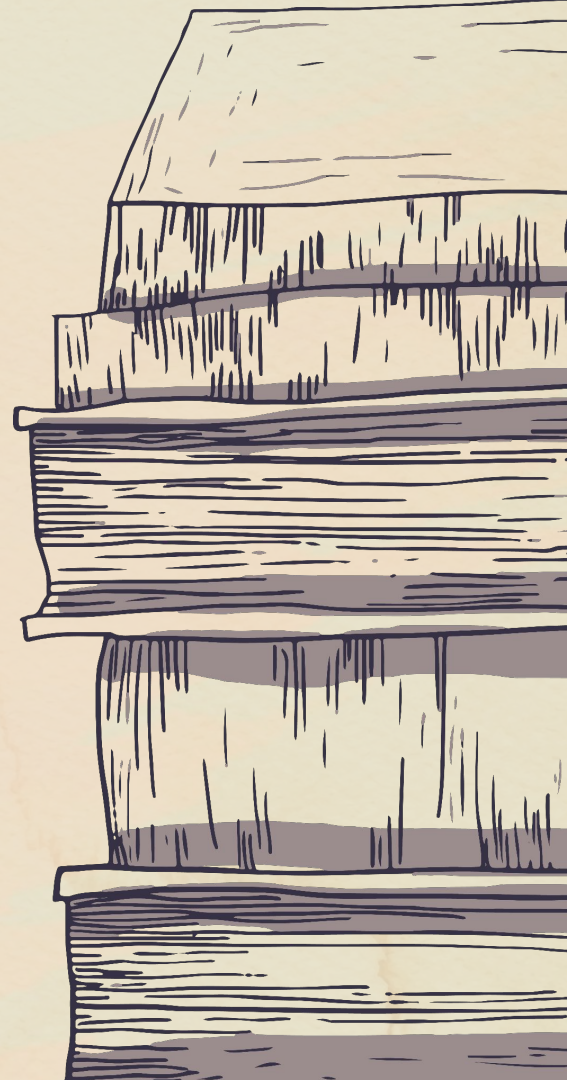


A Critical Assessment of Nietzsche's 'Superman'

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An overview

'Behold, I teach you the superman.

The superman is the meaning of earth. Let your will say : the superman shall be the meaning of the earth! [...]' (Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche and Hollingdale 1977)

Main claims:

- Humans are a bridge
- Attack on Christian and alignment moral systems
- Values must be self created
- Self-mastery
- The 'last man'
- Rejection of moral egalitarianism as leveling and anti creative

Criticisms

- Psychologically implausible
- Creation of hierarchy and elitism
- Moral arbitrariness
- Politically misused
- Contrasts and contradictions



Strengths

- Herd Morality
- Powerful response to Nihilism
- Emphasis on creativity and responsibility



Conclusion

- A summary
- My opinion



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