



MID-WEEK
TEACHING SESSION 02



Chinese Customs

28 Sep 2023 | 8-9.30pm
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Principles for Engagement

Origin: Fact or Fiction

Content and Connotation

Symbolism versus Superstition

Proclamation versus Practice



Zhong Qiu Jie

Mid-Autumn, Lantern or Moon Cake Festival



Zhong Qiu Jie

Origin: Mythological



Zhong Qiu Jie

Origin: Link to establishing of Ming Dynasty



Mid-Autumn Festival History

- **Zhou Dynasty (1046 to 256 BC)**

Mid-Autumn Festival originated from the worship of celestial phenomena.

- **Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279)**

The term "moon cake" first appeared.

- **Han Dynasty (202 BC to 220 AD)**

The term "Mid-Autumn" first appeared in the Confucian classic Rites of Zhou.

- **Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)**

Mid-Autumn Festival has become one of the main festivals in China.

- **Tang Dynasty (618 to 907)**

The custom of the Mid-Autumn Festival was mainly shaped.

- **Modern Times**

People in the mainland of China have had a 1-day break on the Mid-Autumn Festival since 2008.

- **Northern Song Dynasty (960 to 1127)**

The date of the Mid-Autumn Festival was fixed on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month.



Mid-Autumn Festival Traditions



Worship the Moon



Enjoy a Reunion Dinner



Eat Mooncakes



Appreciate the Full Moon



Make and Carry Lanterns



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Zhong Yuan Jie

Origin: Mythological



Zhong Yuan Jie

Origin: Calendrical



Zhong Yuan Jie

Practices: Ge Tai



Ancestral Veneration

Common in most cultures.

More than just funeral rites.

- Obedience and care.
- Tapping into supernatural power.



Foundation for Belief

Confucianism
Filial Piety

Shenism
Concept of After-Life

Ancestral
Veneration

Buddhism
Reincarnation

Daoism
Rites and Rituals



Confucian Filial Piety

Will of Ancestors = Will of Heaven

Some Duties to perform:

- Venerate parents in daily life
- Show great sorrow at their death
- Offer sacrifices to the deceased

Resist when wrongly commanded



Animistic After-Life



Buddhist Reincarnation



Daoist Rites and Rituals



- Contemporary Taoism
- Popular and Philosophical Taoism
 - The pill of immortality.
 - Divination
 - Acupuncture
 - Herbalism
 - Holistic medicine
 - Meditation
 - Martial arts
 - Tea Art
 - Chinese gardening...



Concept of the Soul

Three Souls, Three Residences



Three, Two or One?

Are we Dichotomous (two parts) or Trichotomous (three parts)?



- Spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
- Soul and body (Matthew 10:28)
- Soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12)



Worship or Respect?



Golden Rules For Abstinence

Ephesians 4:17-24

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

1 Corinthians 8:7-13

Exodus 20:2-6

