

**NIETZSCHE'S IMPULSE TOWARDS  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
CONCEPT OF GOD THAT  
TRANSCENDS MODERN ATHEISM  
AND THEISM: A PHILOSOPHICAL  
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## **Preface**

I first came into contact with the philosophy of Nietzsche in 1990. Towards the end of the nineteenth century he made the statement: “Gott ist todt [sic]!” These words left an intense impression on me and prompted me to find out how anyone could make such a sweeping statement. I wanted to establish exactly what was meant by these words and as a consequence, my research on Nietzsche began. Having read Nietzsche’s work, my interest in the man and his philosophy did not wane, but rather it intensified and so the decision to do a thesis on this subject, was almost inevitable. This therefore, is an attempt to explore and to come to a proper understanding of the famous statement by Nietzsche. It is my belief that, if understood correctly and seen in proper context, Nietzsche has a message for Christians of our time.

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