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Nietzsche's philosophy cannot be understood without taking his essential pluralism into account. And, in fact, pluralism (otherwise known as empiricism) is almost indistinguishable from philosophy itself. Pluralism is the properly philosophical way of thinking, the one invented by philosophy; the only guarantor of freedom in the concrete spirit, the only principle of a violent atheism. The Gods are dead but they have died from laughing, on hearing one God claim to be the only one, 'Is not precisely this godliness, that there are gods but no God?' (Z III 'Of the Apostates', p. 201). And the death of this God, who claimed to be the only one, is itself plural; the death of God is an event with a multiple sense. This is why Nietzsche does not believe in resounding 'great events', but in the silent plurality of senses of each event (Z II 'Of Great Events'). There is no event, no phenomenon, word or thought which does not have a multiple sense. A thing is sometimes this, sometimes that, sometimes something more complicated - depending on the forces (the gods) which take possession of it. Hegel wanted to ridicule pluralism, identifying it with a naive consciousness which would be happy to say 'this, that, here, now' – like a child stuttering out its most humble needs. The pluralist idea the forces w are laws of To begin w would not: which it st and grow v priest, of tl appeared. what a rid friend of v off its asc can only o its true ar must also himself, v reshaped. that we rib birth. The

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