

**The Advertisement which Hegel placed in various newspapers about his
*Phenomenology of Spirit***

The following is an advertisement for the *Phenomenology* which was run originally in the *Bamberger Zeitung* in 1807 (July) and was probably penned by Hegel himself. The advertisement also appeared later on in some other literary journals in Germany.

The publishing company of Jos. Ant. Goebhardt in Bamberg and Würzburg has now published the following book, which is available in all good bookstores:

G.W.F. Hegel's SYSTEM OF SCIENCE
Vol. 1, the PHENOMENOLOGY OF SPIRIT
Containing gr. 8° 1807. Price 6 Fl.

This volume is the exposition of the coming to be of knowledge. The phenomenology of spirit is supposed to take the place of psychological explanations and also those of abstract discussions about the grounding of knowledge. It examines the PREPARATION for science from a standpoint through which it constitutes a new, interesting philosophy and a "first science" for philosophy. It comprehends within itself the various SHAPES OF SPIRIT as stations on the way through which spirit becomes pure knowledge, that is, absolute spirit. Consequently, the principal sections of this science are examined in terms of the following divisions, which themselves are divided into even more sections: consciousness, self-consciousness, observing and acting reason, spirit itself as ethical, as culturally maturing, and as moral spirit, and finally as religious spirit in its distinct forms. The wealth of the appearances of spirit, which at first glance seem to be only chaotic, is brought into a scientific order, exhibiting them in terms of their necessity and within which the imperfect modes fall into dissolution and pass over into the higher forms which are their proximate truth. They find their final truth at first within religion and then, as the result of the whole, in science.

In the PREFACE, the author explains what the current standpoint regarding the necessity of philosophy seems to amount to; further, he explains the presumptuousness and nonsense of philosophical formulas which belittle contemporary philosophy, and he explains what is at stake in contemporary philosophy and the study of it.

A second volume will contain the system of LOGIC as speculative philosophy and the two other parts of philosophy, namely, the SCIENCES OF NATURE and OF SPIRIT.