

Chinese philosophy The classical period of Chinese philosophy extends from the earliest times, through Confucius, to the end of the Qin dynasty. In China, so numerous were the philosophers and their schools during the period from the sixth to third centuries that the Chinese called them the "Hundred Schools." Amazingly, these three major schools of thought were all originated in one 200-year period, the Warring States period of Chinese history. The Warring States period lasted from 403 B.C. to 221 B.C. and could be considered the Dark Age of China. There was no "China" but rather a collection of warlord-ruled provinces all vying with each other for power and territory. Daodejing (Tao-te Ching) Attain utmost vacuity; Hold fast to quietude.