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Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831) paid special attention to the relationship between philosophy and religion. His thought not only had a profound effect on the history of philosophy, but also became one of the most important keys to the philosophical understanding of religions. Hegel sought to reconcile philosophy and religion, knowledge and faith in his system. This is the starting point, which is highly relevant for today, because there is no alternative to dialogue between science and religion, knowledge and faith, reason and revelation, academy and the church. This view has a solid basis in Hegel's thought: if religion comprehends God through imagination, philosophy understands it through concepts. Whatever religious belief achieves through pictorial representations, philosophy understands it through conceptual knowledge. Therefore, it must be said that philosophy and religion have the same subject; the subject of both of them is truth, namely, in the sense that this truth is God and that God is the only truth.

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It is noteworthy that Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel gave his first lecture on the philosophy of religion in the summer term of 1821 at the University of Berlin. We hope that this collection of articles, published 200 years after this lecture and dedicated to this anniversary, will help to identify hitherto unknown aspects of the reception and transformation of Hegel's philosophy of religion and provide new impetus for further research.

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