

Nietzsche, Genealogy, History – Outline

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I. Definition of Genealogy

- A. Mistaken methodology of Paul Ree
- B. Genealogy's constraints:
- C. Genealogy's requirements

II. Two senses of *Ursprung* [= "origin"]

- A. unstressed (equivalent to other words: *Entstehung*, *Herkunft*, etc.)
- B. stressed: miraculous metaphysical origin

III. *Herkunft* = "descent"

- A. subtle, singular, subindividual marks beneath a "race"
- B. myriad events in formation of a trait or concept
- C. disturbs, fragments, shows heterogeneity of supposed identities
- D. descent attached to the body (= "inscribed surface of events")

IV. *Entstehung* = "emergence"

- A. "not anticipatory power or meaning, but hazardous play of dominations"
- B. species similarity/individual differences/ascetic ideal
- C. entry of forces/place of confrontation: values, liberty, logic
- D. interpretation: violent appropriation of a system of rules to impose a direction

V. Genealogy = "effective history" or "historical sense"

- A. historian's history = supra-historical "objectivity"
- B. effective history = historicizing of the "immutable" in man: feelings, body, etc.
 - 1. event = reversal of relations of power
 - 2. haphazard forces, chance
 - 3. vision of the "nearest": the body
 - 4. affirmation of knowledge as perspective

VI. The genealogy of genealogy and of "historian's history"

- A. historian's history
 - 1. *Herkunft* (descent): lack of taste/plebian ancestry, hidden by objectivity
 - 2. *Entstehung* (emergence): 19th C Europe: decadence, intermingling
- B. genealogy
 - 1. *Entstehung*: seizing, dominating, turning history against its birth

VII. Counter-memory: 3 counter-Platonic modalities of history

- A. parodic and farcical use (against reality & history as recognition)
- B. dissociative use (against identity & history as continuity)
- C. sacrificial use (against truth & history as knowledge)