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fl. c. 1175

Chinese scholar who stated in his *Chu Tsi Shu Chieh Yao* that fossils were once living organisms. The work also contains discussion of cosmology, and Chu maintained that the universe had been created by "violent friction," which in turn caused the Earth, Sun, and other bodies to remain in motion. He accurately stated that "Should Heaven stop only for one instant, Earth must fall down."