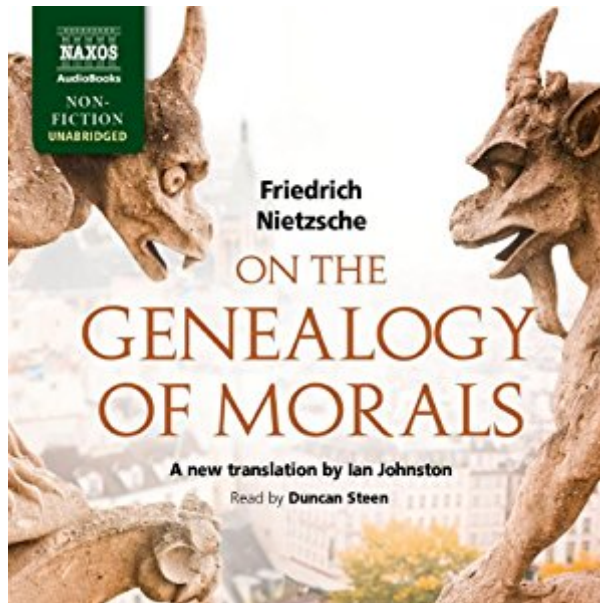




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# On The Genealogy Of Morals: A Polemic



## Synopsis

This is one of the most accessible of Nietzsche's works. It was published in 1887, a year after *Beyond Good and Evil*, and he intended it to be a continuation of the investigation into the theme of morality. In the first work, Nietzsche attacked the notion of morality as nothing more than institutionalized weakness, and he criticized past philosophers for their unquestioning acceptance of moral precepts. In *On the Genealogy of Morals*, subtitled "A Polemic", Nietzsche furthers his pursuit of a clarity that is less tainted by imposed prejudices. He looks at the way attitudes towards 'morality' evolved and the way congenital ideas of morality were heavily colored by the Judaic and Christian traditions.

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Great price for a great treasure! The *Genealogy of Morals* is a must for any Nietzsche fan. It also really helps trying to gain a better understanding of his writings!

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Great book. The first essay regards the difference between "good and bad" and "good and evil". It takes in a lot of history regarding the origins of these terms. The second essay reviews the origins of guilt and bad conscience and the third regards the reasons for the ascetic ideals especially for

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The proud knowledge of the extraordinary privilege of responsibility, the consciousness of this rare freedom, of this power over himself and over fate, has sunk right down to his innermost depths, and has become an instinct, a dominating instinct—what name will he give to it, to this dominating instinct, if he needs to have a word for it? But there is no doubt about it—the sovereign man calls it his conscience. Nietzsche, Friedrich (2012-03-01). The Genealogy of Morals (Dover Thrift Editions) (p. 36). Dover Publications. Kindle Edition.

Like The Antichrist and The Birth of Tragedy, this book is in narrative form with four separate essays, all dealing with good and evil, good and bad conscience and so on. Nietzsche has a way of always hitting the nail right on the head, and he makes no bones about being the first to make a claim. His theory about how our primitive instincts were eventually turned inwards as man evolved is fascinating and enlightening. Read it many times over, it's worth it.

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