What do these objects teach us about past Chinese values?

A History of the World in 100 Objects:

1. Introduction
2. Old World, New Powers (1100 - 300 BC) - Chinese Zhou Ritual Vessel - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b00qm8zb>
   1. Provide/hold food and wine offerings to the dead 6:50
   2. Honoring the dead
   3. Formalized the mandate of heaven 10:30
   4. Strong religious value, like a governmental structure 11:45
   5. The middle kingdom 12:58
3. The Silk Road And Beyond (400 - 700 AD) - Silk Princess Painting - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b00sl6f0>
   1. The internet of antiquity - silk road 1:51
   2. Trading of technologies and beliefs 3:35
   3. Value secrecy of tech 8:00
   4. Giving thanks to the gods 9:14
   5. Music value, yoyoma 10:00
   6. Enshrined in a shared-gods shrine 12:30
4. Inside The Palace: Secrets At Court (700 - 950 AD) - Chinese Tang tomb figures - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b00snm1z>
   1. Valued social class and strived to obtain success 1:40
   2. Ancient obituaries
   3. Intended audience was the underworld 5:00
   4. Ceramic figures for high status tombs 8:40
   5. All who come and go, follow this road, but living and dead, do not return together 9:45
   6. This practice fosters loyalty for the dynasty 11:45
5. Status Symbols (1200 - 1400 AD) - The David Vases - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b00st9zd>
   1. Made in 1351 2:30
   2. Chines blue and white porcelain come from iran 1:45
   3. A novelty for the very rich at the time 2:00
   4. Made under kubla khan dynasty 3:40
6. The Threshold of the Modern World (1375-1550 AD) - Ming Banknote - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b00tn9vg>
7. Conclusion