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Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (15 October 1844 – 25 August 1900) was a Prussian philosopher. He  
began his career as a classical philologist, turning to philosophy early in his academic career. In 1869,  
aged 24, Nietzsche became the youngest professor to hold the Chair of Classical Philology at the  
University of Basel. Plagued by health problems for most of his life, he resigned from the university in  
1879, and in the following decade he completed much of h