Teacher's notes and answer key

Pangu – the Giant Who Became the World

Subjects: English · Religious Studies · History | recommended from age 11 (A2/B1) | Video: 8:51 min

Answers B

1. Only chaos (hundun): no heaven, no earth, no light, no up or down; yin and yang were still mixed like the inside of a giant egg.

2. The light, clear parts (yang) rose and became heaven; the heavy, murky parts (yin) sank and became earth.

3. Eighteen thousand years; heaven and earth grew by one zhang (about three metres) a day, and Pangu had to grow just as fast.

4. Thousands of years of non-stop effort took their toll as soon as he no longer had to push.

5. Not from Pangu: the goddess Nüwa shaped them from yellow clay.

Answer C

Correct numbers from top to bottom: 4 – 7 – 1 – 6 – 2 – 8 – 3 – 5

Notes on D and E

E: breath → wind and clouds, voice → thunder; left eye → sun, right eye → moon; blood → rivers; hair and beard → stars. Others: limbs → mountains, flesh → farmland, skin and body hair → grass and trees, sweat → rain and dew.

Comparison (mentioned in the video): Ymir (Norse) and Purusha (Vedas, India) – the world made from the body of a sacrificed first being.

Content note and age

Recommended from age 11. No disturbing scenes.

Sources of the retelling: Chinese tradition, first written down from the 3rd century AD.

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