

From the prefaces of 1886

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Abstract: This article aims to develop a reading of the prefaces which Nietzsche wrote in 1886 for *The Gay Science*, *The Dawn*, *The Birth of Tragedy*, *Human All Too Human* (I and II) from the perspective of the interplay between health and illness as unfolded in these works. In these prefaces Nietzsche criticizes the idea that considers life to be an extension of morality. In order to develop this critique Nietzsche does not use reason but the concept of illness, which means taking pain and illness as a perspective to bring suspicion upon morality and to develop not a philosophy of illness but a thought on health. The main purpose of this work is to try to understand how Nietzsche articulates health and illness in these prefaces.

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