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ing to their date of publication. The words in the left hand column represent names or topics of particular philosophical interest. The figure in the intersection of any two columns indicates the number of times that word (plus, in certain cases, some variants) occurs in that particular work. Where variants are included their number is indicated in brackets following the root. The title codes mentioned above are detailed in the Appendix. As an elementary precaution, the title codes of the pseudonymous works are there printed in bold. Works not available in English translation in March 1969 are cited in Danish. As any simple translation of many of these terms would pose particular difficulties and be of only doubtful value, I have used the original Danish and provided a rough English equivalent only where the complete unfamiliarity of the original made this imperative. Lest the reader think our present frequency reports a poor substitute for the detailed location references to be provided in the *Konkordans* and the *Index Verborum*, I hasten to add that considerations of space alone would make the provision of such references quite impossible.

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