

personal english



Quote #28

Friedrich Nietzsche

“The **individual** has always had to struggle to keep from being **overwhelmed by the tribe**. If you try it, you will be **lonely** often, and sometimes **frightened**. But **no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself.**”



Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (1844–1900) was a **German philosopher** and poet who began his career as a classical philologist before turning to philosophy. He was the youngest ever to hold the Chair of Classical Philology at the **University of Basel** in 1869, aged 24. He resigned in 1879 due to health problems that caused him to devote himself to writing. In his mid-forties, he suffered a collapse and a complete **loss of his mental faculties**; he therefore lived his remaining years in the care of his mother until her death in 1897, and then in that of his sister Elisabeth Förster-Nietzsche, until he died in 1900, aged 55. His works (including such famous philosophical essays as **Thus Spoke Zarathustra** (1883), **Beyond Good and Evil** (1886) and **Ecce Homo** (1888)) haven't ceased to spawn discussion since their publication. Some prominent elements of his philosophy include his radical critique of truth in favor of **perspectivism**; his critique of Christian religion and his related theory of **master-slave morality**; his affirmation of existence in response to the **'death of God'** and the profound crisis of **nihilism**; his notion of the **Apollonian** and **Dionysian**; and his characterization of the human subject as the expression of competing wills, comprehensively labelled as the **'will to power'**. In his later work, he became increasingly preoccupied with the creative powers of the individual to overcome social, cultural, and moral contexts in pursuit of new values and ethics.

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