

NIETZSCHE

*ON THE GENEALOGY OF MORALS*

Study Questions

Essay I

- 1) What two accounts of the origin of our moral beliefs does Nietzsche reject? What account of the origin of morality does he consider to be the true one?
- 2) What, according to Nietzsche, is the fundamental transformation that has taken place during the historical evolution of our moral beliefs?

Essay II

- 3) What, according to Nietzsche, is required in order to instill in us a sense of personal responsibility?
- 4) Why is it, according to Nietzsche, that the utility and purpose of our contemporary human practices and institutions cannot be discovered in their historical origins?

Essay III

- 5) What is the ascetic ideal, according to Nietzsche, and what effect has it had on art and music? How did it produce this effect?
- 6) Why, according to Nietzsche, can modern natural science not provide a new foundation for human morality?