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The Antichrist and the Crucified: Friedrich Nietzsche's Last Texts

How does Nietzsche get from the statement, "God is dead and we have killed him" in *The Gay Science* (1882) to the final letters in January of 1889 that culminate in the sentence "The world is transfigured for God is on earth"? The response will involve an investigation of Nietzsche's re-writing of the historical Jesus in *The Antichrist* and the re-shaping of his self-image in *Ecce Homo*.

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*Snacks will be served*

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