

蚩尤神話傳說及其相關器物紋飾研究

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摘要

蚩尤在中國神話中被稱為「戰神」，他不但是驍勇善戰的「戰神」，而且還是善製精良武器的「兵器之神」。雖然他與黃帝大對決中，在涿鹿一役敗下陣來，但是後世對這位戰敗英雄的崇敬卻有增無減。後來不僅在自然界中，有以蚩尤為名的星宿、雲彩等，當今出土的玉刃器物紋飾，和商周青銅器的饕餮紋，也有不少神話傳說中的蚩尤形貌特徵。一個戰敗的英雄，為何能擁有「戰神」和「兵器之神」的榮銜？為何能成為古代器物紋飾的主要特徵？本文將一一加以探究。

關鍵詞：蚩尤、黃帝、神話、饕餮

壹、前言

中華民族常常自稱是「炎黃子孫」，炎即炎帝，黃即黃帝，炎、黃二帝在遠古時代乃彼此敵對，相互征戰不已的兩大氏族。而在無數戰役中，黃帝始終是贏家。⁽¹⁾

蚩尤則是炎帝後裔，羅泌《路史·後紀四·蚩尤傳》中記載：

阪泉氏蚩尤，姜姓炎帝之裔也。

與黃帝爭雄中，炎帝經常吃敗仗，身為炎帝後裔的蚩尤也不例外。他在著名的殊死戰——涿鹿一役中徹底戰敗。但是在戰國時代他就已經被視為神來祠祀，秦始皇封他「兵神」⁽²⁾，後代則將「兵神」另稱為「戰神」⁽³⁾，到了漢高祖對蚩尤更是尊崇備至，甚至令祝官立蚩尤之祠於長安。但是除了「戰神」稱號外，當然也有人將他視為兇神惡煞。不論如何，我們從後來不少的出土文物中，如有刃玉器的紋飾，以及商周青銅器的獸面紋等，皆可看到蚩尤的形貌特徵出現在這些器物上。蚩尤如何從神話原型到被尊為「戰神」和「兵器之神」，以及被雕鑲成各項器物的紋飾，是本文所要探討的主題。

貳、蚩尤釋名

蚩尤的「蚩」字，《說文》虫部：「蚩，蟲也。」漢武帝時曾傳說：太原有人在白晝時見到蚩尤

ABSTRACT

Research on Ch'ih Yu: the Mythical Legend and the Connections with the Patterns of Ancient Chinese Sculptures

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ABSTRACT

Ch'ih Yu is the "god of war" in Chinese myth. He is not only a brave "god of war" but also a great "god of weapon". Because he was good at fighting as well as making excellent weapon. Although he was defeated by Huang Di on the Cholu Battle, people worship him as a hero increasing day by day. And furthermore people named the star and the cloud after his name. Nowadays there are many excavations of jade blade and Tao Tei of bronze wore from Shang to Zhou, which also have the main excavations of Ch'ih Yu in Chinese myth. Then why a failure in war could be called "god of war" and "god of weapon"? Why he became the capital patterns of ancient Chinese sculptures? It would be discussed in this paper.

Key words: Ch'ih Yu, Huang Di, Myth, Tao tei.