

INQUIRIES INTO THE EXCAVATED BAMBOO DOCUMENT

HENGXIAN (恒先):

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In the excavated Daoist texts there are many ultimate ideas such as *Dao*, the One, and *Taiyi*. These are the highlights of philosophy in early China. In the *Hengxian*, a bamboo inscription of the Chu state of the Warring States period as collected in the Shanghai Museum, there is a new idea which has direct bearing on the doctrine of cosmic creation and the political theory of the early Daoists.

The *Hengxian* is the only one intact inscription remaining in the unearthed Chu bamboo inscriptions. It is apparently closely related to the Daoist texts: *Laozi*, *Zhuangzi*, *Heguanzi*, and *Huainanzi*.

This symposium is open to the public and will consist in a presentation of research on the thought of *Hengxian* with international scholars.