureau. | Jiang Yingju 1982, pl. 474 & 475. Dai Temple, Taian. |                                  | KG 1986, no. 8: 717-725.                            |                                    |                                      | Zhu Xilu 1992: 96.                                  |               |                           | Jiang Yingju 1982, pls. 506 & 507. Simenta Cultural | Bureau               | Jiang Yingju 1982, pl.524 & 523. Preserved at original | site.         |          | Jiang Yingju 1982, pl.66. Zou<br>County Cultural Bureau |               | The Motronoliton Museum of   | Art, U.S.A.             |  |
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| 1/L   | 1/R  | 1/R                              | 1/L   |                                    |                                      | 1/R   |               |                           |   | 2/R                  |  | 2             |          | 1/R   |               | 17,1   |                         |  |
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| 46 x 194  | 46 x 187   | 46 x 228                         | 120 x 24 (each)                                     | 90 x 40 (each)                     | 45 x 156                             | 48 x 202  |               |                           | 114 x 40  | 14 x 39.5            | 130 x 27 (each)  |               |          | 77 x 259  |               | 100 June 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10  | alikilowii              |  |
| stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief                             | two stones, carved with similar patterns             |                                  | stone, patterns carved in bas relief, a tomb        | door's components a) 2 door frames | b) 2 door leaves<br>c) a door lintel | stone, patterns carved in bas relief                |               |                           | stone, patterns incised, inscriptions               | carved in bas relief | stone, patterns carved in bas relief                   |               |          | stone, patterns carved in bas relief                    |               | and the property of the proper | relief                  |  |
| unknown   | unknown  |                                  | a low-ranking<br>official or a                      | rich landowner                     |                                      | unknown   |               |                           | unknown   |                      | unknown  |               |          | unknown   |               |  | mwicow <sub>m</sub>     |  |
| E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.)                            | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup><br>century                   | A.D.)                            | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup> | century A.D.)                      |                                      | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup> | century A.D.) |                           | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>nd</sup> | century A.D.)        | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | century A.D.) |          | E. Han $(2^{nd}$ to carly $3^{rd}$                      | century A.D.) | D 1150 10  | Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to | early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.) |
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| 86  | 99<br>99   | (q                               | 100<br>a)   | (q                                 | ତ                                    | 101   |               | <del></del>               | 102<br>a)   | 9                    | 103<br>a)  | <u>9</u>      |          | 104   | <del></del>   | 105  | 3                       |  |

| 106    | _     | Beizhai Village 3t E. Han (late | E. Han (late  | an influential    | stone, patterns carved in bas c. 126 x 43 | c. 126 x 43 | 1/E      |     |     |     | Zeng Zhaoyu 1956: rub. pls. 6,   |
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| a)     |       | 案村, Yinan County                | 2 century     | local landowner   | relief & incised defails, at:             |             | <u> </u> |     |     |     | 12-14, 2/-30, 23-20; 1. Naganiro |
| (૧     | /     | 沂南縣, Shandong                   | A.D.)         | or official       | a) east doorpost                          | c. 126 x 43 |          |     | 1/W |     | 1965: 25 & 26.                   |
|        |       |                                 |               |                   | b) west doorpost                          |             |          |     | (R) |     |                                  |
| છ      | 32.4- |                                 |               |                   | c) a post, entrance of middle             |             | 1/E      | 1/L | 1/W | 1/B | •••                              |
|        | 32.6  |                                 |               |                   | chamber                                   |             | 됬        |     | (1) |     |                                  |
| Ġ)     | 32.2- |                                 |               |                   | d) column base, front                     |             | 1/E      | 1/S | 1/W | N/I |                                  |
|        | 34.3  |                                 |               |                   | chamber                                   |             |          |     |     |     |                                  |
| 107 22 | 22    | Jinqueshan 金雀                   |               | Mr. Zhang (status | small solid bricks, for the               | 32 x 16 x 6 | +        | +   | +   | +   | WW 1995, no. 6: 72-78. Linyi     |
|        |       | Li, Linyi County                |               | unknown)          | construction of the tomb                  | (each)      |          |     |     |     | Museum                           |
|        |       | 题沂縣, Shandong                   | century A.D.) |                   | walls, patterns moulded in                |             |          |     |     | _   |                                  |
|        |       |                                 |               |                   | bas relief                                |             |          |     |     | ٠   |                                  |

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| Sources/Collection |             | ZGWWB 1997.11.23. Yangzhou | Museum                      |               |              | KG 1966, no. 2: 66-83, 91;    | Zhang Daoyi 1985, pl. 24. |                      | Zhang Daoyi 1985, pl. 69              |                                 |             |             | Zhang Daoyi 1985, pls. 139, 137 | & 136.                                   |                            |         | WW 1983, no. 4: 36-39; KG    | 1989, no. 5: 423-429. Zhenjiang          | Museum.                     |                 |            |
| Š                  | w,x         | 1/B                        | ·                           |               |              |                               |                           |                      |                                       |                                 |             |             |                                 |  |                            |         |                              |  |                             |                 |            |
| g image            | <i>4,9</i>  | 1/L                        |                             |               |              | 1/R                           |                           |                      | 1/L                                   |                                 |             |             | 1/T                             |  |                            |         | 1+/R                         |  |                             |                 |            |
| The siling images  | 5,2         | 1/T                        |                             |               |              |                               |                           |                      |                                       |                                 |             |             |                                 |  |                            |         |                              |  |                             |                 |            |
| ,                  | 1, b        | 1/R                        |                             |               |              | 1/L                           |                           |                      | 1/R                                   |                                 |             |             | 1/B                             |  |                            |         | 1+/T                         |  |                             |                 |            |
| Size (cm)          |             | 54.6 (1)                   | 36.1 (w)                    | 38.7 (h)      |              | 220 x 44 x 34                 |                           |                      | 115 x 53                              |                                 |             |             | a) 148 x 24                     |  |                            |         | 35×7                         |  |                             |                 |            |
| Media &            | Orientation | lacquered and painted wood | face cover for the deceased | ٠             | - :          | stone, patterns carved in bas | relief, architrave in the | western side chamber | stone, patterns carved in bas         | relief, architrave of the front | chamber     |             | stone, patterns carved in bas   | relief & incised details,                | central pillar of the tomb | chamber | small solid bricks, patterns | moulded in bas relief, used              | for the construction of the | tomb walls      |            |
| Owner of           | specimen    | an official of the         | Guangling State             |               |              |                               |                           |                      | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                                 |             |             |                                 |  |                            |         |                              | ,  |                             |                 |            |
| Date               |             | late W. Han                | (1st century                | B.C.)         |              | E. Han, Lingdi                | period (r.                | A.D.167–189)         | E. Han, 4 <sup>th</sup>               | year of Xiping                  | 崇平四年        | (A.D. 175)  | E. Han (late                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>rd</sup> | century A.D.)              |         | E. Han (late                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>rd</sup> | century A.D.)               |                 |            |
| Location           |             | Huchang 胡場                 | M14, outskirts of           | Yangzhou City | 揚州市, Jiangsn | Shilipu Village               | 十里鋪鄉, Xuzhou              | 徐州, Jiangsu          | Mao Village 茅村,                       | Tongshan County                 | 甸山縣, Xuzhou | 徐州, Jiangsu | "Jiunudun" Tomb                 | "九女墩"墓,Juning                            | 非李, Xuzhou 徐州,             | Jiangsu | Gucheng Village              | 固城鄉, Gaochun                             | County 高浮縣,                 | Nanjing City 南京 | 市, Jiangsu |
| PI.                |             | 57 &                       | 57.2                        |               |              | _                             |                           |                      | /                                     |                                 |             |             |                                 |  |                            |         | Ŀ                            |  |                             |                 |            |
| °Z                 |             | 801                        |                             |               |              | 109                           |                           |                      | 110                                   |                                 |             |             | 111                             |  |                            |         | 112                          |  |                             |                 |            |

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|   | Yao & Gu 1981, pls. 143-15.  | •                        |                               |            |
|   | Yao &                        |                          |                               |            |
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|   | +                            | •                        |                               |            |
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| - | (1) 5115                     | 4.5 (t)                  |                               |            |
|   | Bricks (some are inscribed), | patterns moulded in high | relief, for tomb construction |            |
|   |                              | ba                       | re                            |            |
|   | Mr. Guo (status              | unknown)                 |                               |            |
|   | E. Jin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year | of Long'an               | 隆安二年                          | (A.D. 398) |
|   | The Farm tomb                | 農牧場基,                    | Zhenjiang 鎮江,                 | Jiangsu    |
|   | 23-                          | 23.3                     |                               |            |
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VIII. Anhui

| å      | Pi. | Location         | Date                    | Owner of                 | Media &                      | Size (cm)   |            | The silin | The siling images |     | Sources/Collection               |
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|        |     |                  |                         | specimen                 | Orientation                  |             | 1, 6       | b,z 1, b  | q,q               | x'w |                                  |
| 114    | ,   | Dongyuan Village | E. Han, around          | a no                     | stone, incised patterns,     | 155 x 19    | 1/L        |           | 1/R               | 7/B | WW 1978, no. 8: 32-39.           |
| е<br>Э |     | 董園村 MZ, Hao      | 7th year of             | high-ranking             | components of a tomb door:   | (each)      |            |           |                   |     | (L) a dragon inscribed "shenlong |
|        |     | County 毫縣,       | Yinxi                   | bureaucrat <sup>14</sup> |                              |             |            |           |                   |     | 神龍", a tiny                      |
| ক      |     | Anhui            | 延素七年                    |                          | a) 2 doorframes              | 45 x 75     |            | 2/T       |                   |     | winged immortal and an animal    |
|        |     |                  | (c. A.D. 164)           |                          | b) lintel                    |             |            |           |                   |     | (R) a tiger inscribed            |
| (c)    |     |                  |                         |                          | c) 2 door leaves             |             |            |           |                   |     | "baihu 自虎" and a bird            |
| 115    |     | "Jinnufen        | puno                    | a relative of Hu         | a) stone, patterns carved in | a) 103 x 38 | $1/\Gamma$ |           | 1/R               |     | KGXB 1993, no. 4: 515-549.       |
| a)     |     | 九女境"M1,          | 4 <sup>th</sup> year of | Yuanren, occupant        | bas relief, middle of the    |             |            |           |                   |     |                                  |
|        |     | Chulan Town      | Jianning                | of M2                    | west wall of front chamber   |             |            |           |                   |     |                                  |
| 9      |     | 褚蒑鎮, Su County   | 建寧四年                    | <b></b>                  | b) stone, patterns carved in | b) 103 x    | 1/L        |           | 1/R               |     |                                  |
|        |     | 宿縣, Anhui        | (c. A.D. 171)           |                          | bas relief, two door leaves  | 34(each)    |            |           |                   |     |                                  |
|        |     |                  |                         |                          | of the side chamber (M1)     |             |            |           |                   |     |                                  |

| IX. | IX. Sichuan | an               |              |                                   | •   |                  |      |                   |                                      |                           |
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| ςN. | PJ.         | Location         | Date         | Owner of                          | Media &   | Size (cm)        | IL   | The siling images | images                               | Sources/Collection        |
|     |             |                  |              | specimen                          | Orientation   |                  | 1, b | , b,z             | $A, X \mid A, Q \mid B, Z \mid A, B$ |                           |
| 116 | 116 39-     | Shenfujun Que    | E. Han (130- | Mr. Shen, Sima                    | stone, relief patterns,                               | 485 (h)          | 1/1  | 2/                |                                      | Wen You 1955, pl. 1-4; Xu |
| (g  | 39.8        | 沈府君闕,            | 150 A.D.)    | 司馬(capital),                      | que-tower, both main towers   $195 \times 165$ (base) | 195 x 165 (base) |      | FT                |                                      | Wenbin 1992: 129-133.     |
|     |             | Shenjiawan 沈家灣,  |              | Ling 令                            | remain and both inscribed:                            |                  |      |                   |                                      |                           |
| (q  |             | Xinmin Village 新 |              | (magistrate) & $Du$ a) east tower | a) east tower   | 485 (h)          |      | 2/                | 1/R                                  |                           |
|     |             | 民鄉, Qu County    |              | Wei 都尉                            | b) west tower   | 215 x 140 (base) |      | FT                |                                      |                           |
|     |             | 采縣, Sichnan      |              | (commandant)                      |   |                  |      |                   |                                      |                           |

| stone, relief patterns, que-towers, the main tower of a coffin to the left remains         470 (h) 175 x   1/L   1/L   1/R   1/R   1/R   1/24-137.         Xu Wenbin 1992: 134-137.           on the left remains         145 (base)         1/L   1/R   1/  |
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| as 69 x 227 1/L 1/<br>app. 87-94 x 111 1/R 1/L<br>as 124 x 55 1/L 1/R<br>as 224 x 55 1/L 1/R<br>as 179 x 62 x 202 1/L 1/R<br>as unknown 1/L 1/R<br>462 (h) 1/L 1/R<br>462 (h) 260 x 125 (base) 1/L 1/R<br>130 (base) 1/L 1/R   |
| as 69 x 227 1/L 1/L  app. 87-94 x 111 1/R  app. 87-94 x 111 1/R  as 124 x 55 1/L  as 19 x 62 x 202 1/L  as unknown 1/L  as unknown 1/L  as 462 (h)  462 (h)  462 (h)  130 (base)  130 (base)  11/L  11 |
| as 69 x 227 1/L app. 87-94 x 111 1/R as 224 x 55 1/L as unknown 1/L as unknown 1/L 462 (h) 260 x 125 (base) 130 (base) 130 (base) 130 (base)   |
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| one, relief patterns,  ue-towers, the main tower  on the left remains  one, patterns carved in bas slief:  leover of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  one, patterns carved in bas slief, one side of a coffin  eright panel of the coffin  wer on the left remains  ne-towers, only the main  wer on the left remains  ne-towers, only the main   |
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| unknown unknown unknown unknown unknown  |
| E. Han (slightly later than Shenfujum Que of 130 -150 A.D.) E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  E. Han (and to early 3 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  E. Han (early 3 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  E. Han (early 3 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  E. Han (early 3 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  A.D.)   |
| A que-tower in Pujiawan 痛象涕, Xinmin Village, Qu County, Sichuan Zhuwapu 付瓦鋪, Xinsheng Community 新勝 公社, Pi County 年縣, Sichuan 景泉溝, Hejiang County 今江縣, Sichuan 公子山盧基, Yibin County north 宜賓縣以, Sichuan 公子山區基, Xibin County, north 宜賓縣以, Sichuan 公子山區縣, Qu County, Sichuan Que no. 1 in Zhaojiacun 穩察井, Xinxing Yillage, Qu County, Sichuan Que no. 1 in Zhaojiacun 穩察井, Xinxing Village, Qu County, Sichuan Que no. 2 in Zhaojiacun, Zinapiacun, Zichuan  |
| 43.2<br>43.2<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/<br>/  |
| 117<br>118<br>a)<br>b)<br>b)<br>b)<br>b)<br>b)<br>120<br>121<br>121<br>122   |

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| <i>SCWW</i> 1988, no. 6: 65; <i>SCWW</i> 1990, no. 6: 3-11 & pls; Gao | Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996:<br>6-14. | Jianyang County Cultural Bureau |               | SW 1988, no. 3: 18; SCWW 1991,<br>pls.; Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang<br>1996: 42-43. Luzhou Museum. | Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang<br>1996: 40-41.  | Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang<br>1996: 87-88. Maohao Cave tomb<br>Museum, Leshan.                 | WWCKZL 1956, no. 5: 64-65.   | KGYWW 1989, no. 3: 25. Pengshan County Cultural Bureau         | KG 1987, no. 6, pl.6. Sichuan<br>Provincial Museum                   | Rudolph 1951, pl. 99;<br>Shaanxisheng bowuguan &<br>Shaanxisheng wenguanhui 1958,<br>pl. 95; Gao Wen, 1987a, pl. 101. | Wen You 1955, pis. 16 & 18; Nanyang Han huaxiang huicun, pl. 10           |
|   | 1/B                                |                                 |               | 1/B  | 1/B  |   |  |  |  | 1   |   |
|   |                                    |                                 | 1/R           | 1/R  | 1/R  | t   | 1/R  | 1/R  | 1/L  |   | -   |
| 1/F   |                                    |                                 |               | 1/T  |  | 1/B   |  |  |  | I   |   |
|   |                                    | 1/L                             |               | 1/L  | 1/1  | 1   | 1/L  | 1/L  | 1/R  |   | 1   |
| 64 x 63 x 212<br>(coffin)   |                                    |                                 |               | 80 x 83 x 223<br>(coffin)  | 232 (l)<br>76 (w)  | 77 x 77 x 213<br>(coffin)   | unknown  | 15.5 x 20  | 24-26 x 44-46 x<br>5-7   | 7.5 x 86  | 120 x 55  |
| stone, pattern carved in bas relief, four walls of a stone            | coffin: a) front panel             | b) the rear<br>c) left wall     | d) right wall | stone, patterned carved in<br>bas-relief, four side-walls of<br>the coffin                     | stone, patterned carved in<br>bas-relief, the two longer<br>side-walls and the rear of<br>the coffin | stone, patterned carved in bas-relief, the two longer side-walls and the rear of the coffin | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, bracket of the tomb<br>doorhead | brick, patterns moulded in<br>relief                           | collected brick  | brick, patterns moulded in<br>bas relief  | stones, patterns carved in<br>bas relief, back side<br>of two door leaves |
| unknown   |                                    |                                 |               | иркпочи  | unknown  | unknown   | uwowa  | unknown  | unknown  |   |   |
| E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup>                   | century A.D.)                      |                                 |               | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.)                           | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.)                                 | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.)                        | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.)     | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.) | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.) | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.)  | E. Han $(2^{nd}$ to early $3^{nd}$  |
| Guitoushan<br>鬼頭山, Jianyang   | County 簡陽縣,<br>Sichuan             |                                 |               | Dongbinting<br>洞賓亭, Luzhou<br>瀘州, Sichuan  | Fushun County<br>富順縣, Sichuan  | Jiufeng Village<br>九峰鄉, Leshan<br>County, Sichuan   | M348, Pengshan<br>County 彭山縣,<br>Sichuan                                 | Pengshan County,<br>Sichuan                                    | Sichuan Province   | Outside Guanghan<br>City 廣漢城外,<br>Sichuan   | Outside Beimen 北門外, Chengdu<br>战都 Sichinan                                |
| 48-   |                                    |                                 |               | 49 &<br>49.1   | 51-<br>51.3  | 50.3  | _  | _  | _  | 119.2   | /   |
| 124<br>a)   | (Q                                 | ত                               | <del>o</del>  | 125  | 126  | 127   | 128  | 129  | 130  | 131   | 132<br>a)<br>b)   |

| 133<br>a) | /           | Zengjiabao 曾家包<br>M2, Tuqiao Town                               | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>nd</sup>                     | a local official or<br>a                     | stone, patterns carved in bas relief,tomb door:   | 7.5 x 86 (each)              | 1/E<br>(R) |            |     | <i>WW</i> 1981, no. 10: 25-32.   |
|-----------|-------------|---|--|--|---|------------------------------|------------|------------|-----|--|
| P)        |             | 土橋鎮, Chengdu,<br>Sichuan  | century A.D.)  | rich landowner                               | a) east doorpost<br>b) west doorpost  |                              |            | (£)        |     |  |
| 134       | ,           | Longxi Village<br>龍溪鄉, Jiangbei<br>County 江北縣,<br>Chongqing 重慶, | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.) | unknown                                      | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, two tomb doorjambs                               | unknown                      |            |            |     | KGTX 1958, no. 8: 52; Zbang<br>Daoyi 1993: 563, 564; Gong<br>Ning 1994, vol. 2: 509.             |
| 135       |             | Daliangshan<br>大衆山 M4,<br>Neijiang City<br>內立市, Sichuan         | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>rd</sup> century A.D.)       | unknown                                      | stone, patterns carved in bas relief, two sides of the niche 壁龕, back wall of the chamber | unknown                      | 1/L        | 1/R        |     | SCWW 1987, no. 4: 65-67.   |
| 136       | ,           | Sichuan Province  | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>rd</sup> century A.D.)       | имспомп                                      | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, a tomb door leaf                                 | 120x49.5x5                   | 1          |            |     | BCMA 1984 Nov: 303.<br>Cleveland Museum of Art,<br>U.S.A.  |
| 137<br>a) | /           | Puyan Temple north<br>業岩寺北, Shaping<br>沙坪,                      | E. Han, 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>year of<br>Chuping                        | unknown                                      | stone, patterns carved in bas<br>relief, doorway of the front<br>chamber                  | a) 287 x 50                  | 1/L        | 1/R        |     | WW 1977, no. 2: 63-69.   |
| 9         | <b>*</b>    | Hechuan County 合川縣, Sichuan                                     | 初平三年 to<br>19 <sup>th</sup> year of<br>Jian'an 建安                    |  | a) door lintel b) 2 door jambs c) 2 sides of the 2  | b) 164x63,<br>164x100 (R, L) |            | 1/L<br>1/R |     |  |
| (၁        |             |   | 十九年 (A.D.<br>193-214)  |  | doorjambs   |                              | 1/L        | 1/R        |     |  |
| 138<br>a) | 52-<br>52.4 | Coffin of Wang Hui<br>王暉, Modong<br>Village 沫束鄉,                | E. Han, 17 <sup>th</sup><br>year of Jian'an<br>建安十七年                 | Wang Hui, Shang<br>Ji Shi 上計矣<br>(Steward of | stone, patterned carved in high relief: a & b) two longer sides of                        | 101 x 83 x 250<br>(coffin)   | 1/R        |            |     | Chang Renxia1955a, pls. 55, 56;<br>Wen You 1955, pls. 49, 50, 51;<br>Cheng Renxia 1988: 82; ZYWW |
| (q        | _           | Lushan County<br>蘆山縣, Sichuan                                   | (A.D. 212)   | Account)                                     | the coffin<br>c) the rear of the coffin   |                              |            | 1/R        |     | 1991, no. 3: 26; <i>SCWW</i> 1993, no. 6: 51; Wu Hung 1995, fig. 5.9-12; Gao Wen & Gao           |
| ં         |             |   |  |  |   |                              |            |            | 1/B | Chenggang 1996: 1-4.<br>Luzhou Museum  |

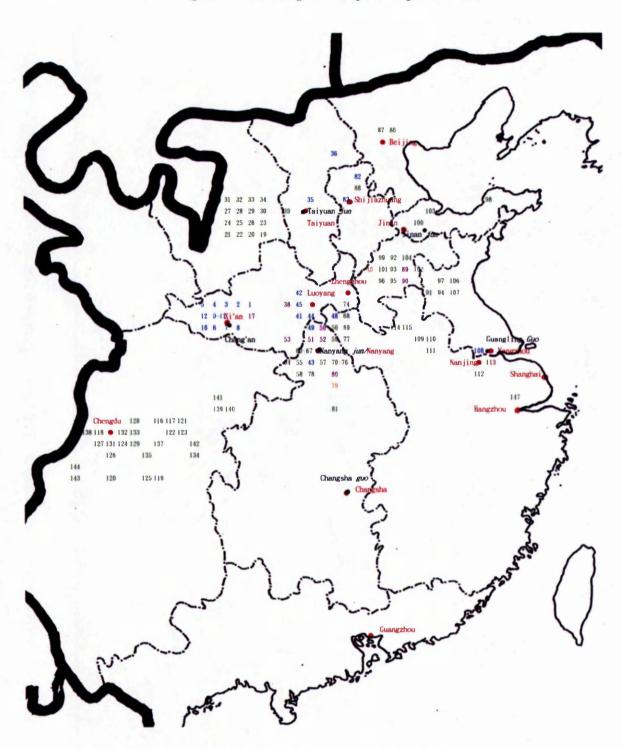
| n unknown gilt bronze plaque in 23 (diam) 1/L 1/T 1/R 1/R circular shape, fixed to the centre of the front panel of the coffin | . Han unknown gilt bronze plaque in rectangular shape, patterns carved in open work, fixed to the front panel of the coffin | . Han unknown gilt-bronze plaque in persimmon calyx shape, fixed to the centre of the coffin's front panel coffin's front panel | 3. Han unknown Stone, que-tower with relief b) remain 1/R Xu Wenbin 1992: 124-125. The section 80cm section 80cm high | . b) left tower       | $^{18}$ unknown rectangular brick for tomb $^{18}$ $^{18}$ $^{19}$ $^$ | shorter side of a brick at $35.5 - 40 \times 21.5$ 1/R 1/L tomb passage, pattern $\times$ 6 moulded in thread relief | st to unknown (.D)   | 1/T 1/L 1/B Lit Lizheng 1990: 89. In Can't carved on the |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| late E. Han<br>(late 2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.)  | late E. Han<br>(late 2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>nd</sup><br>century A.D.)   | late E. Han<br>(late 2 <sup>nd</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century A.D.)   | Late E. Han<br>(early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century  | A.D.)                 | E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to<br>early 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>century   | A.D.)  | E. Han (1st to early 3st century A.D)                                    | E. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to early 3 <sup>rd</sup>         |
| Gangouzi 干溝子,<br>Jiangdongju 江東<br>理, Wushan County<br>巫山縣, Sichuan  | The Phosphate<br>Factory tomb 凝粉<br>麻藻基, Wushan<br>County, Sichuan  | Near the Phosphate<br>Fertilizer Factory<br>尋毘廉, Wushan<br>County, Sichuan  | A que-tower at<br>Xiangluwan 春爐<br>港, Panxi 盤溪,   | Chongqing,<br>Sichuan | Reheqxi 熱赫溪,<br>Chengbei Village<br>城北鄉, Zhaojiao  | County 昭覺縣,<br>Sichuan   | Heboshiqiu<br>合博士丘, Zhuhe<br>Village 竹裱鄉,<br>Zhaojiao County,<br>Sichuan | Yizhou 益州<br>(around nowadays                            |
| 60.1   | 09  | 60.2  | 1   |                       | /  | /  | _  | 45   |
| 139  | 140   | 141   | 142<br>a)   | <b>A</b>              | a)   | (q   | 144  | 145  |

| ×  | X. Zhejian | iang             |                |          |                            |           |         |                   |     |                         | 1 |
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| ž  | ) PI.      | Location         | Date           | Owner of | Media &                    | Size (cm) | The     | The siling images | es  | Sources/Collection      |   |
|    |            |                  |                | specimen | Orientation                |           | z $l,b$ | $q,q \mid b$      | x,w |                         |   |
| 14 | / 9        | Changjiang Town, | Late E. Han to |          | All 4 walls of antechamber |           | + +     | +                 | +   | WW 1984, no. 12: 47-53. |   |
|    |            | Hailing          | 3 Kingdoms     |          | engraved with xiangrui and |           |         | ···               |     |                         |   |
|    |            |                  |                |          | siling images              |           |         |                   |     |                         |   |

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| Sources/Collection |  | Huang & Chen 1987: 73   |   | BCMA 1984, no. 11: 303, 304.  | Von der Heydt Collection in   | Rietberg Museum, Zurich.   | The Chinese Institute in America   | 1968, pl. 28. Former Rafi Y.  | Mottahedeh's collction, U.S.A.   | BBMS 26 (2): 36-46; BBMS 32  | (3): 50-58; China Institute in  | America 1968: 25. Buffalo   | Museum of Science, U.S.A.  | Lu Zhaoyin, 1993, pl. 233.  | Shanghai Museum  |  |   |
| S                  | x'w  |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |  | 2/F  |   |   |  | 1/B   |  |  |   |
| ıg image           | <i>p, y</i>  | 1/R   |   |   | *****   |  | 1/R  |   |  | 1/L  |   |   |  | 1   |  |  |   |
| The silin          | b, z   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |  | 1/B  |   |   |  | 1/T   |  |  |   |
|                    | 1, b   | 1/L   |   |   |   |  | 1/L  |   |  | 1/R  |   |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| Size (cm)          |  | unkaowa   |   | unknown   |   |  | 31.75 x 22.3 x   | 11.4  |  | 24.1 x 24.1 x  | 38.1  |   |  | $3.2 \times 5.5 \times 2.1$   |  |  |   |
| Media &            | Orientation  | a semi-circular eaves tiles   |   | brownish-grey stones,   | patterns carved in bas relief,  | right and left door leaves of  | model of a stove, pottery,   | moulded patterns  | •  | a pottery stove model,   | patterns moulded in bas   | relief  |  | white jade pendant,   | rectangular shape, patterns  | carved in open work  | (patterns & inscriptions can be read from both sides) |
| Owner of           | specimen   | unknown   |   | unkuown   |   |  | unknown  |   |  | unknown  |   |   |  | a high-ranking or   | affluent person 16   |  |   |
| Date               |  | W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to 1 <sup>st</sup> century  | B.C.)   | E. Han 1st to   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> century   | A.D.)  | E. Han (1st to   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> century   | A.D.)  | E. Han (1st to   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> century   | A.D.)   |  | E. Han (1st to  | early 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | century A.D.)  |   |
| Location           |  | unknown   |   | unknown   |   |  | unknown  |   |  | unknown  |   |   |  | unknown   | -  |  |   |
| PI.                |  | /   |   | _   |   |  | 106  |   |  | -76  | 97.5  |   |  | 107   |  |  |   |
| %                  |  | 147   |   | 148   |   |  | 149  |   |  | 150  |   |   |  | 151   |  |  |   |
|                    | Pl. Location Date Owner of Media & Size (cm) The siling images | Pl. Location Date Owner of Media & Size (cm) The siling images specimen Orientation Orientation $a'l   z'q   b'h   x'w$ | Pl. Location Date Owner of Media & Size (cm) The siling images specimen Orientation Orientation a semi-circular eaves tiles unknown 1/L 1/R 1/R Huang Huang | Pl. Location Date Owner of Media & Size (cm) The siling images  / unknown W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to unknown a semi-circular eaves tiles unknown 1/L   1/R   Huang Huang Huang    / B.C.) | Pl.         Location         Date specimen         Owner of specimen         Media & Size (cm)         The siling images           /         unknown         W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to unknown         unknown         1/L         z'q         b'h         x'w           /         unknown         W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to unknown         unknown         1/L         1/R         1/R           /         unknown         E. Han 1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown         brownish-grey stones, unknown         unknown         nonknown | Pl.       Location       Date       Owner of specimen       Media & Size (cm)       The siling images         /       unknown       W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to unknown       unknown       a semi-circular eaves tiles       unknown       1/L       z'q       b'h       x'w         /       unknown       B.C.)       brownish-grey stones,       unknown       brownish-grey stones,       unknown       a sterni-circular eaves tiles       nuknown       a semi-circular eaves tiles | Pl.       Location       Date specimen       Owner of specimen       Media & Size (cm)       The siling images and siling images         /       unknown       W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to unknown       unknown       1/L       z'q       b'h       x'w         /       unknown       1 <sup>st</sup> century       brownish-grey stones, atoms       unknown       1/R       1/R       x'w         /       unknown       E. Han 1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown       patterns carved in bas relief, atom leaves of a tomb       a tomb       a tomb | Pl. Location Date Owner of Media & Size (cm) The siling images  / unknown W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to unknown a semi-circular eaves tiles unknown 1/L 1/R 1/R 1/R  / unknown E. Han 1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown brownish-grey stones, 2 <sup>nd</sup> century 2 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  106 unknown E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown model of a stove, pottery, 31.75 x 22.3 x 1/L 1/R 1/R | Pl. Location Date Owner of Media & Size (cm) The siling images  / unknown W. Han (2 <sup>nd</sup> to unknown is semi-circular eaves tiles unknown 1/L 1/R 1/R 1/R  / unknown E. Han 1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown brownish-grey stones, 2 <sup>nd</sup> century A.D.)  106 unknown E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown model of a stove, pottery, 2 <sup>nd</sup> century 2 <sup>nd</sup> century model of a stove, pottery, 11.4  11. | Pl. 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Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to         unknown         model of a stove, pottery, a store, pottery, a store, pottery, a store, pottery         31.75 x 22.3 x         1/L         x/R         x/R           97-         unknown         E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to         unknown         a pottery stove model, a stove, pottery, a store model, a store, a tomb         24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         x/R | Pl.         Location         Date specimen         Owner of specimen         Media & Size (cm)         The siling inages in siles in | Pl.         Location         Date specimen specimen         Owner of specimen         Media & Size (cm)         The stling images and b'h x'h           / unknown         W. Han (2nd of unknown)         unknown         1st century         a semi-circular eaves tiles         unknown         1/L         1/R         x'h         x'h           / unknown         E. Han 1st to unknown         unknown         brownish-grey stones, patterns carved in bas relief, right and left door leaves of A.D.)         a tomb         1/L         1/R         1/R           106         unknown         E. Han (1st to unknown)         model of a stove, pottery, a 1.75 x 22.3 x         1/L         1/R         1/R           97-         unknown         E. Han (1st to unknown)         a pottery stove model, a stove, pottery, a 1.7 x 24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         1/R           97-         unknown         E. Han (1st to unknown)         a pottery stove model, a stove, pottery stove model, a 2nd century         2.4.1 x 24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         1/R           97-5         unknown         L. 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Han (1<sup>st</sup> to unknown       a pottery stove model, patterns       24.1 x 24.1 x 1/R       1/R       1/R       2/F         97-5       unknown       E. Han (1<sup>st</sup> to unknown       a pottery stove model, patterns       24.1 x 24.1 x 1/R       1/R       1/R       2/F         97-5       unknown       E. Han (1<sup>st</sup> to unknown       patterns moulded in bass       38.1</td> <td>P1.         Location         Date specimen         Owner of specimen         Media &amp; Size (cm)         The siling images           / unknown         W. Han (2<sup>nd</sup> to unknown         unknown         1/L         z'q         z'q         b'h         x'ν           / unknown         E. Han 1<sup>st</sup> to unknown         unknown         brownish-grey stones, a tones, a tones, a tones of a tone         unknown         1/L         z'q         z'h         x'ν           106         unknown         E. Han 1<sup>st</sup> to unknown         model of a stove, pottery, a tones, pottery, a tone         31.75 x 22.3 x         1/L         r/L         r/L           97-         unknown         E. Han (1<sup>st</sup> to unknown         a pottery stove model, a stove, pottery, a tone         24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         r/L           97-         unknown         E. Han (1<sup>st</sup> to unknown         a pottery stove model, a pasterns         24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         1/R           97-         unknown         E. Han (1<sup>st</sup> to unknown         a pottery stove model, a pasterns         24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         1/R           97-         A.D.)         a high-ranking or white jade pendant, a relief         3.2 x 5.5 x 2.1         1/I         1/I         1/I         1/I</td> <td>  P1.   Location   Date   Owner of specimen   Owner of specimen   Orientation   Orient</td> <td>  Pi</td> | P1.       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Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown         a pottery stove model, a pasterns         24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         1/R           97-         unknown         E. Han (1 <sup>st</sup> to unknown         a pottery stove model, a pasterns         24.1 x 24.1 x         1/R         1/R         1/R           97-         A.D.)         a high-ranking or white jade pendant, a relief         3.2 x 5.5 x 2.1         1/I         1/I         1/I         1/I | P1.   Location   Date   Owner of specimen   Owner of specimen   Orientation   Orient | Pi  |

## Map One: Distribution of Sets of excavated siling examples

(Map of the Western Han Dynasty, 1 A.D., based on Tan Qixiang, Zhongguo lishi dituji, vol. 2: Qin, XiHan, DongHan shiqi, Shanghai, 1982.)

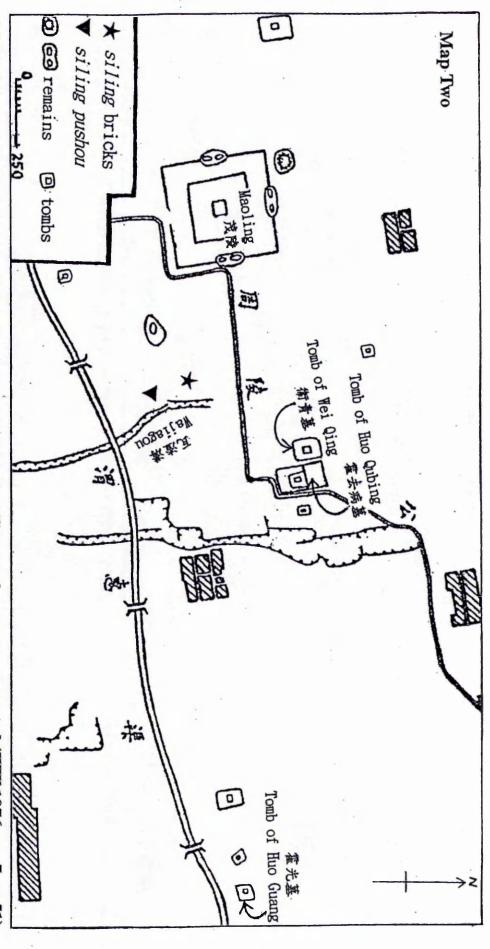


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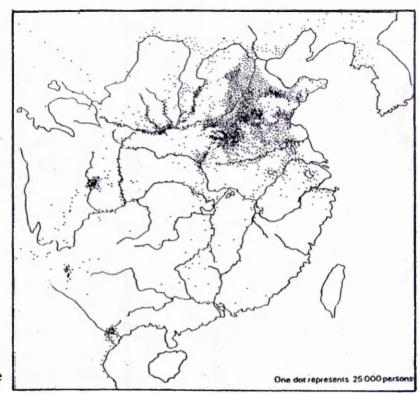
boundary of the Han regime in 1 A.D.

Names of places (W. Han, 1 A.D.)
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no. pre-Han examples no. W. Han examples no. Xin Dynasty examples no. E. Han examples no. Wei and Jin examples

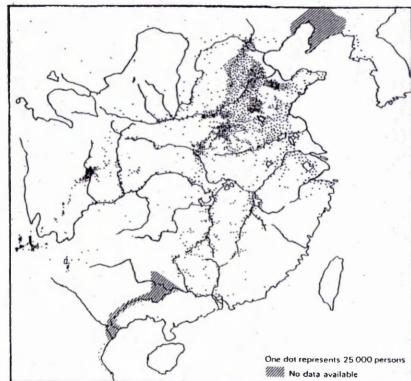


Map of the Maoling District, showing the sites from which the siling artefacts were excavated (WW 1976, no. 7, p. 51)



Map Three

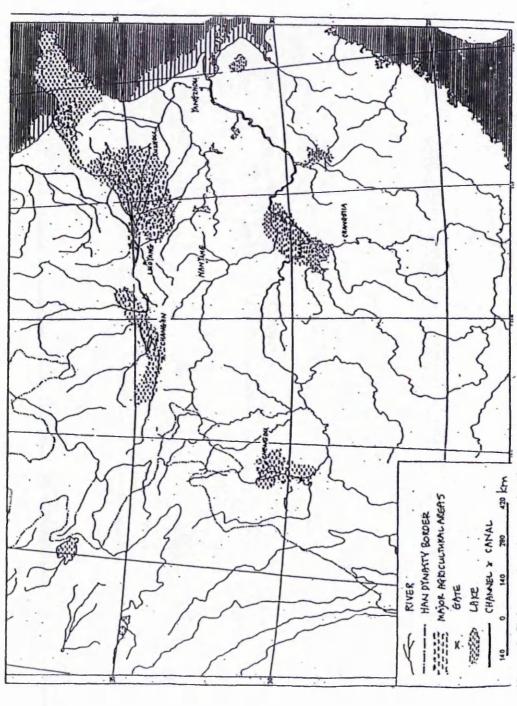
Map of China, showing the population density within the Han Territories in A.D. 2 (Bielenstein, 1947, pl. 1 & 2)



Map Four

Map of China, showing the population density within the Han Territories in A.D. 140 (Bielenstein, 1947, pl. 2)

Map Five



Map of China, showing principal areas of agricultural production during the Han dynasty (Shi Nianhai, 1986, pp. 181-182)

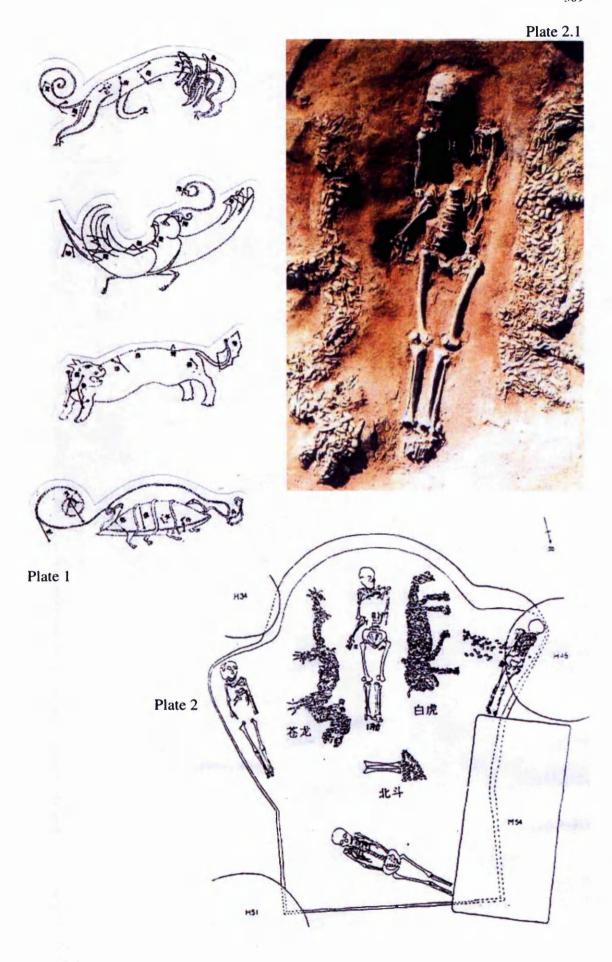








Plate 4

Plate 5





Plate 6

Plate 6.1





Plate 7.1

Plate 7



Plate 8 Plate 9

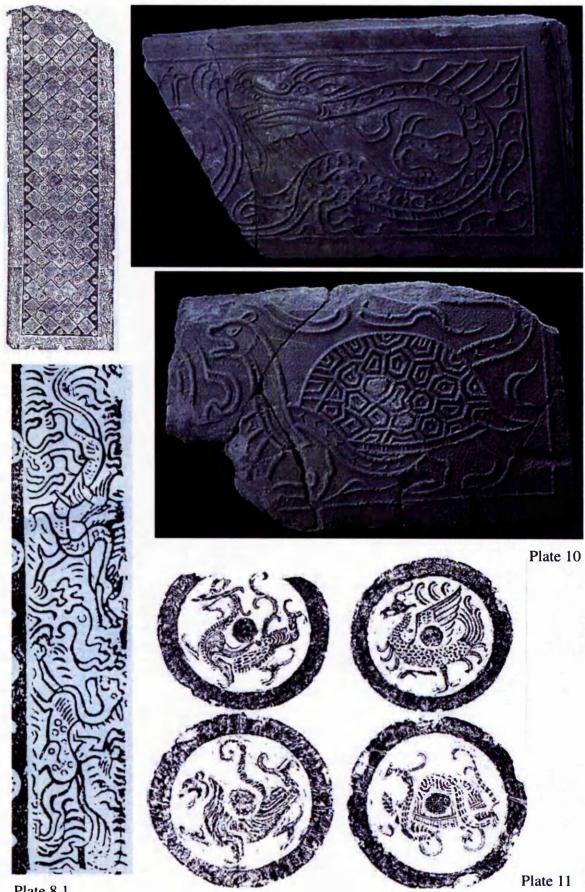


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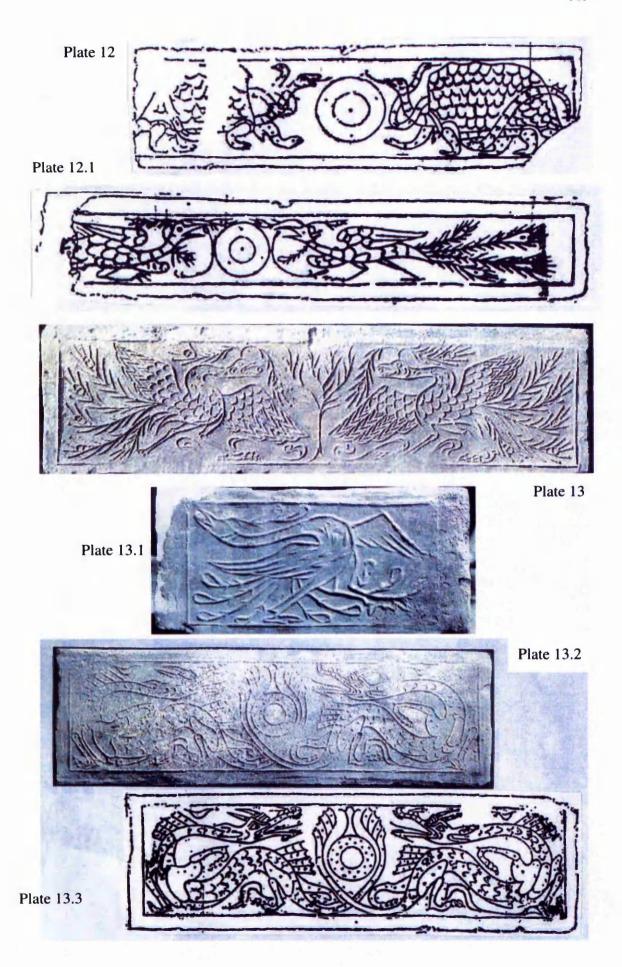


Plate 13.5

Plate 13.3



Plate 13.4

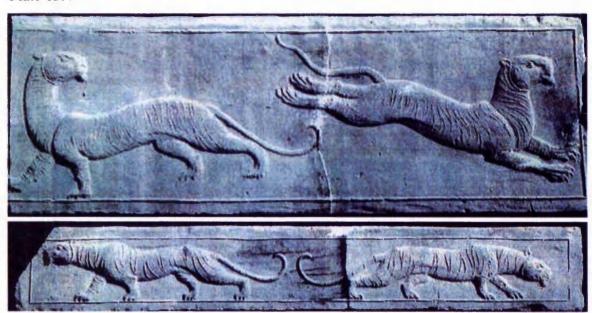


Plate 14





Plate 14.1

Plate 15

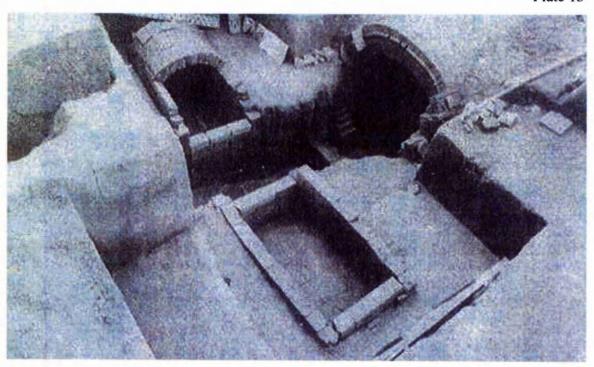


Plate 15.1



Plate 15.2





Plate 15.3

## Plate 15.4



Plate 15.5

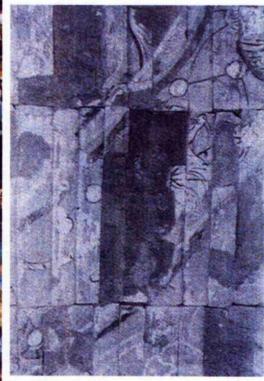


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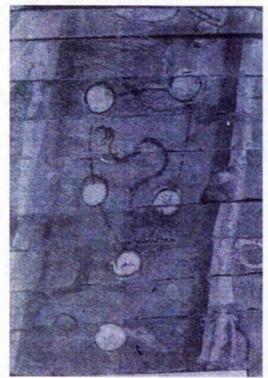
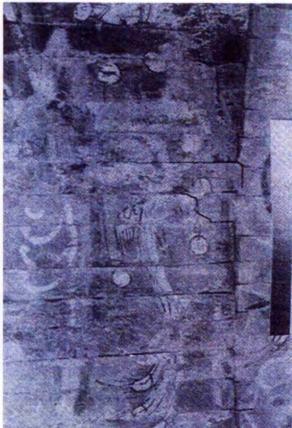
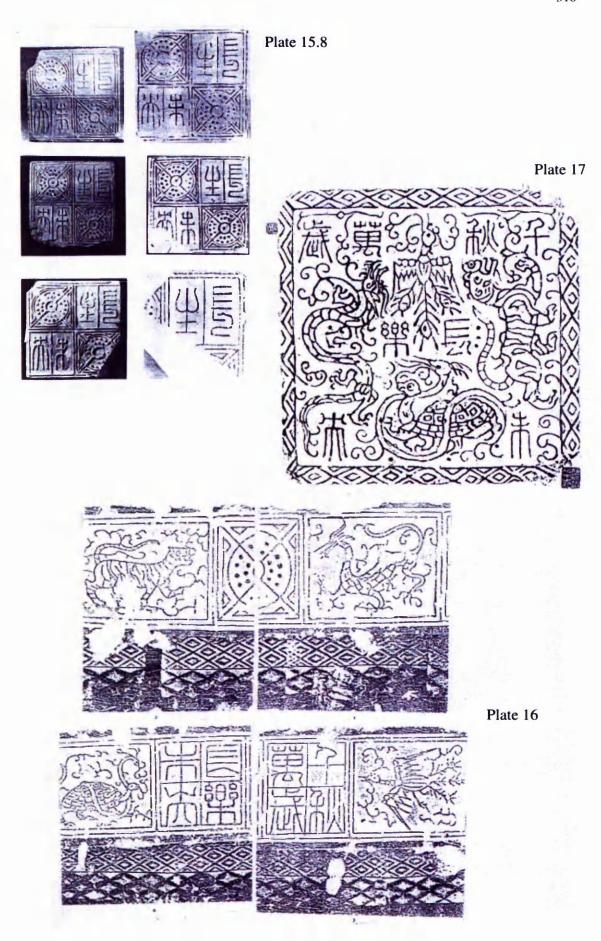


Plate 15.7







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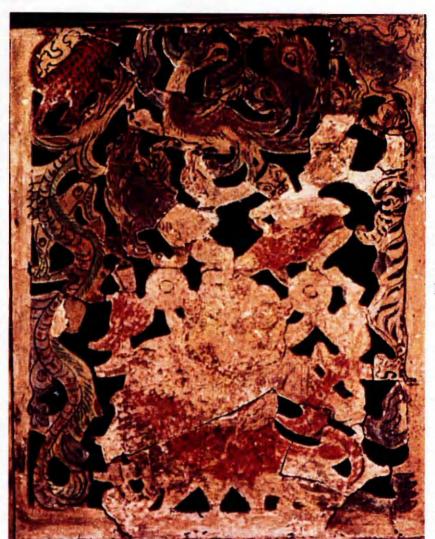
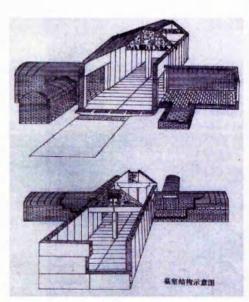


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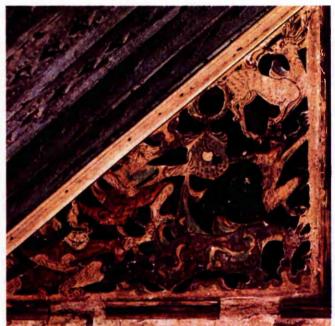


Plate 18

Plate 18.3



Plate 19

Plate 20





Plate 20.1



Plate 20.2

Plate 20.3





Plate 20.4



Plate 20.5

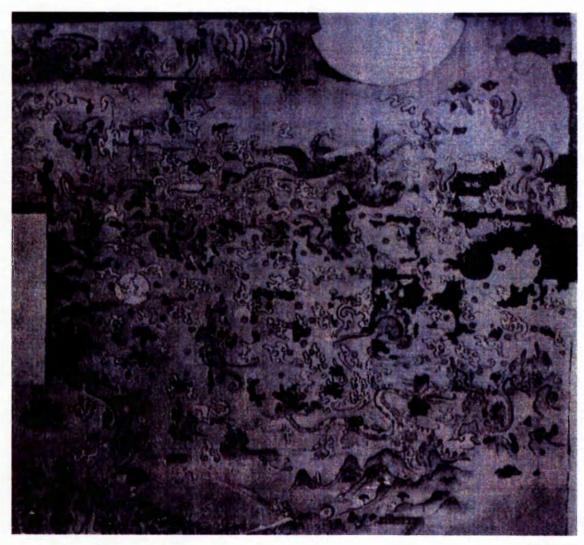


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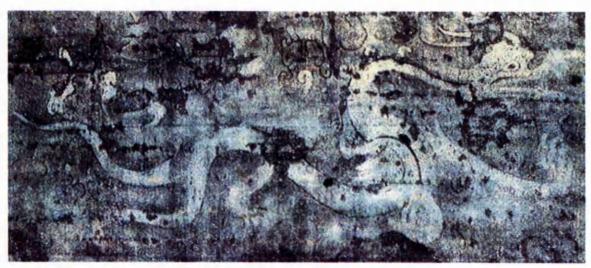


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Plate 21.2

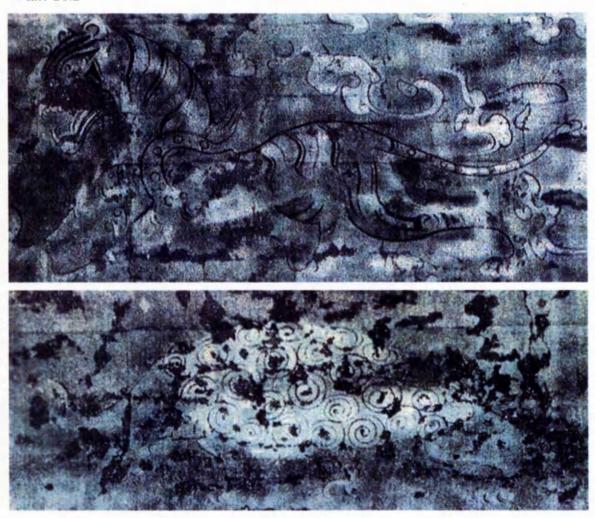


Plate 21.3

Plate 22





Plate 23





Plate 23.1





Plate 23.2

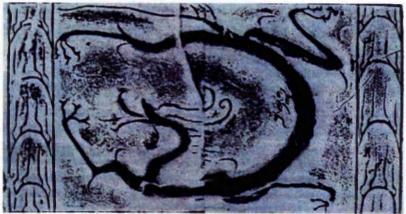




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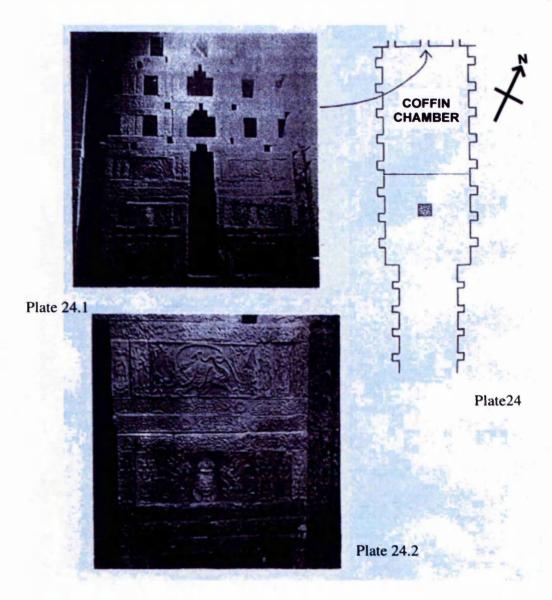




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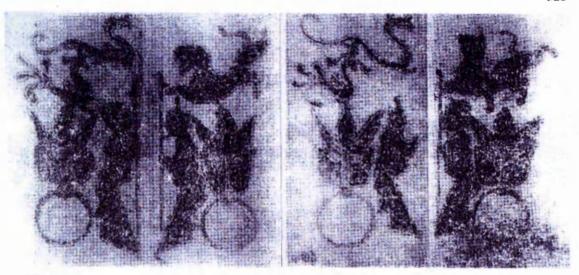


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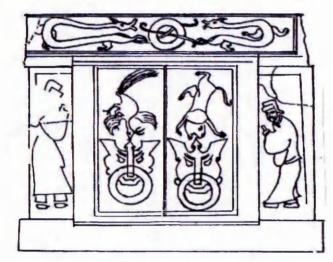
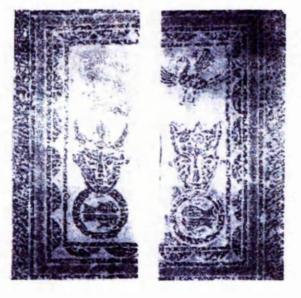


Plate 26



Plate 27









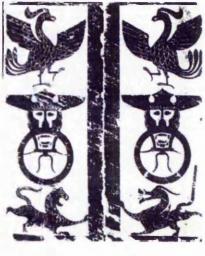


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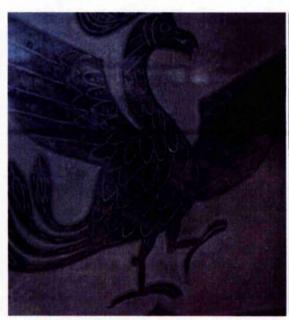




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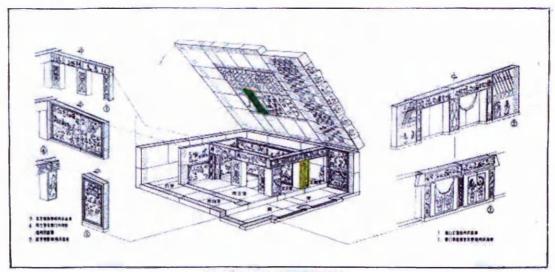
Plate 29.3





Plate 29.4

Plate 30



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Plate 30.2

Plate 30.3



Plate 30.1



Plate 31

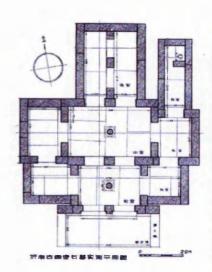


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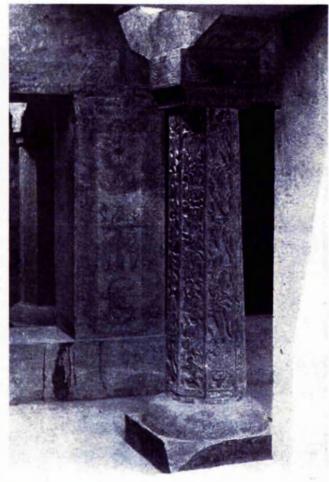


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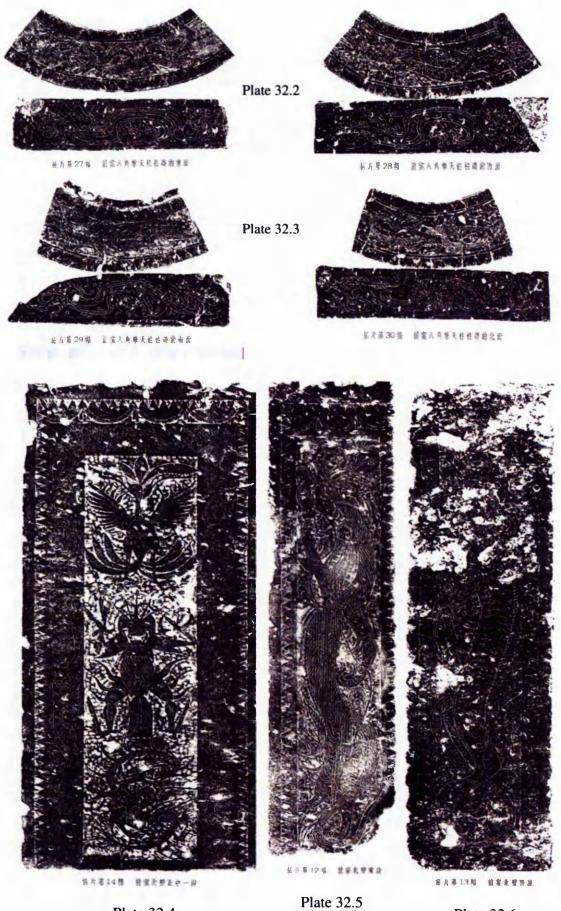
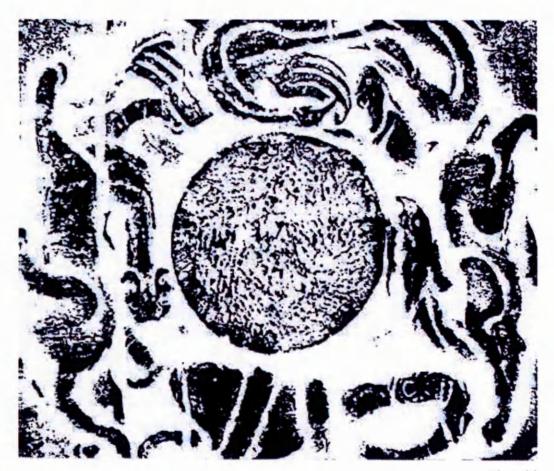


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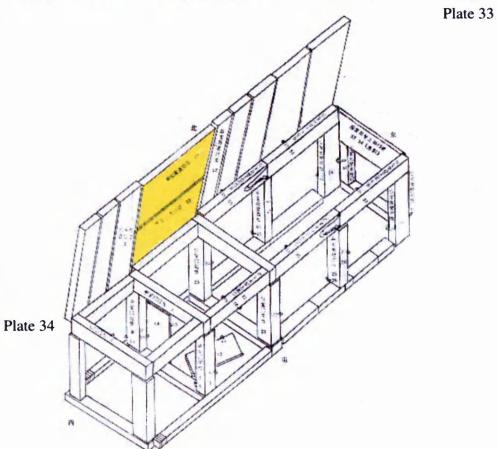




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Plate 34.4

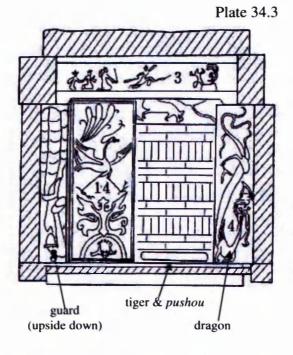


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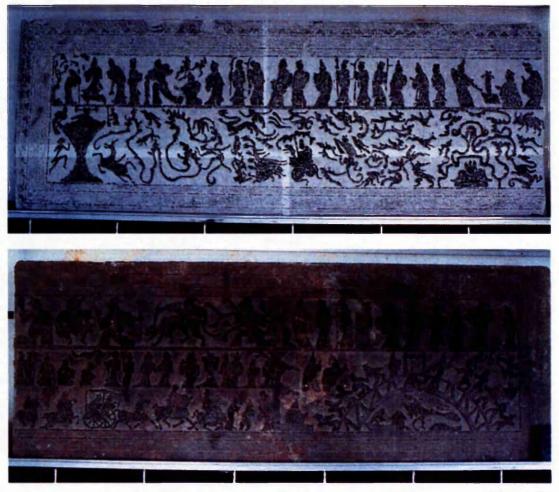


Plate 35.1



Plate 35.2





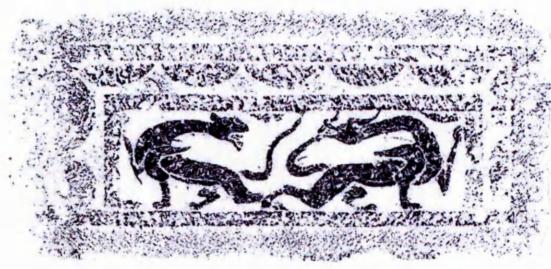


Plate 36



Plate 37

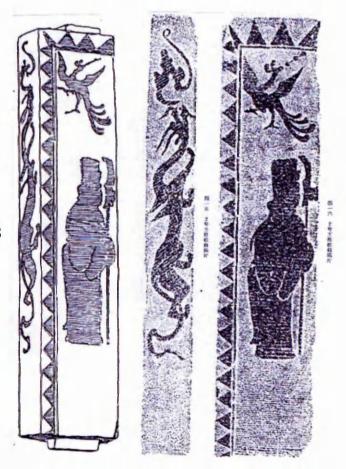
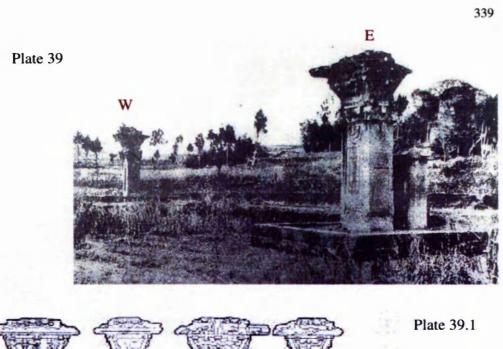
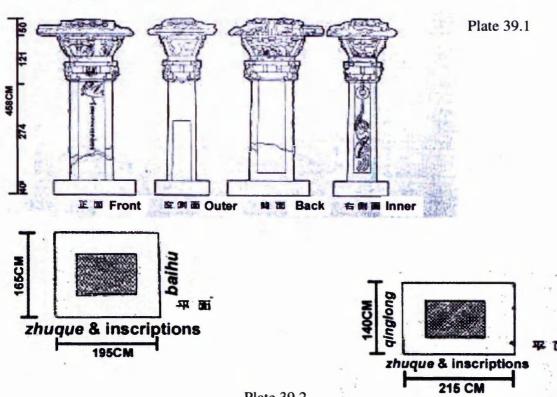
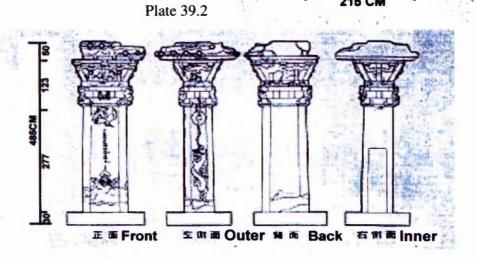


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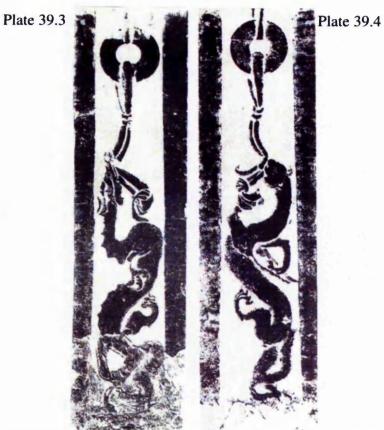


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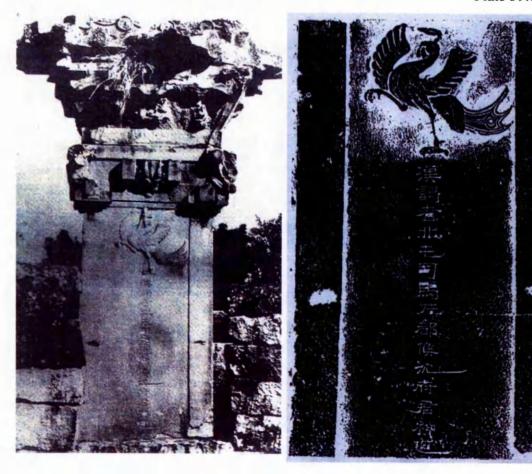
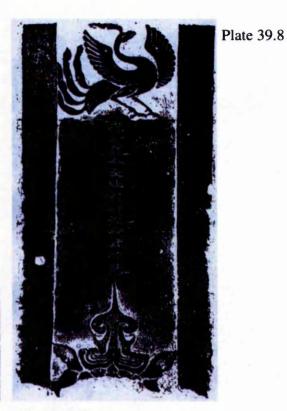


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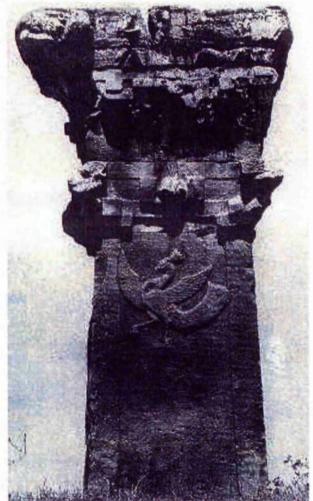


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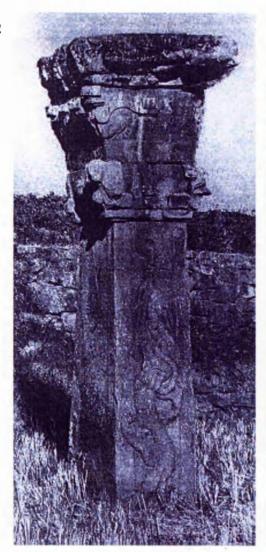
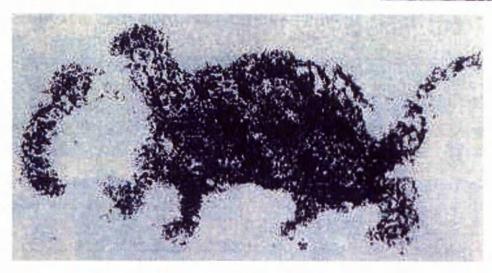
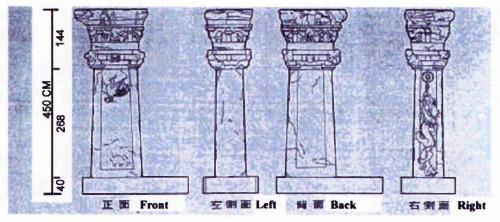




Plate 40.1





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Plate 40.3



Plate 41



Plate 41.1

Plate 41.2





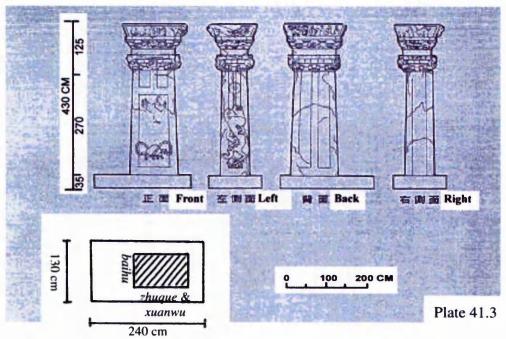


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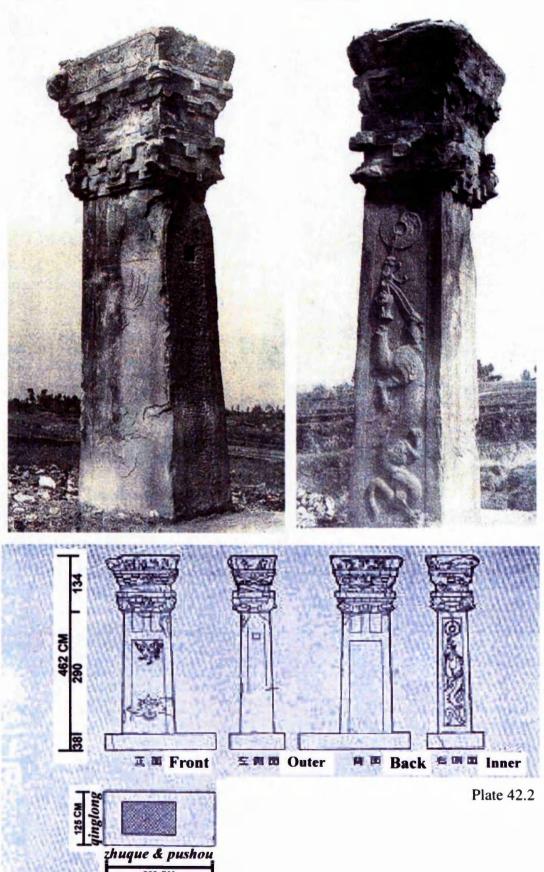
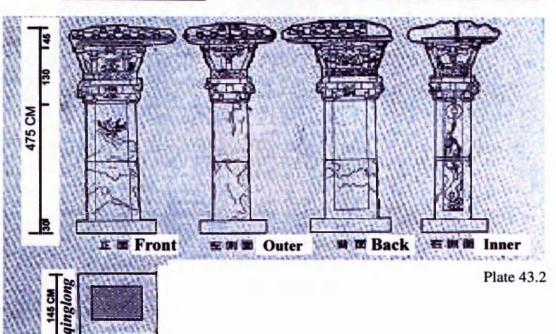


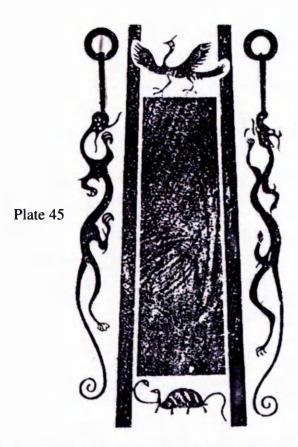
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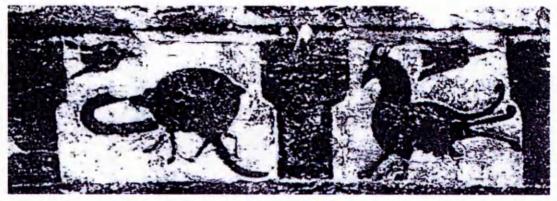


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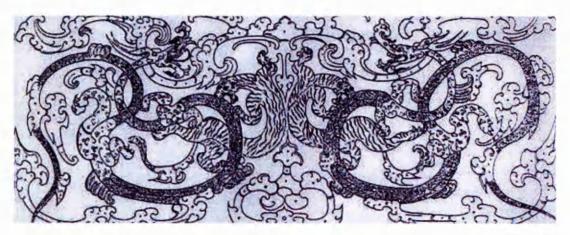


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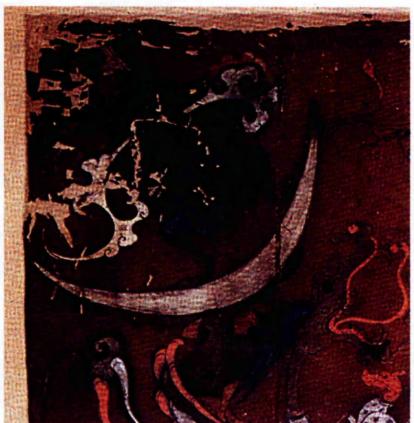


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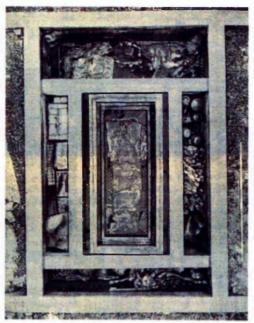


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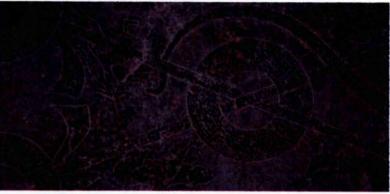


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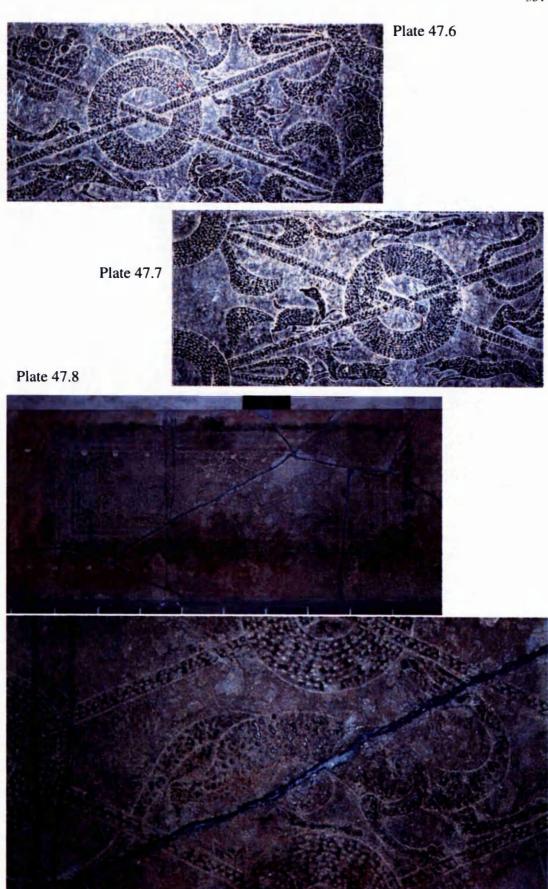


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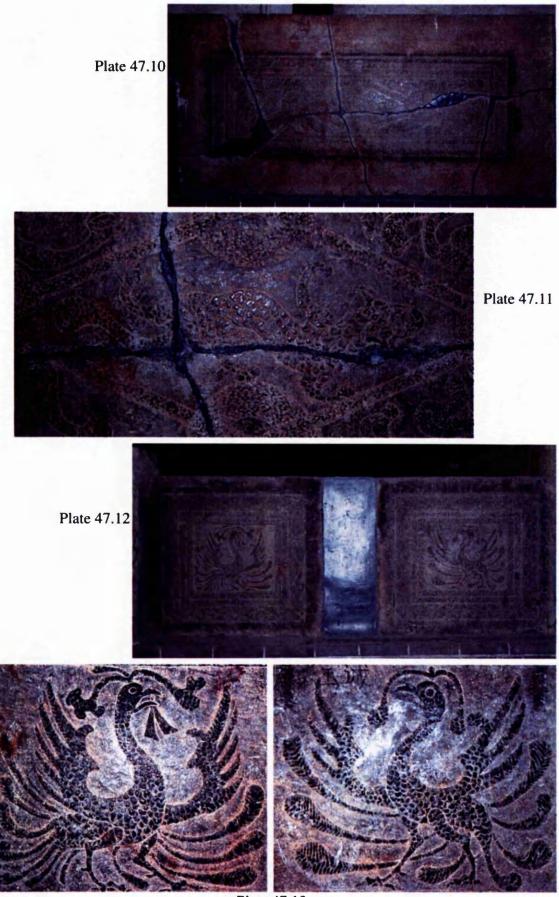


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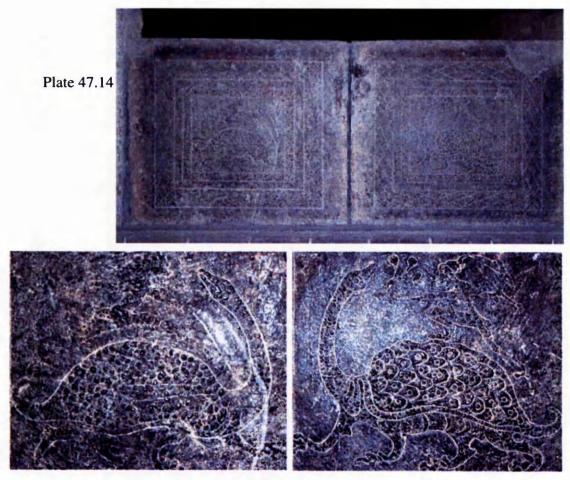


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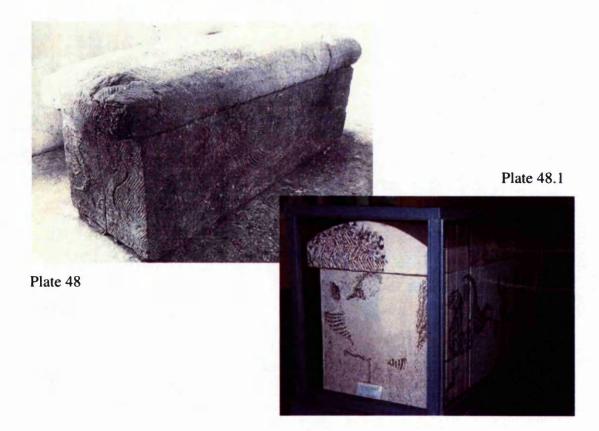


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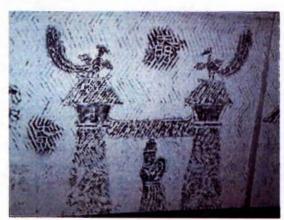


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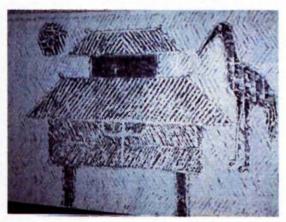


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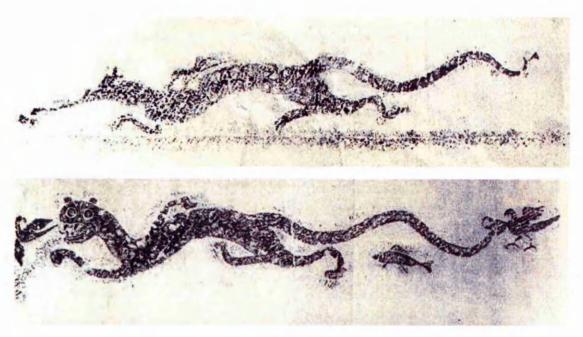


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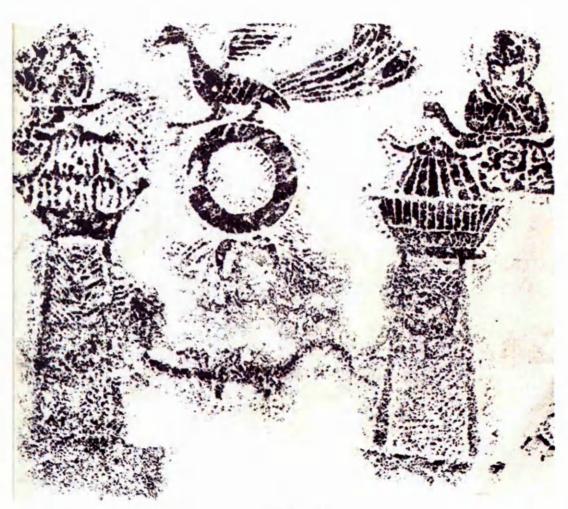


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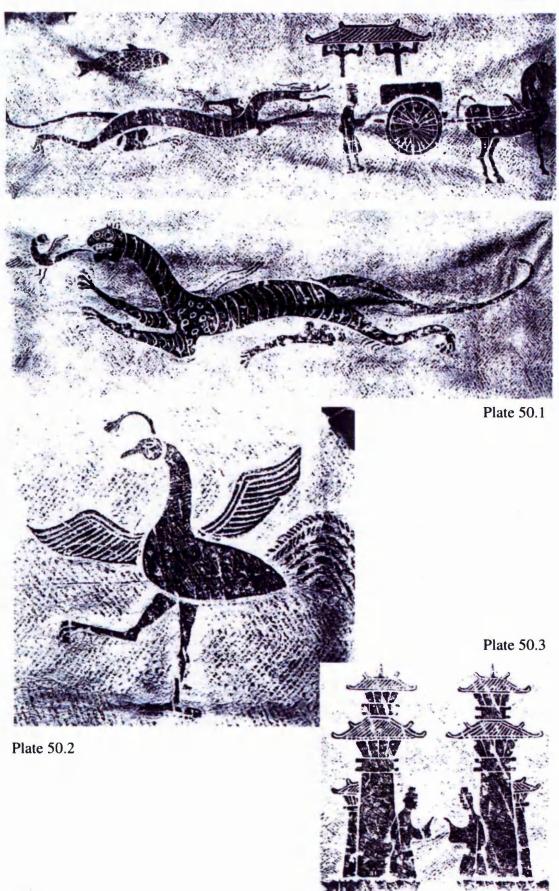


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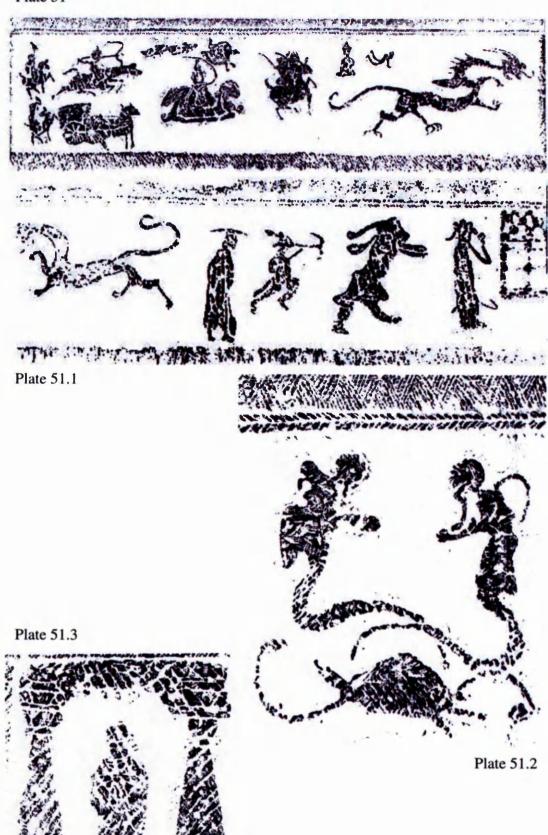


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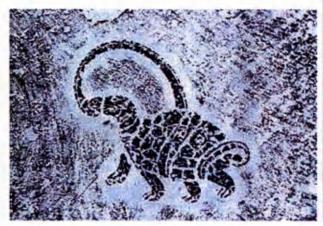




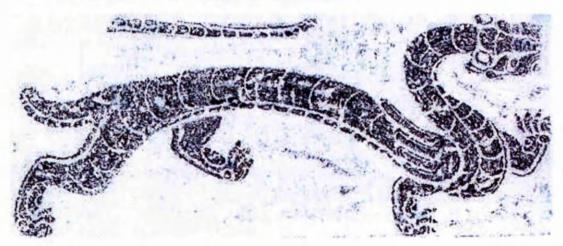


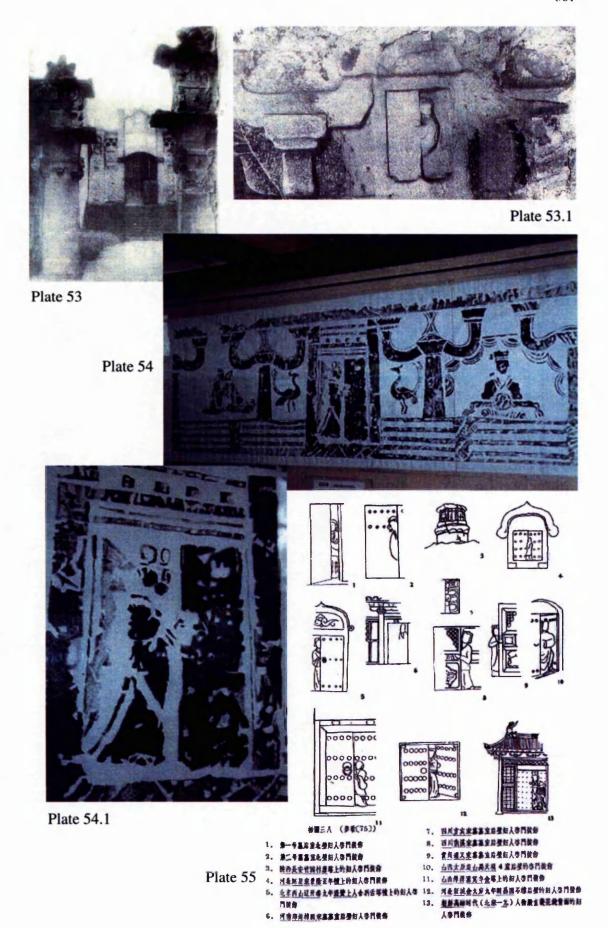
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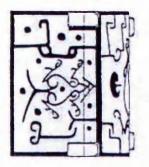


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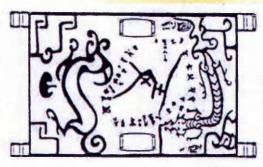




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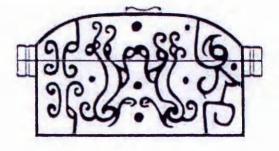


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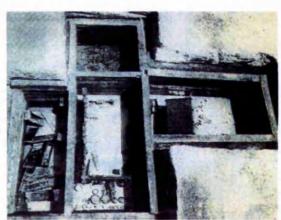


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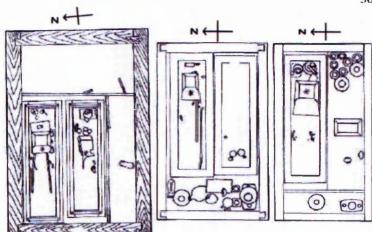




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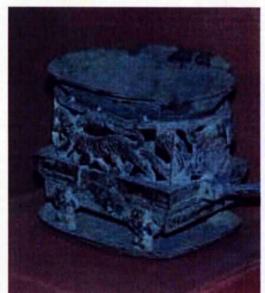


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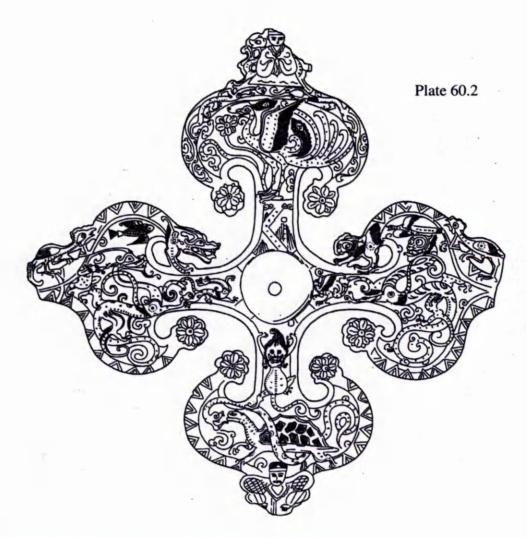


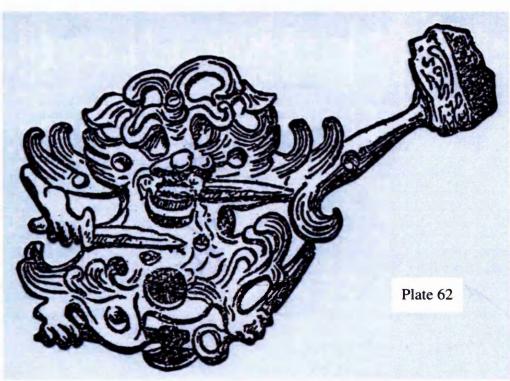


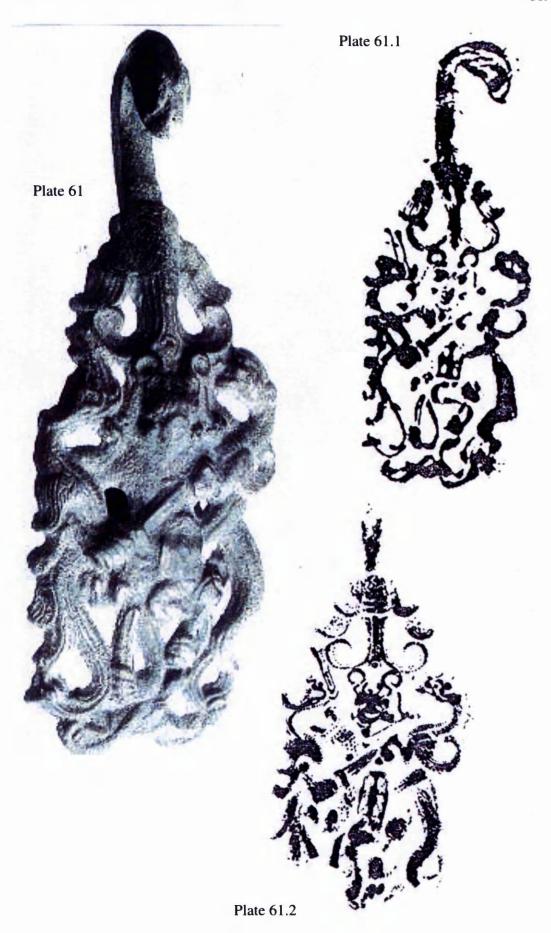




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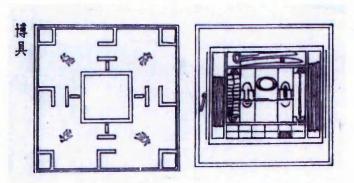


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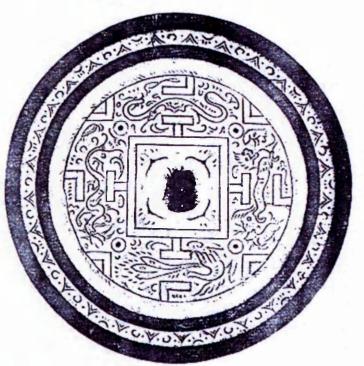


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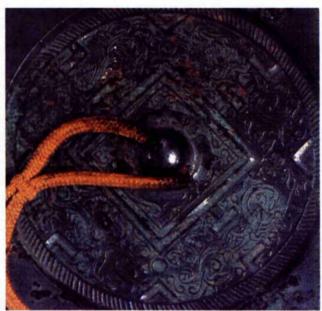


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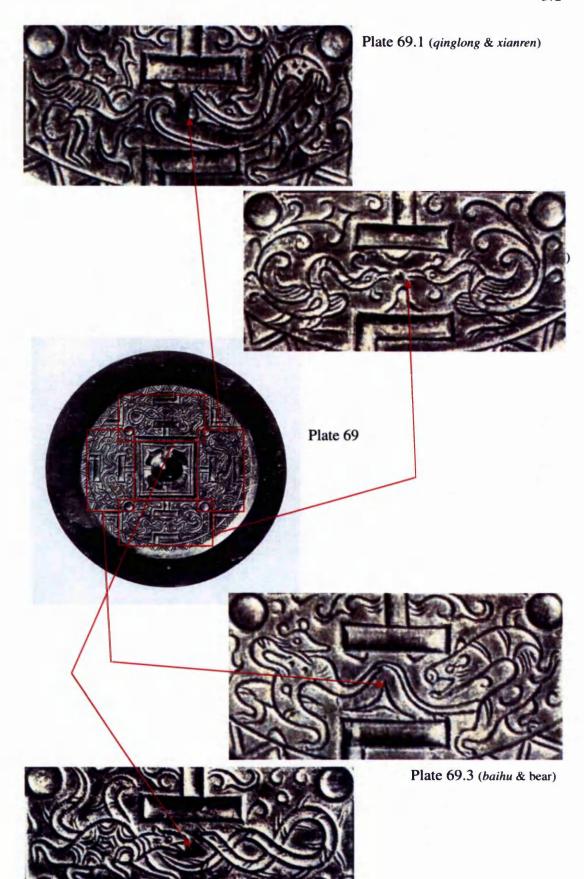
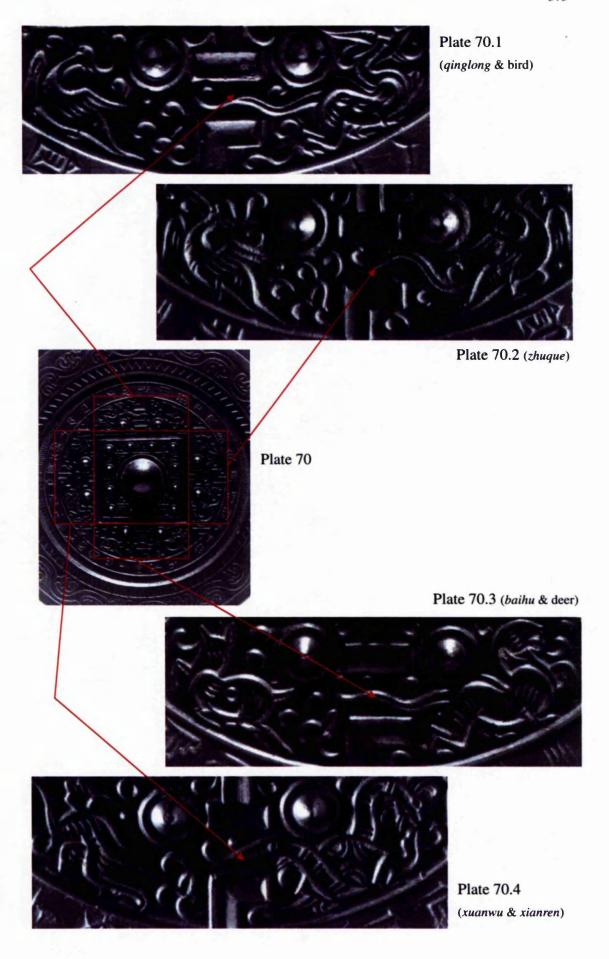
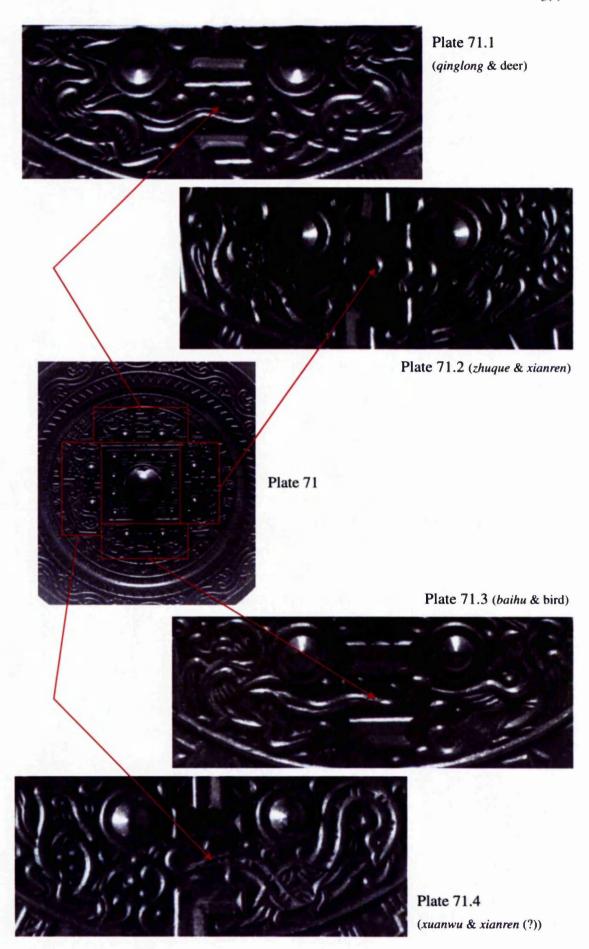


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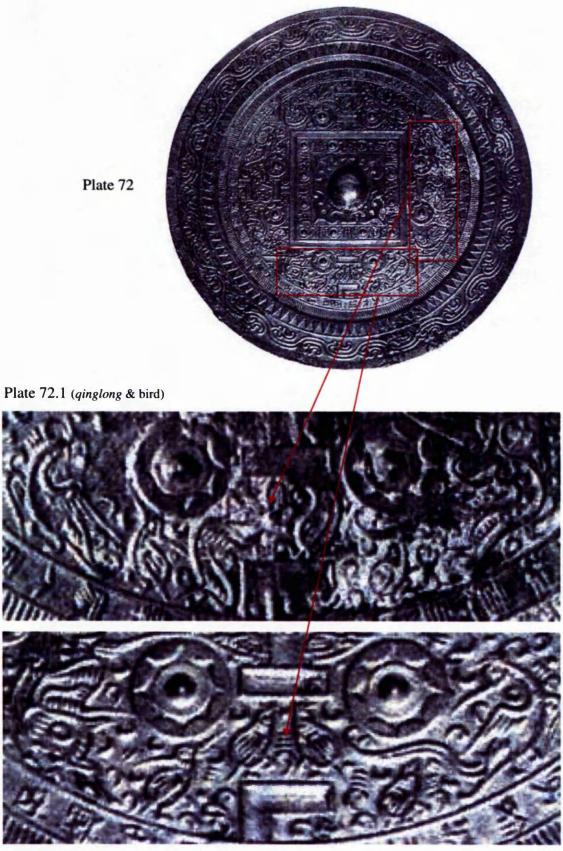
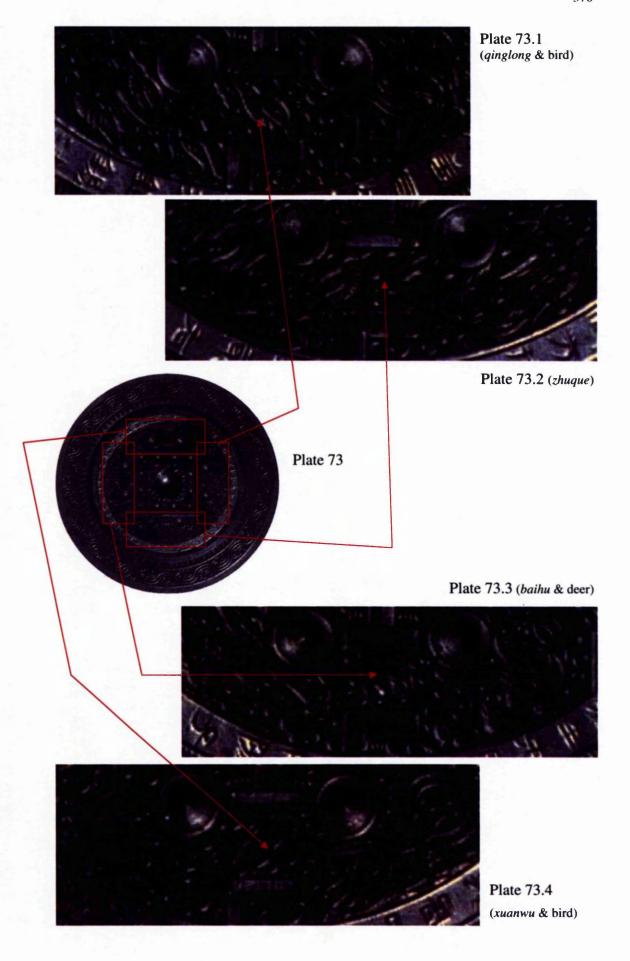


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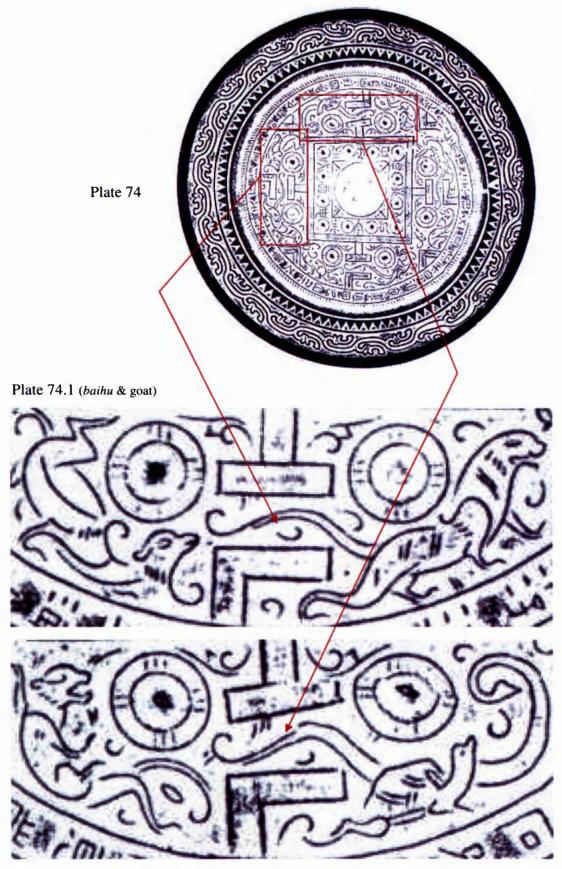


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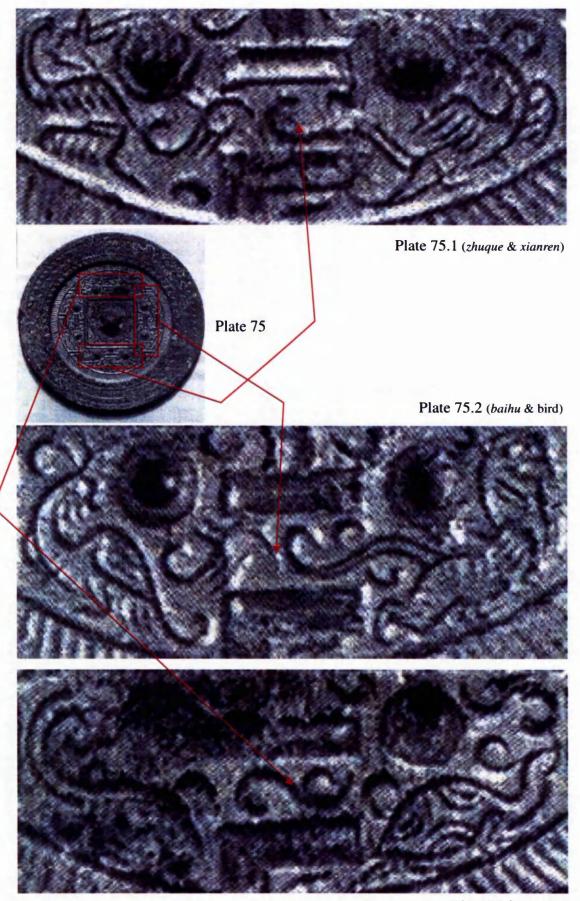


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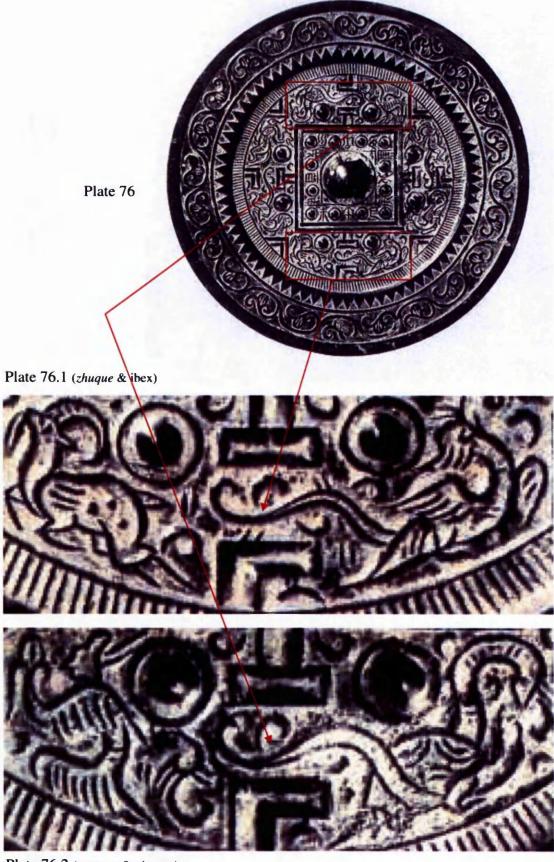


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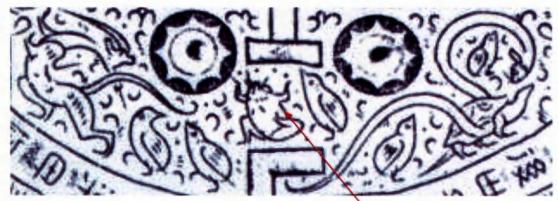


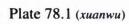
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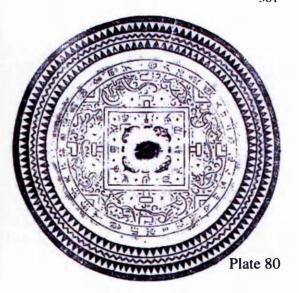


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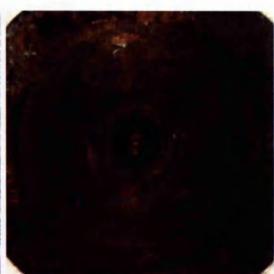


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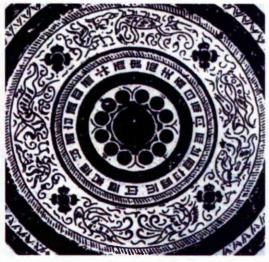


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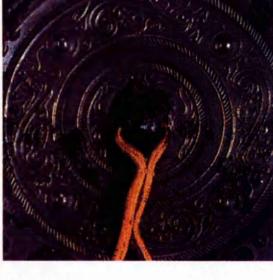


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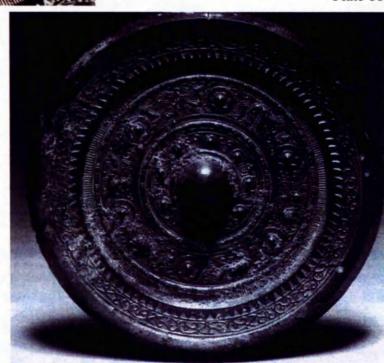


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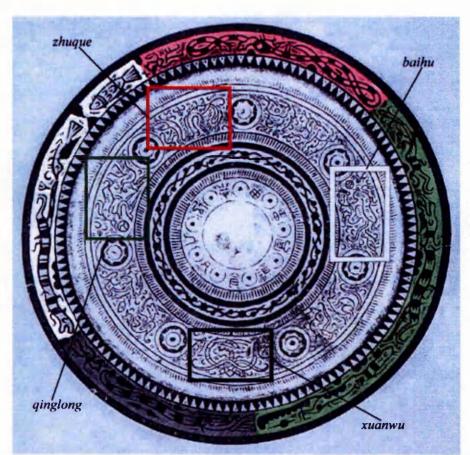


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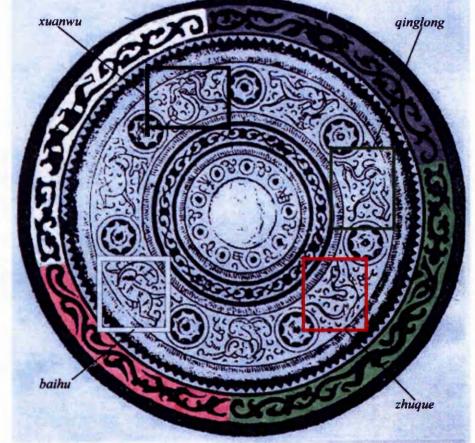
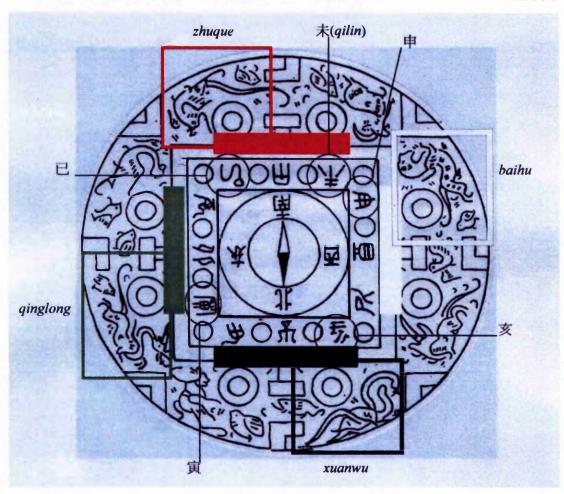


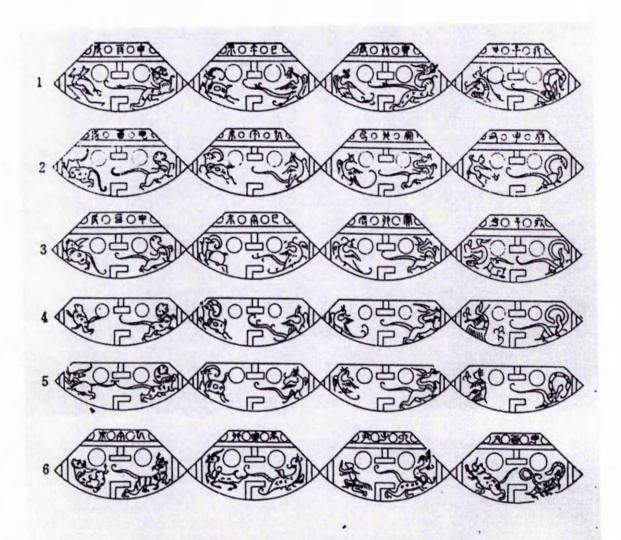
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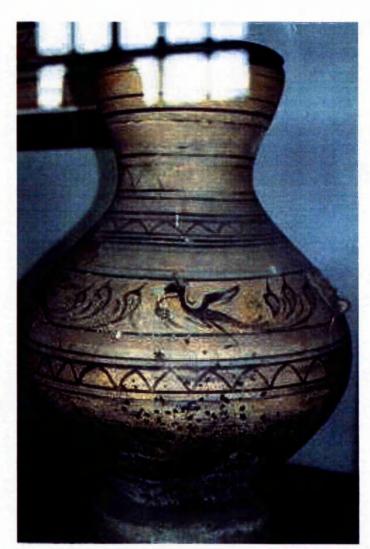


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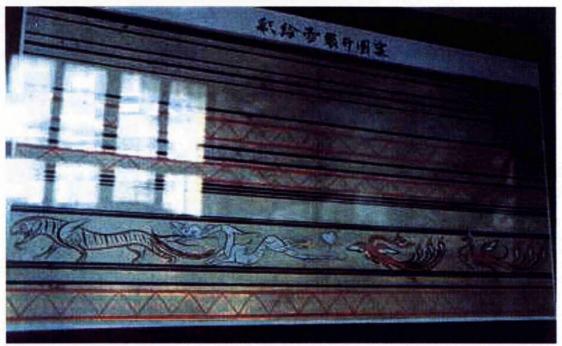


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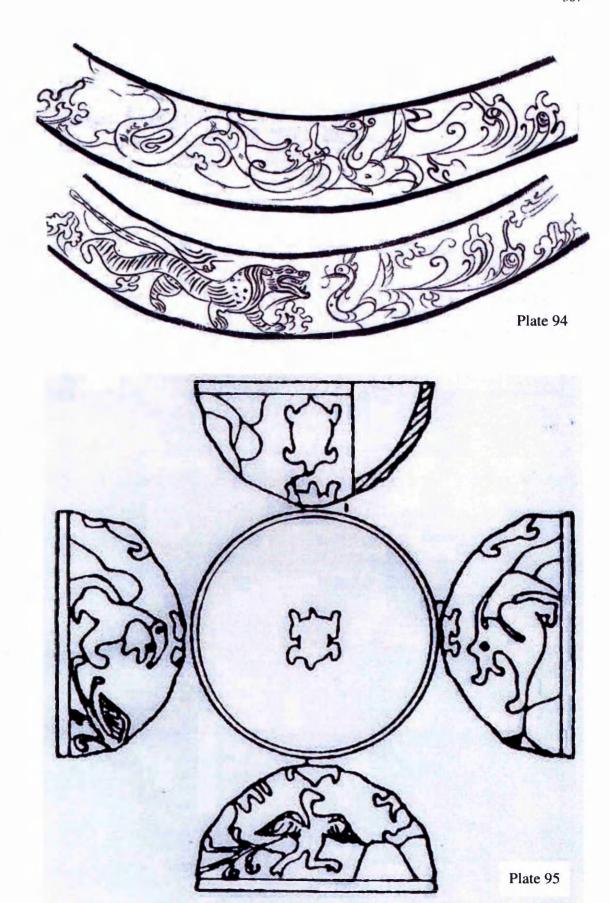


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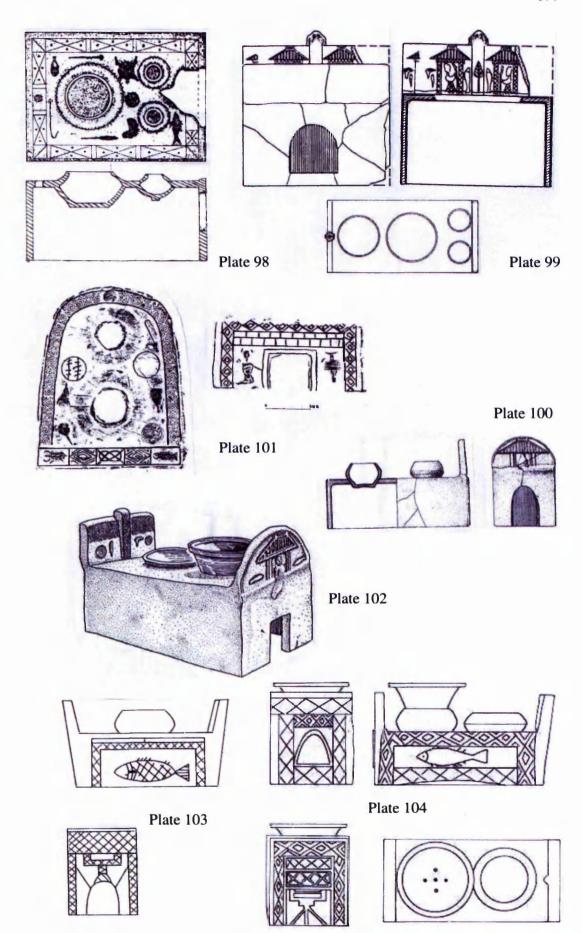
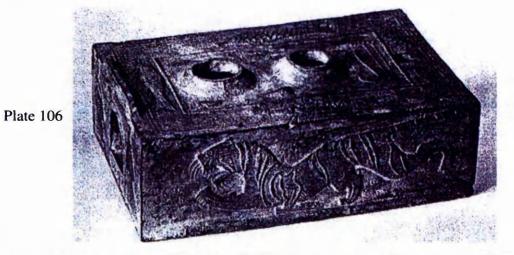


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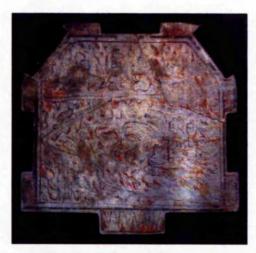


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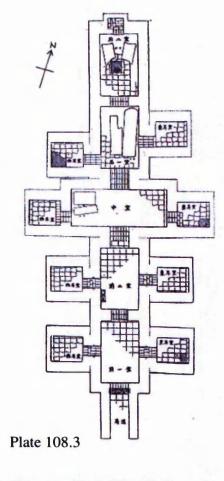








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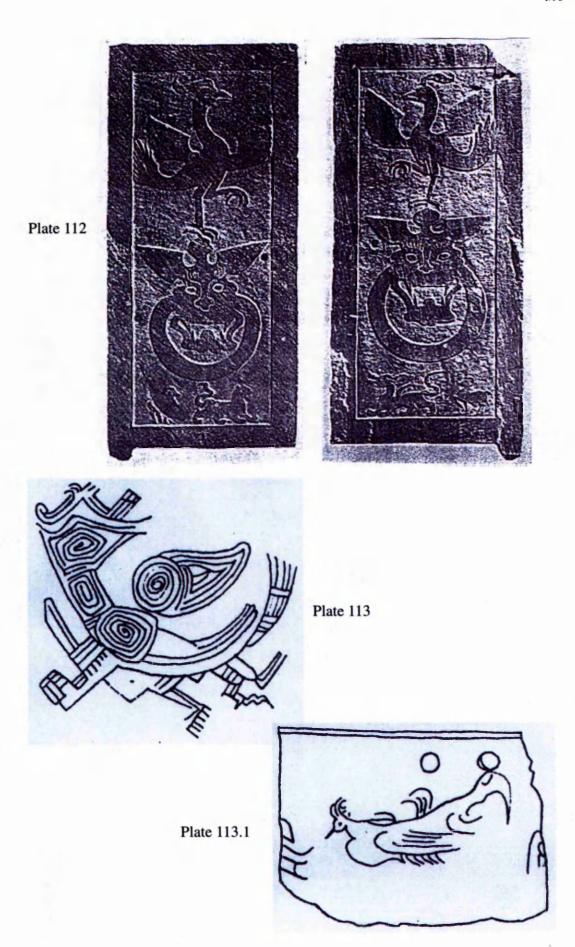




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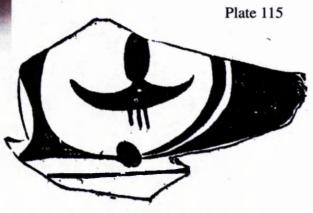




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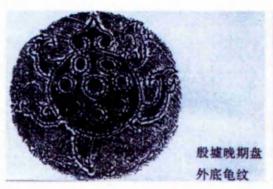
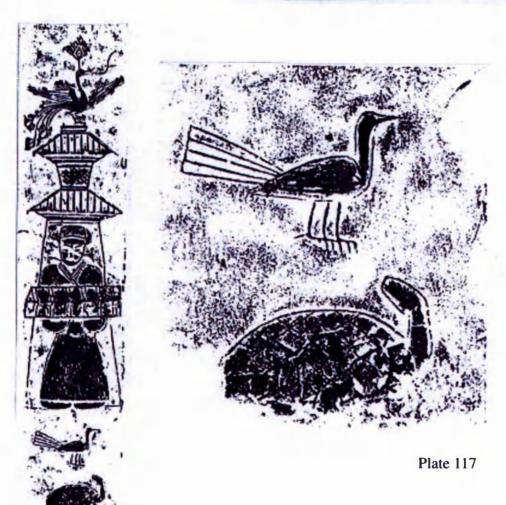


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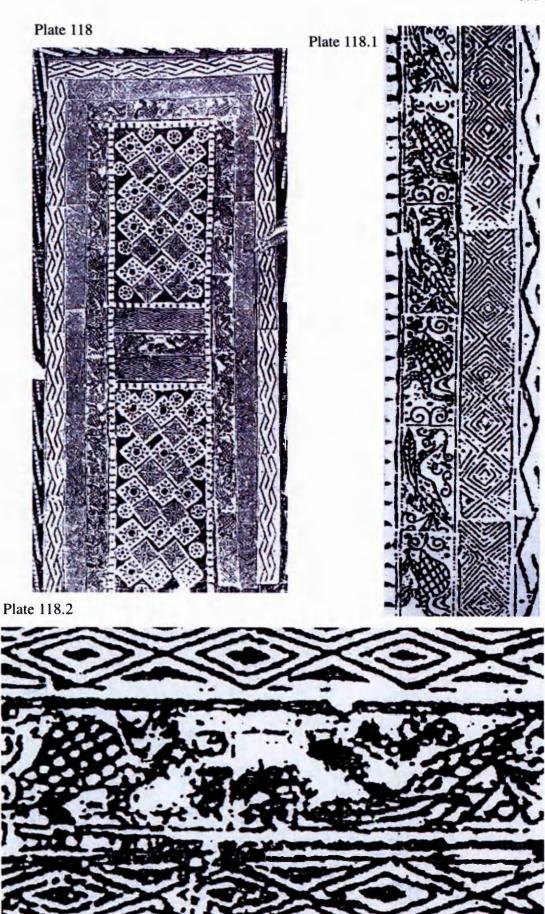




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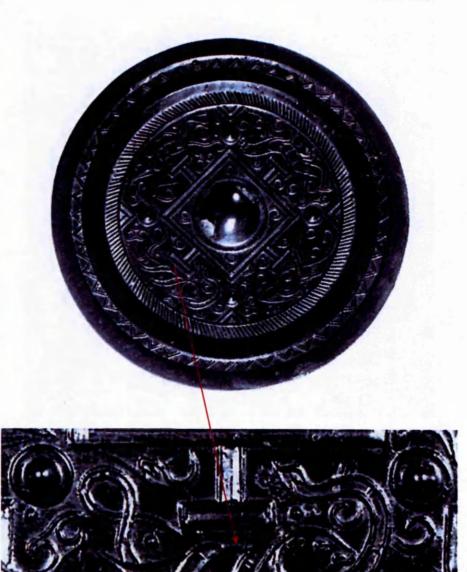
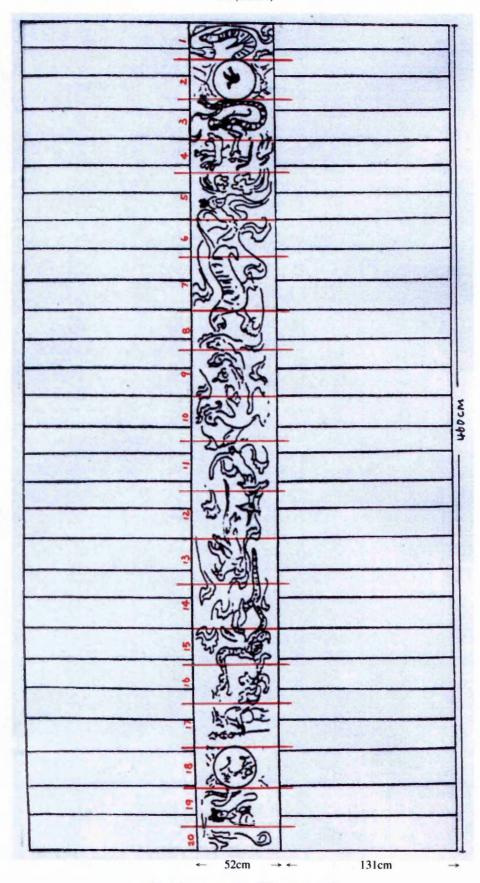


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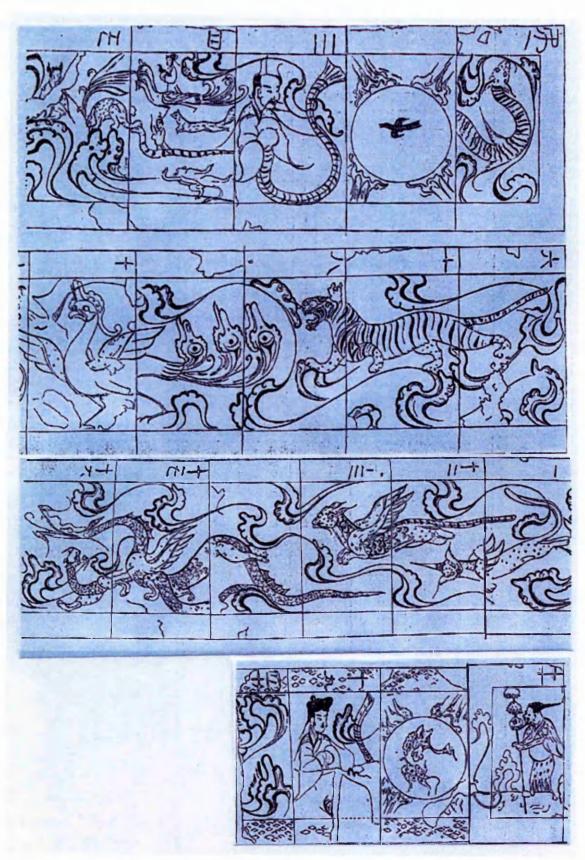


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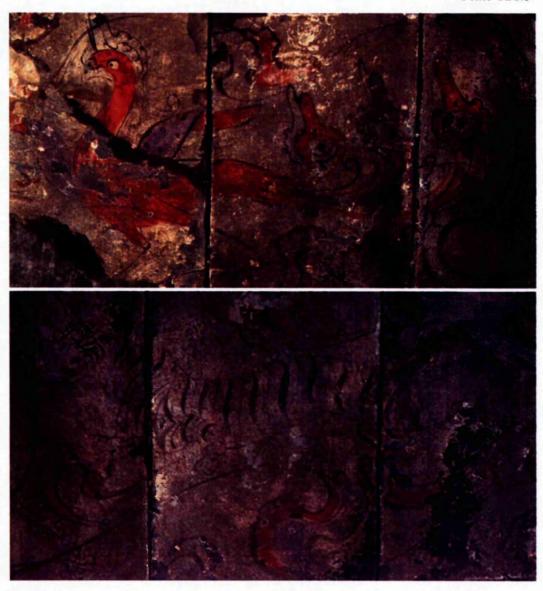


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- 52. The sarcophagus of Wang Hui, excavated from Modong Village, Lushan County, Sichuan Province, 101 x 83 x 250cm, E. Han, the seventeenth year of Jian'an (A.D. 212). After Gao Wen & Gao Chenggang 1996: 1.
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Ba 巴
baihu 白虎
baizhi 白雉
beidou (Dipper) 北斗
Beizhai Village 北寨村
bi 璧:
Biyong 辟雜
bing 丙
boshan censer 博山爐
Bu Qianqiu 卜千秋

Ċ canglong 蒼龍 Cangshan County 蒼山縣 Caoxieshan 草鞋山 Chahai 查海 chang 長 chang 常 Chang'an 長安 changle weiyang 長樂未央 chen 辰 Chen Hao 陳澔 (A.D. 1261 - 1341) Chen Huiming 陳惠明 chenxing 辰星 Chengdu 成都 Chengqian Village 城前鄉 Chengguanzhen 城關鎮 chihu 螭虎 Chiyou 蚩尤 chiniao 赤鳥 chou # Chu 楚 Chu Ci·Yuan You《楚辭·遠游》 Chu Ci Ji Zhu 楚辭集注 Chun Qiu Zuo Zhuan Zheng Yi《春秋左傳正義》 ci shi 刺史 ci shi bu 刺史部

### D

dacang 大倉
Dabaotai 大保苔
Dabuting 打虎亭
dasi 大司
Dawenkou Culture 大汶口文化
Dai軟
de 德
Deng County 鄧縣
di 帝

di 地
di tu 地圖
ding 丁
Ding Peng 丁鵬
Dongbinting 洞賓亭
Donggangtou Village 東崗頭村
Dongyuan 東園
Dongwanggong 東王公
dou 斗
Dou Wan 竇綰

E Er Ya《爾雅》 Erdaoyuan 二道原

F
Fangcheng County 方城縣
fangxiangshi 方相士 (fangshi 方士)
feilian 飛廉
Feng Shi 馮時
feng 鳳
Fu Qian 服虔
Fushun County 富順縣
Fuxi 伏羲

G Gangouzi 干溝子 Gao You 高誘 Gaozu 高祖 geng 庚 qiulong 虯龍 gong 宮 Gushang Village 固上村 guan 官 Guanzhong 關中 Guangling State 廣陵國 Guangzhou 廣州 gui 癸 gui 龜 gui 鬼 Guitoushan 鬼頭山 guo 國 Guo Yu《國語》

| H                                      | J  |
|--|--|
| hai 亥                                  | ji 己   |
| Hanjiapu 韓家鋪                           | jixing 箕星  |
| Han Shu·Di Li Zhi《漢書·地理志》              | jia 甲  |
| Han Shu·Gaodi Ji《漢書·高帝紀》               | Jianwang Yan 簡王焉   |
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| Han Shu · Jingdi Ji 《漢書·景帝紀》           | •  |
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| Han Shu・Wang Mang Zhuan《漢書・王莽傳》        | Jin 晋  |
| Han Shu • Wangzihuo Biao (shang)       | Jinguyuan 金谷園  |
| 《漢書・王子侯表・上》                            | Jinqueshan 金雀山   |
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| Han Shu·Wudi Ji《漢書·武帝紀》                | Jinxiang County 金鄉縣  |
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| Han Yuxiang 韓玉祥                        | Jingwang (Prince Jing) 靖王  |
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| Hou Han Shu • Guangwu shiwang liezhuan | jumang 句芒  |
| 《後漢書・光武十王列傳》                           | jun 郡  |
| Hou Han Shu·Ji Si Zhi《後漢書· 祭祀志》        |  |
| Hou Han Shu・Li Yi Zhi《後漢書・禮儀志》         | •  |
| Hou Han Shu·Wang Liang zhuan《後漢書·王梁傳》  | $\mathbf{K}$   |
| houtu 后土                               | Kong Yingda 孔頴達 (A.D. 574-648)   |
| Houzhangda 後掌大                         | Kuaihualing 快華嶺  |
| hu 虎                                   |  |
| hu 壺                                   | •  |
| Huchang 胡場                             | ${f L}$  |
| Huji Village 胡集鄉                       | Laohu dong 老虎洞 (Tiger Cave)  |
| Huyang Community 湖陽公社                  | Laoshan 老山   |
| Huai Nan Zi・Tian Wen Xun《淮南子・天文訓》      | Laozi 老子   |
| Huai Nan Zi·Di Xing Xun《淮南子·地形訓》       | Li Cang 利蒼   |
| Huai Nan Zi· Shi Ze Xun《淮南子·時則訓》       | Linyi 臨沂   |
|  |  |
| huang 凰                                | lingyuan 陵園  |
| huang chang ti cou 黃腸題湊                | Liu An 劉安  |
| Huanghe 黄河                             | liubo 六博   |
| Huangdi 黃帝                             | Liu Daoguang 劉道廣   |
| huanglong 黃龍                           | Housijiagou 后思家溝   |
| huangquan 黃泉                           | Liuren 六壬  |
| hui 回                                  | Liu Sheng 劉勝   |
| hun 魂                                  | Liu Yang 柳楊  |
| Huo Guang 霍光 (d. 68 B.C.)              | long 龍   |
| Huo Qubing 霍去病 (d. 116 B.C.)           | Lushan County 蘆山縣  |
|  | Luzhou 瀘州  |
|  | Lun Heng·Wu Shi 《論衡·物勢》  |
|  | Luojingshi 羅經石   |
|  | Luoyang 洛陽   |
|  | Luoyang Shaogou Hanmu《洛陽燒溝漢墓   |
|  | Lü Buwei 呂不韋 (c. 290 - 235 B.C.)   |
|  | Lü Shi Chun Qiu • You Shi Lan • Ying Ton   |
| · ·                                    | Bian《呂氏春秋·有始覽·應同編》   |
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## N

Nantian jade 藍田玉 Nanyang county 南陽縣 Nanyue State 南越國 Niu Tianwei 牛天偉 Niwa 女媧

### P

Panhe 潘河 Pinglu County 平陸縣 po 魄 Pujiawan 蒲家灣

Pushan 蒲山 pushou 鋪首 Puyang 濮陽

## Q

qi 氣 qilin 麒麟 Qilin'gang 麒麟崗 qianqiu wansui 千秋萬歲 Qianshanyang 錢山漾 Qin 秦 qing 青 qinghua 青花 qinglong 青龍 qiulong 虯龍 Qu County 渠縣 Qufu County 曲阜縣 que 闞

### R

ranbei 染杯 ren 壬 riyue 日月 rui 瑞 rushou 蓐收  $\mathbf{S}$ 

Sagittarius 南斗 Santaizi 三臺子 Shan Hai Guan 山海關 Shan Hai Jing • Hai Wai Bei Jing 《山海經·海外北經》 shang 商 Shang Ji Shi 上計史 (Steward of Accounts) Shang Shu《尚書》 Shang Shu Zheng Yi • Yu Shu • Yao Dian 《尚書正義・虞書・堯典》 Shangzhuang Village 上莊村 Shaogou 燒溝 shaohao 少昊 shen 申 shen 神 shendao 神道· Shenjiawan 沈家灣 shì 石 Shipan 式盤 Shi Houjia 史候家 Shi Ji·Feng Chan Shu《史記·封禪書》 Shi Ji· Gaozu Ben Ji《史記·高祖本紀》 Shi Ji • Lü Buwei Lie Zhuan 《史記·呂不韋列傳》 Shi Ji · Meng Zi Xun Qing Lie Zhuan 《史記·孟子荀卿列傳》 Shi Ji· Tian Guan Shu《史記·天官書》 Shijiazhuang 石家莊 Shi Jing《詩經》 Shijingshan 石景山 Shilipu 十里鋪 shou 獸 shoudai 獸帶 Shu 蜀 Shuowen jiezi《說文解字》 si 🖰 sifang 四方 si li jiao wei bu 司隸校尉部 siling 四靈 siling sanrui 四靈三瑞 Sima Zhen 司馬貞 (c. 656-720) sishen 四神: sixing 四星 Su Jian 蘇健 Sui County 隨縣 Suide County 綏德縣 suixing 歲星 Sun Zuoyun 孫作雲

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# W

tong: 銅

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