



### **3. Type of God: Mother Earth**

#### **Chinese names/ titles:**

Di Mu (Mandarin) / "Earth Mother"

Dee Mu (Cantonese) / "Earth Mother"

Ba Dia Mau (Vietnamese)

**Birthday/ date of Celebration:** 18<sup>th</sup> 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). 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 Di Mu 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 Di Mu, they felt this would appease her anger.