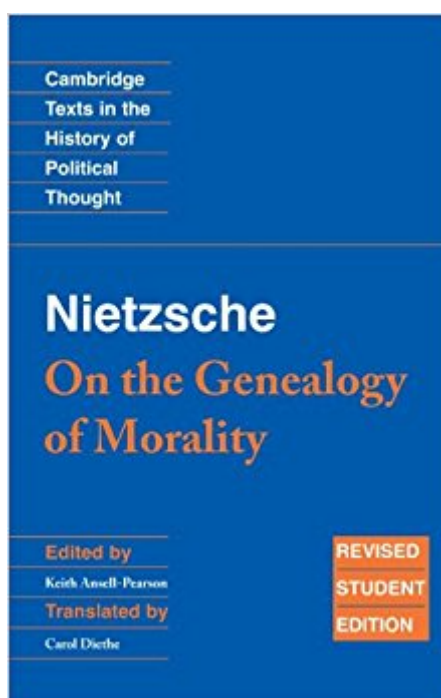


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Synopsis

Friedrich Nietzsche is one of the most influential thinkers of the past 150 years and *On the Genealogy of Morality* (1887) is his most important work on ethics and politics. A polemical contribution to moral and political theory, it offers a critique of moral values and traces the historical evolution of concepts such as guilt, conscience, responsibility, law and justice. This is a revised and updated 2006 edition of one of the most successful volumes to appear in Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought. Keith Ansell-Pearson modified his introduction to Nietzsche's classic text, and Carol Diethe incorporated a number of changes to the translation itself, reflecting the considerable advances in our understanding of Nietzsche. In this guise the Cambridge Texts edition of Nietzsche's *Genealogy* should continue to enjoy widespread adoption, at both undergraduate and graduate level.

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'The clarity of the ... translation and the supporting apparatus (chronology, further reading, biographical synopses, and index) make this an excellent edition for student use, as indeed it is intended. ... what makes [it] particularly useful is the inclusion of material from other works by Nietzsche to which the *Genealogy* refers, such as *Human, All Too Human*, *Daybreak*, *Beyond Good and Evil*, and *The Gay Science*, as well as ... the early texts, 'The Greek State' and 'Homer's Contest'.' British Journal for the History of Philosophy

Text: English (translation) Original Language: German --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I don't speak German so I couldn't tell you if the translation is or isn't spot on. What I can tell you is that (if you have the mind for it) discerning the argument within this book is possible. With that said though, Nietzsche's mind appears to be a bit scrambled because it isn't how philosophers write today: orderly, organized. Nietzsche's argument is similar to John Stuart Mill's book "Utilitarianism" and Aristotle's "Nicomachean Ethics", all of which are more like puzzles to unravel rather than straight-forward theories. With that said, attaining a strong understanding of Nietzsche's moral philosophy contained within this book will leave you feeling excited and, quite possibly, depressed at the same time. But you're gonna have to read it for yourself to know what I mean. Oh, just remember...Nietzsche...well, let's say he 'strongly disliked' Christianity, especially priests. Knowing the priests' role in Nietzsche's genealogy of morality is necessary for understanding the bigger picture he's trying to illustrate about the change of morality throughout time. But yeah, like I said, read it for yourself to know what I mean. Don't question the title.

Excellent edition. The remarks in the Note on the second revised translation concerning the need to be as literal as possible in translation to do justice to the heightened scrutiny of his uses of various terms (the example given here in English is "blue", but I am assuming "mitleid" (pity, compassion, suffering-with) would deserve attention) are quite interesting. I'd be curious to know how Nietzsche's German prose compares with that of Schopenhauer. I take it they were both master stylists.

I found the introduction to Nietzsche work fundamental to embark into Nietzsche's reading. The informed explanation of the whole view as well as specifies nuances of Nietzsche's philosophy paved the way for a better understanding and to be critical within a reasonable context. I highly recommend this book for people who, like me, are beginners reading in philosophy. NC

Interesting philosophy, very nicely written. Lays out evidence through the beginning of each essay, then making a bold conclusion toward the end. Would recommend.

Nietzsche is tough but definitely worth reading. I would recommend going through this one nice and slow, section by section. This edition is laid out very nicely.

Excellent translation - flows smoothly and expresses concepts much more clearly than other translations I've read.

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