Mao Tse-tung (also spelled Zedong) was the principal Chinese Marxist theorist, soldier and statesman who led his nation's Cultural Revolution. Mao Tse-tung served as chairman of the People's Republic of China from 1949 to 1959, and led the Chinese Communist Party from 1935 until his death. Mao's "Great Leap Forward" and the Cultural Revolution were ill-conceived and had disastrous consequences, but many of his goals, including stressing China's self-reliance, were generally laudable. Confucius was an influential Chinese philosopher, teacher and political figure known for his popular aphorisms and for his models of social interaction. (c. 551 BCE–479 BCE). Person. 6 Herrlee G. Creel : Chinese Though from Confucius to Mao Tse-tung, 1953, 141. 7 There is scholarly debate about the actual authorship of this book; however, cks.univnt.ro. In the 20th century Herrlee G. Creel wrote of that difference as the old China's 3 Herrlee G. Creel, Chinese Thought From Confucius to Mao Tse - Tung, journal.viterbo.edu.