

**A Philosophical Crisis ? Nietzsche's Challenge
to British Idealism**

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Abstract:

The Philosophy of Nietzsche presented a major intellectual challenge to the first British idealists, and in particular to their concept of the Absolute and their related body of ethical thought. Although William Wallace responded to Nietzsche's implied challenge on behalf of the British school, he failed to engage with Nietzsche's concept of perspectivism as well as with his emphasis on the importance of philosophical laughter for an ethics that can offer a positive account of the art of life.