

The Cosmology of the Universe

Figure 2

In Ancient Mythology

Ultimate Deity

*There is no communication between this level
and the human level.*

Supernatural Beings

(gods, spirits, ancestors, etc.)

Humanity

The religious shaman or priest mediates between humans and the supernatural. Diviners read the heavens, oracle bones, interpret dreams, etc. to understand the future.

Humans worship and fear the spirits of nature that they were originally intended to govern.

Confucius said, "Respect the gods, but keep your distance."

The role of the Aaronic Priest in the Old Testament was to mediate between humanity and the high God in order to rebuild the relationship so humans might govern as God designed. In the New Testament, Jesus became God's perfect image on earth, **and God has entrusted all authority to him.**