Fu Xi is credited with creating the eight trigrams (ba gua 八卦), the basis of the Book of Change (Yi jing 易經), ‘to penetrate the power of numinous intelligence, and categorise the natures of the myriad creatures’ (Yi jing: Xi ci via 易經·繫辭下 (Appendix B of the Book of Change). Here we see him tracing the unbroken and broken lines representing Yang and Yin, from which the trigrams are formed.