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The Expression: X the King

Egyptian order "the king X"

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Aim, ideas, style, diction - logical order p. 125

Differences of style and diction may imply simply a difference of aim and ideas (not of authorship and date)

Walt Whitman and Longfellow differ so much in style that we might infer a different age. Method of destructive critics.

It is not true that the special purpose of every part should be the same as that of every other part.

The ideas and reasons given to attain the end in view will be as varied as the imagination of the author can suggest.

Words alleged to be late

(a) Because a word occurs only in a late document does not prove the word itself is late p. 131

(b) A document is not late merely because it contains words which do not occur in earlier ones which are known to us p. 132

(c) A word is not to be considered as evidence of lateness of a document in which it occurs simply because it occurs again in documents known to be late . . . p. 132

(d) A kind of proof that will prove almost everything to be late . . . is absurd and inadmissible as evidence in a case designed to prove that some documents are later than others because they contain words of this kind. . . . if all are late, then none are early . . .

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Proves the superior rhetorical ability of one author rather than the indiscriminate use of words by many authors.

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A word or phrase recurring in a document is not in itself a proof of the particular age of that document.

Nor is the fact that certain words occur in one document and certain words in another to be taken as proof of different authorship for the two documents. Milton uses scores of words in his Areopagitica which are never found in any of his poetical works.