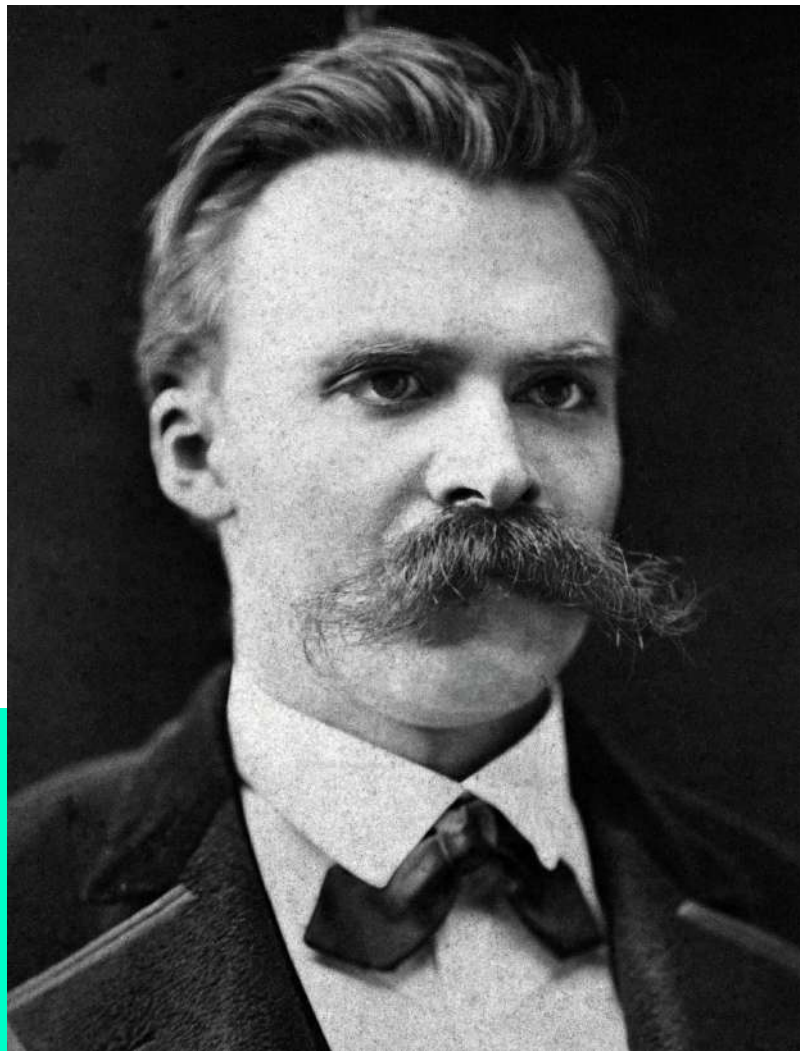


# FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

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# BIRTH AND FAMILY

Born October 15, 1844

Parents were Karl Ludwig and Franziska Nietzsche

His father Karl was a Lutheran minister of a town in Prussia

His father died of a brain hemorrhage, leaving his mother with Friedrich, his 3 year old sister, and his infant brother

His infant brother dies unexpectedly

# EDUCATION

Friedrich moves to Naumburg, Saxony and is enrolled in a prestigious school called Schulpforta

Received a fine education in the humanities, theology, and classical languages

Founded a literary and creative society outside of school

Friedrich composed music, read poetry, and played piano

Entered The University of Bonn in 1864

Joined a fraternity (turn up)

# EDUCATION CONT

Studied classical languages and a career in philology instead of theology like his mother wished (rebellious)

Followed his major professor, Friedrich Ritschl to The University of Leipzig in 1865

Created another society that studied ancient texts

Got promoted in a classical scholarship by Ritschl

The promotion landed him a job as a Professor of Greek language

# SPIRITUAL HISTORY AND POV

Raised a Lutheran

Attended a university as a Philology student, gravitating toward the interpretation of biblical texts

Challenged the foundations of Christianity and traditional morality

Believed in down-to-earth realities and not the ones above

Questions all religions

# SPIRITUAL HISTORY AND POV CONT

Argued the Christian faith was not only wrong, but harmful to society

Claimed Christianity allowed the weak to rule the strong and suppressed the will to have power

Wanted people to realize there was no God and to create their own values

Most of his work aimed to find a meaning and morality in the absence of a God

Nihilism is a central idea in his philosophy

# "ALL ABOUT ME"

Very independent

Had idea for himself and others that men must accept that they are part of the material world, and live life as if there is nothing beyond

Anti-Christian type philosopher

Was deeply religious but faith was lost when philosophy was found



# ETHICAL POV

Believed in the idea of a “higher morality” which would inform the lives of “higher men”

Believed if people lacked “free will” they could not be held responsible for their actions because they did not have the right to choose to do the wrong thing

Claimed absolute moral values lead to culture of mediocrity and nihilism

Believed that in primitive society, the stronger people (masters) would naturally dominate the weaker people (slaves)

# ETHICAL POV CONT

Believed what is good and valuable will be determined by the powerful elites

The slaves cannot attack the elites by force, therefore take ethic into account and attack their oppressors moral judgement and describe them as evil and unjust

Many claim Nietzsche's ideology fueled Nazi Germany and Hitler's philosophies

# INFLUENCE ON OTHER PHILOSOPHERS

Seeing as Nietzsche was one of the first existentialists, he therefore was the influence on other philosophers

Others began to question themselves and form their own opinions after hearing his thoughts

His philosophy inspired leading figures in all walks of cultural life; including philosophers, dancers, poets, novelists, painters, sociologists, psychologists, and social revolutionists

Was said to be the father of nihilism

# INFLUENCE ON OTHER PHILOSOPHERS CONT

His written critiques about human existence, religion, and more challenged the value of truth and how life should be interpreted

Believed that humans exist only once and never again after

Greatly influenced Adolf Hitler in Nazi ideology because Hitler twisted his idea that everyone could be a “superman” and used it so he could fit his desires

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