Record Nr. UNINA9910300614503321 Autore McLeod Alexus Titolo The Philosophical Thought of Wang Chong [[electronic resource] /] / by Alexus McLeod Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2018 **ISBN** 3-319-95291-9 Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (261 pages) 181.11 Disciplina Soggetti Philosophy, Asian Ethnology—Asia China—History Oriental literature Non-Western Philosophy Asian Culture History of China Asian Literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction: Wang Chong and Philosophy in Early China -- 2. Background, Writings, and Influence -- 3. Philosophical and Critical Method -- 4. Truth: Properties and Pluralism -- 5. Naturalism: Tian and Qi -- 6. Free Will, Allotment, and Inborn Characteristics -- 7. Conclusion: The Significance of Wang Chong's Philosophical Thought. Sommario/riassunto This book is a study of the methodological, metaphysical, and epistemological work of the Eastern Han Dynasty period scholar Wang Chong. It presents Wang's philosophical thought as a unique and syncretic culmination of a number of ideas developed in earlier Han and Warring States philosophy. Wang's philosophical methodology and his theories of truth, knowledge, and will and determinism offer solutions to a number of problems in the early Chinese tradition. His views also

> have much to offer contemporary philosophy, suggesting new ways of thinking about familiar problems. While Wang is best known as a critic and skeptic, Alexus McLeod argues that these aspects of his thought

form only a part of a larger positive project, aimed at discerning truth in a variety of senses.