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KIRKEGAARD AND HEDEGARD - A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

About a century and a half ago (look up Kirkegaard in the Encyclopedia Brittanica and find when he lived so as to make the reference ~~as to~~ ^{to} time approximately correct; make it a century and a half, or two centuries, or a century, or whatever it is). About two centuries ago a man lived in Scandinavia whose name is famous throughout the world today. An interesting feature about this man, however, is that ~~the~~ ^{of} nobody is altogether sure/just what he really stood for. People holding the most diverse views today look to Soren Kirkegaard as their leader and some look to him almost as ^{their} patron saint.

Soren Kirkegaard wrote a great many different works. They are filled with stimulating statements. In these works sometimes he would assume the character of various types of people; all sorts of people - good people, bad people, people with confused minds, people who were represented as having fairly clear thinking, all sorts of people were represented in the various writings, until one could never be quite sure what really represented what Kirkegaard ~~really~~ believed and what presentation by him of the attitude which he thought a certain type of person would assume ^{through it} as he meant to convey ~~the~~ his own ideas indirectly.

Kirkegaard's writings have now been translated into many languages. They ^{had} great influence. Three entirely distinct streams of ~~influence~~ influence can be seen to flow from them.

One such stream of influence is found among true evangelicals. Many evangelicals, particularly in Scandinavia, quote statements of Soren Kirkegaard from which they ^{prize them} receive great spiritual value. Evangelicals in other countries often are impressed with some of his (?)

Barthianism. This movement is also often called by the name of Existentialism. It began to come into prominence with the writings of the Swiss pastor Karl Barth about 1915 and has (it would be good to check on the date of the first writings of Karl Barth, although it is not absolutely necessary. I know it was somewhere between 15 and 18 or 15 and 20 at least), and it has gradually spread more and more