



**« Enfin j'ai été vaincu, jeté à bas de mon cheval, j'ai vu la lumière, et je suis devenu apôtre. »**

À propos du *Coup d'œil sur les universités et le mode d'instruction publique de l'Allemagne protestante* de 1808

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