

## **Nihilism and will to truth in Nietzsche's thought**

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### **Abstract:**

This article begins with a clarification of the position of nihilism in Nietzsche's writings and proceeds to present the origin of this problem – in the character of Socrates – with highlights to the position occupied by the “will to truth” in creating metaphysical truth and its posterior fall. Then we proceed to characterize the various senses of the term nihilism in Nietzsche's writings, showing that the term was employed to refer to a global phenomenon, especially affecting the Western world, and also the diverse grades of conscience about this problem and the psychological states that derive from it.

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