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—LAO-TZE, 63

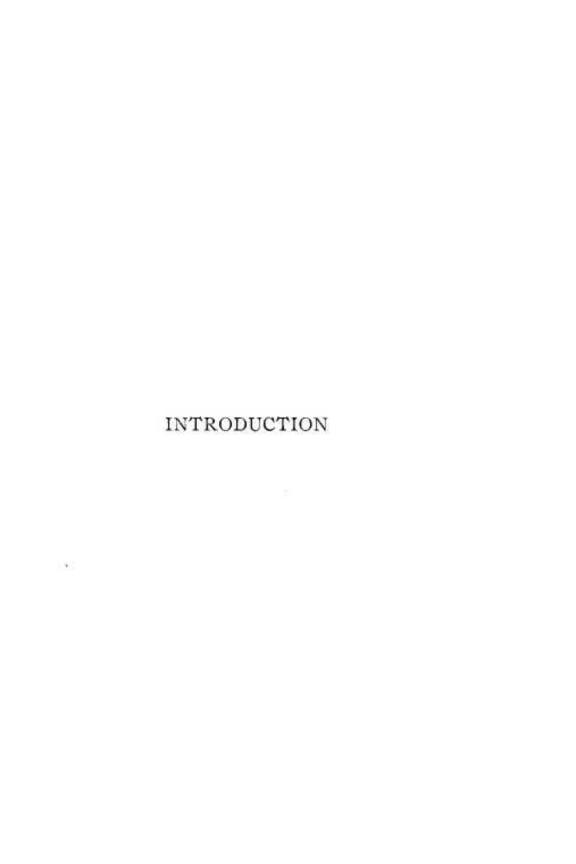
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### THE OLD PHILOSOPHER.

## 老 子

LAO-TZE, or "the old philosopher," is the designation of one of the most remarkable thinkers of mankind. He was a Chinese who lived in the sixth century B.C., and left to the world the Tao-Teh-King, a small book on Reason and Virtue, which not only exercised a powerful influence upon his countrymen but is also worthy to be compared with the sacred scriptures of the Buddhists and the New Testament. It is on account of the similarities which, in spite of many differences, obtain between the teachings of Lao-Tze and those of Buddha and Christ that the Tao-Teh-King is an indispensable book; and no one who is interested in religion can afford to leave it unread.

The date of Lao-Tze's birth<sup>2</sup> is the third year of the Emperor Ting-wang of the Cho dynasty, which corresponds to the year 604 B. C.

Lao-Tze's family name, 李 (Li), means Plumtree. His proper name, 耳 (Er),3 means Ear. His appellation was 伯陽 (Po Yang), viz., "Count of the

The diphthong as sounds like sw in "how," the s in "Txe" resembles the short win "but," On pronqueiation see page 48.

2 Mart. Martin's Hist. Sinica, p. 133 and Duhalde L., p. 248,

3 Other transcriptions are Ur, Err, and NA,