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## 元宵节“太一神祭祀起源说”考误

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摘要: 元宵节的起源历来众说纷纭, 莫衷一是。最有影响的说法是元宵节起源于汉武帝时祭祀太一神的活动。然而, 从节期来看, 正月上辛日可以是正月上旬从初一到初十的任何一天, 却绝不可能是望日。从节日内容来看, 汉武帝祭祀太一神的活动是帝王的重要政治活动且为后世历代封建王朝所继承, 与后来元宵节赏月观灯的民俗活动有着本质的不同。因此, 根据现存的文献资料判断, 元宵节起源于汉武帝时太一神祭祀活动的说法是不能成立的。

关键字: 元宵节; 太一神; 祭祀

## On the origin of memorial ceremony for Taiyi-God in Lantern Festival

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Abstract: There are many kinds of explanations about the origin of memorial ceremony for Taiyi-God held in the Lantern Festival. The most popular one puts that it began from offering sacrifices to Taiyi-God during Emperor Han Wu times. But, the Shangxin-Day in January of the Chinese Lunar New Year could be any time from the first day to the tenth, and could not be only the fifteenth. From the content of the festival, offering sacrifices to Taiyi-God during Han Wu times was an important political activity different from that in the Lantern Festival, which lasted in quite a long time. According to the material we can find now, the traditional origin theory of offering sacrifices to Taiyi-God is thought not correct.

KeyWords: the Lantern Festival; Taiyi-God; offering sacrifices