

The Establishment of Political Power in the Early Han Empire
and the Liu Bang Group : Concerning the Origin of
the Emperor's Power

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The Han Empire was set up by the Liu Bang 劉邦 Group, developed through four stages: as the Group of Mangdang Mountain 芒碭山; the Government of Pei county 沛縣 and of Dang prefecture 滎郡 in the Chu Kingdom 楚國; the Government of the Han Kingdom 漢王國; and finally as the Government of the Han Empire 漢帝國. As for the legal basis in the process of the establishment of political power in the Han Empire, first of all the author has described the legal basis of the Zhangchu 張楚 Government and the Promise of Chu King Huai 楚懷王.

Through this process, Liu Bang, the leader of the Group became the Emperor of the Han Empire through four stages: as the leader of a bandit; the director of Pei county and of Dang prefecture in the Chu Kingdom; the King of the Han Kingdom; and lastly as the Emperor of the Han Empire.

The author has also done textual research on the ideas and the history of the Gong 功 and the De 德, which were regarded as the origins of the political power of the Han Emperor.

The Chinese Law in the Han 漢 Dynasty named
the Pang-zhang 旁章 (傍章)

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The objective of this paper is to clarify that the Pang-zhang 傍章 is a general term for laws and the content of such laws. Generally, according to Xing-fa-zhi 刑法志 of *Jin-shu* 晉書, Pang-zhang