

A NEW GERMAN IDEALISM

Hegel, Žižek, and Dialectical Materialism

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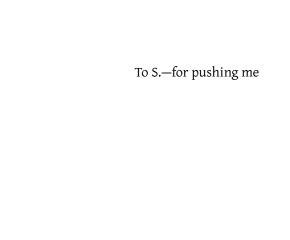
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Nature should not be rated too high nor too low ... awakening consciousness takes its rise surrounded by natural influences alone (nur in der Natur), and every development of it is the reflection of Spirit back upon itself in opposition to the immediate, unreflected character of mere nature. Nature is therefore one element in this antithetic abstracting process; Nature is the first standpoint from which man can gain freedom within himself, and this liberation must not be rendered difficult by natural obstructions. Nature, as contrasted with Spirit, is a quantitative mass, whose power must not be so great as to make its single force omnipotent (allmächtig).

−G. W. F. Hegel

When will all these shadows of God cease to darken our minds? When will we complete our de-deification of nature? When may we begin to "naturalize" humanity in terms of a pure, newly discovered, newly redeemed nature?

-Friedrich Nietzsche