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Skepsis und System. Salomon Maimons Versuch über die Transzendentalphilosophie und Gottlob E. Schulzes Aenesidemus in chiastischer Gegenüberstellung

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In the beginning of the 1790s, Salomon Maimon and Gottlob Ernst Schulze both presented critical approaches to the theoretical philosophy of Immanuel Kant via two independent skepticist perspectives, namely in the books *Essay on Transcendental Philosophy* (1790) and *Aenesidemus* (1792), respectively. Especially Fichte considered these skepticist perspectives to be of decisive effectivity against the very foundations of Kantian critical philosophy. It is now generally accepted that Maimon and Schulze have been of major importance for the development of classical German philosophy due to their influence on Fichte. In this paper, the two divergent conceptions of skepticism in themselves shall be examined and compared to each other in a detailed, yet compact way, especially regarding their positions towards the question of the possibility of philosophy as a unified, consistent system. In this way, a deeper comprehension of the main features of Maimon's and Schulze's understandings of philosophy in general shall be provided.