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The original doctrine of Tao, represented by Laotze and Chuangtze, has been seen as the ultimate background of all true religions. In whatever sense or degree this may be so, the Taoist element in early Ch'an Tsung has inclined some scholars to regard that developement of the Supreme Vehicle (*Shresthayāna*) as Ch'an Taoism as much as Ch'an Buddhism. It may also be suggested that the original Taoism of the Laotze, Chuangtze and Liehtze books has survived in greater purity in Ch'an than in any of the subsisting forms of Taoism itself.

The volitional factor in these doctrines seems essentially to be Taoist, and remains latent, or concealed behind a screen of technical terms whose volitional character is less evident than inevitable.

There are two suggestions that a man rarely seems willing to face: *i.* that he himself does not exist as such, i.e. as a separate individual; and *ii.* that he cannot, by divine right, do anything he wishes to do, as and whenever he wishes to do it. He finds this suggestion unbearable, yet individuality and freedom of choice are patently incompatible with any satisfactory explanation of the universe, and are unacceptable in an esoteric interpretation of any religion worthy of the name.

In this short work Wei Wu Wei uncom- promisingly destroys the remaining vestiges of that-which-we-are-not, in the hope of promoting an insight that will reveal to us this-which-we-are.



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