



3. Type of God: Mother Earth

Chinese names/ titles:

Di Mu (Mandarin)

Dee Mu (Cantonese)

Ba Dia Mau (Vietnamese)

Birthday/ date of Celebration: 18th day of the tenth month of the lunar calendar

Legend:

In Chinese mythology Heaven is represented by Tian Fu (Heavenly Father) and Di Mu (Mother Earth) the Earth. Together these 2 gods created Heaven and Earth. The ancient Chinese started to worship the Earth after they transitioned from hunting to farming. It was Mother Earth that took care of the crops of the people. The Chinese would worship Mother Earth to ask for abundant harvest and to thank her for the harvest already reaped. They also believed that by planting crops and building structures, this angered the spirit of the Earth. By worshipping Mother Earth, they felt this would appease her anger.