

# Max Stirner Bibliography

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(In English)

## ***Karl Marx versus Max Stirner***

Stirner, Max, *The Ego and His Own: The Case of the Individual Against Authority* [1845]. Translated from the German by Steven T. Byington, edited with Annotations and an Introduction, by James J. Martin, Libertarian Book Club, New York, 1963, 366 pages. (Note: For those who are just acquiring this book, it might be best to go with the Cambridge University Press edition of 1995, *The Ego and Its Own*, edited and introduced by David Leopold, 428 pages, based on a revised version of the Byington translation, with additional annotations, a biographical sketch, and suggested readings.)

Marx, Karl, "Saint Max," Chapter III, pages 122-497, in *The German Ideology* (with Frederick Engels). Progress Publishers, Moscow, 1964, 736 pages. (Note: Several editions in English with the title of *The German Ideology* were actually only the first chapter of the book, on Feuerbach. The Progress Publishers edition was the first English translation of the entire book.)

Marx's book-length text is a running commentary on Stirner's text, and follows the same outline, more or less. A good procedure is to read the two books in tandem. Read a section in Stirner, and then read Marx's commentary on that section. This is not easy, or even pleasant, reading. Both texts are tedious in the extreme. But if you can get past Stirner's aphoristic style, and Marx's sarcasm and harshness, much can be learned.

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Dietzgen, Eugene, "An Illustration of the Proletarian Method of Research and Conception of the World: Max Stirner and Joseph Dietzgen," pp. 35-78, in Joseph Dietzgen, *Philosophical Essays*, 1905, Charles Kerr & Co. Also available on the web at:

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[www.nonserviam.com](http://www.nonserviam.com)

Eltzbacher, Paul, "Max Stirner," Chapter V, pp. 61-76, in his *Anarchism: Exponents of the Anarchist Philosophy*. Freedom Press, 1960, 272 pages.

"What are the Ideas of Max Stirner?," Section G.6 in the *Anarchist FAQ*. On the Internet at:

[www.infoshop.org](http://www.infoshop.org)

***Lawrence S. Stepelevich's Essays on Stirner and the Left Hegelians***

"Hegel and Stirner: Thesis and Antithesis" (13 letter-size pages)

"Max Stirner and Ludwig Feuerbach" (12 letter-size pages)

"The First Hegelians: An Introduction" (15 letter-size pages)

"The Revival of Max Stirner" (6 letter-size pages)

All the above are available on the web in the Egoist Archive at:

[www.nonserviamcom](http://www.nonserviamcom)

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