

Notes on the Eternal Return: beyond Christianity

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Abstract:

Through the experimentation of thought developed in this article we will aim to: a) follow the birth and the path of the notion of Eternal Return in Nietzsche's works, showing how between its birth date, 1881, and 1888 it changes from a great philosophical hope to a kind of failed act; a.1) elaborate a hermeneutic which differentiates and articulates the 81 moment – *Gay Science* and *Posthumous fragments* of that time – from *Thus spoke Zarathustra* and after 1884; b) we also want to explain its ethical and cosmological dimension; b.1) and the strategy of deferment of a potential theory of the Eternal Return as well; c) finally, we will try to discuss how the Eternal Return served until 84-85 as a tool to fight Christian theology.

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