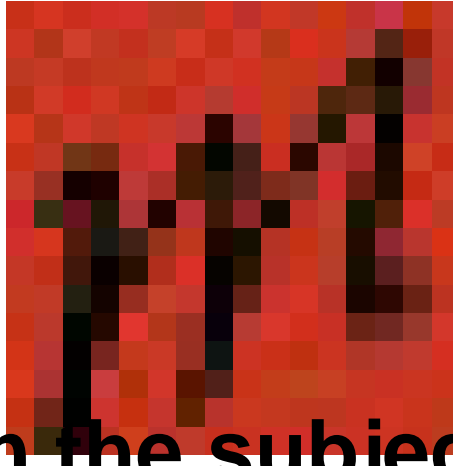


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# **XIX.1 On the subject of this book**

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This subject is vast. In the flurry of thoughts that come to my mind, I shall be more attentive to the order of things than to the things themselves ; I must push things aside right and left, come through and get to the light.