Love, Grief, and Schopenhauer: A Study in Nietzsche’s Philosophical Development

In this paper I show how Nietzsche began to turn Schopenhauer’s philosophy into his own. Focussing on his reading of *The World as Will and Representation* in October 1865, of F. A. Lange’s *A History of Materialism* in the summer of 1866, and his (presumably) rereading of Seneca’s *Letters* in February 1867, I explain how Nietzsche’s emerging clarity about the inadequacies of Schopenhauer’s philosophical system functioned as a spur, not to the abandonment of Schopenhauer, but to a novel interpretation of the depth and character of his philosophical achievement.