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# Young Coleridge and the Philosophers of Nature

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## Abstract

As a young man, Samuel Taylor Coleridge lived in an age of great social change. The political upheavals in America and France, the industrial revolution, and the explosion in humanity's knowledge of the natural order all had a profound effect on Coleridge and radical intellectuals like him. This book examines Coleridge's ideas on science and society in the critical years 1794 to 1796, setting them within the moral, political, and scientific context of the time. Wylie shows how the complex poem, *Religious Musings*, became a vehicle for these ideas and how they were then developed in the poetry of Coleridge's later years.

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