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For my teachers, whom I would repay badly
by remaining only a pupil

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We should admit to ourselves with all due severity exactly *what* will be necessary for a long time to come and *what* is provisionally correct, namely: collecting material, formulating concepts, and putting into order the tremendous realm of tender value feelings and value distinctions that live, grow, reproduce, and are destroyed, – and, perhaps, attempting to illustrate the recurring and more frequent shapes of this living crystallization, – all of which would be a preparation for a *typology* of morals. Of course, people have not generally been this modest.

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil,* section 186.
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A	*The Antichrist*
AOM	*Assorted Opinions and Maxims*
BGE	*Beyond Good and Evil*
BT	*The Birth of Tragedy*
CW	*The Case of Wagner*
D	*Daybreak*
DS	*David Strauss, the Confessor and the Writer*
EH	*Ecce Homo*
GM	*On the Genealogy of Morals*
GS	*The Gay Science*
HH	*Human, All-Too-Human*
HL	*On the Uses and Disadvantages of History for Life*
KSA	*Kritische Studienausgabe*
NCW	*Nietzsche Contra Wagner*
RWB	*Richard Wagner in Bayreuth*
SE	*Schopenhauer as Educator*
TI	*Twilight of the Idols*
UM	*Untimely Meditations*
WS	*The Wanderer and His Shadow*
Z	*Thus Spoke Zarathustra*

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