From ancient times, Chinese thinkers have viewed the world as a complete and complex “organism,” in which all things were composed of qi – which was thought to operate according to a pattern of two basic modes, yin and yang. This concept of an integrated cosmos was central to religious thinking in late-imperial China; subsuming all things and all traditions, including Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism. Learn about the Chinese conception of the cosmos and individual traditions within it.

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