

Appendix IV: Poems Published Posthumously

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Hegel and Schleiermacher
1. Hegel.

His system was cleverer than he was; that's why the students
Explained the master better than he understood himself.

2. Schleiermacher.

He was cleverer than his system; that's why the students
Who lack his Spirit cut such a poor figure.

circa 1844 (25)

Schleiermacher again.

The stone on which all stumbled
Yesterday as the pious –
How the times change! –
Is praised today as the cornerstone.
We are permitted
Confidently to share with heretics:
Before twenty years pass,
Even we will be among the saints.

A third time.

In his last moment
The disciples were seen coming to him:
Leave us your cloak
And your Spirit, like the prophets! –
He, as he saw their faith,
Granted only half:
The cloak of the church he left,
The Spirit he retained for himself.

circa 1844 (26)

Negative and Positive Criticism.
(Dr. [F.C.] Baur speaks:)

We are like no and yes, like storm and rainbow;
He says: it is not true; I say: it is a lie.

circa 1844 (27)

Old and New Faith
On the 1st Edition.

Apparently spoken fleetingly;
Fleetingly it wasn't:
Executed in so many weeks,
As it was thought through in years.

On the 2nd Edition.

Up, old warrior, leave off your fears,
And gird up your loins:
In the storm you began,
In the storm you shall end.

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