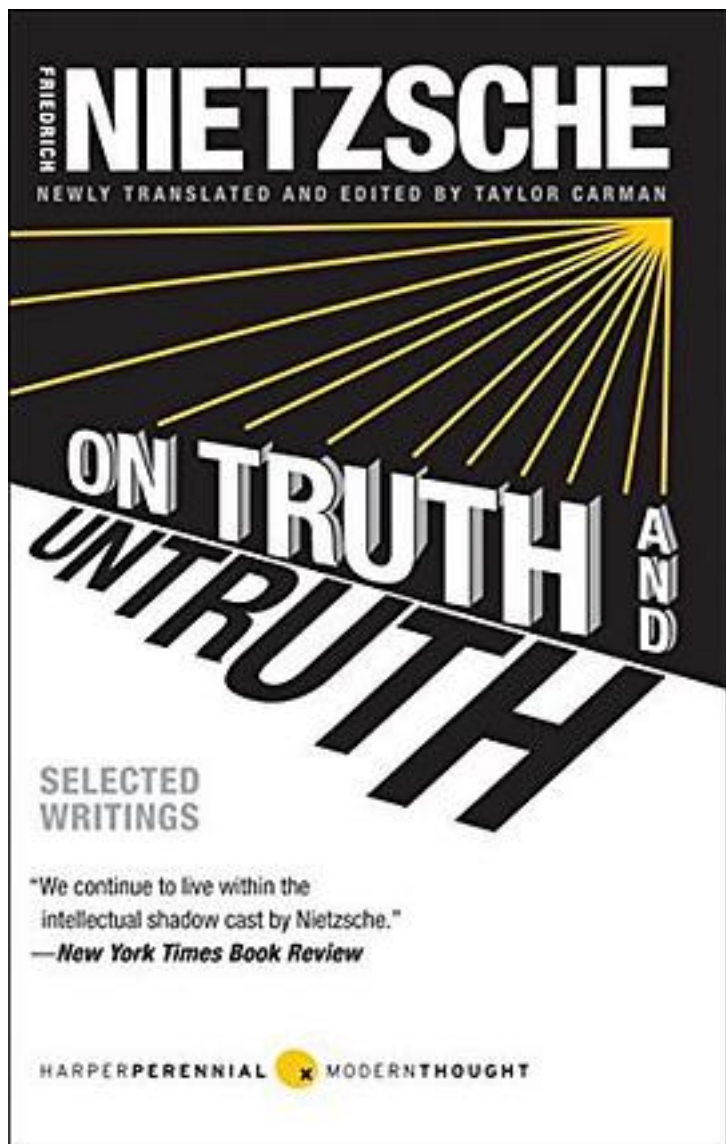


On Truth and Untruth



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This is Nietzsche's celebrated essay, in which he argues that truth is an illusion. Those ideas commonly agreed to be truths, according to Nietzsche, are mere beliefs and arbitrary constructions of human thought. From the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: Scholars regard Nietzsche's 1873 unpublished essay, "On Truth and Lies" [the full title is "On Truth and Lies in a Non-Moral Sense"] as a keystone in his thought. In this essay, Nietzsche rejects the idea of universal constants, and claims that what we call truth is only a mobile army of metaphors, metonyms, and anthropomorphisms. His view at this time is that arbitrariness prevails within human experience: concepts originate via the transformation of nerve stimuli into images, and truth is nothing more than the invention of fixed conventions for practical purposes, especially those of repose, security and consistency. Viewing human existence from a great distance, Nietzsche further notes that there was an eternity before human beings came into existence, and believes that after humanity dies out, nothing significant will have changed in the great scheme of things.

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German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) is one of the most influential and widely read thinkers of all time. His works include *Thus Spake Zarathustra*, *Beyond Good and Evil*, *On the Genealogy of Morality*, and *The Will to Power*. Taylor Carman is a professor of Philosophy at Columbia University.

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他又比所有人都想得更深了一步。抛开不甚严谨的逻辑和天马行空的尼采式行文不谈，对于“真理”这一presupposition的批判无疑是鞭辟入里的，如果能写得再认真点或许康德和休谟都难望其项背。但尼采的狂狷不是闹着玩的，整页整页都是“易证”和“证毕”，跳步太多，明显不想好好答题，所以很难读。与此同时，也看到了尼采逐渐成为一个虚无主义者的改变。除了一以贯之的愤世嫉俗（对哲学家、基督教、自然科学、知识论、形而上学的怀疑和批评让人真的很难把尼采归类，或许这也是他想要的？）之外，纵深也在不断增加。History of an

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