

The Will To Power

Who loves power? Nietzsche said, "Wherever I found a living thing, there found I the will to power." Nietzsche was right—there is an inherent will to power in man. However, there are other desires that must become more predominant than the will to power if man is to obtain a satisfactory purpose in life.

We who are college students are confronted with a will to power in our campus life. We find ourselves in a competitive field of endeavor out of which a few students have risen to gain a place of recognition for themselves by their outstanding achievement in athletics, scholarship, social life, religious activities, and campus politics. Most of these students who have been successful have rightly earned their praise. However, while true ambition gets its just reward, those who are only after the reward of recognition have lost all compensation in the defeat of a more noble cause. Nevertheless it is not only those who have succeeded but also those who do not succeed in gaining recognition that are susceptible to a will to power.

Do not be misled to believe that ambition is undesirable when moreover ambition is a most desirable trait as long as it is confined to individual hope without retrospect to one's position or status in society. In other words, one's attempt to elevate himself in relation to others is the will to power and the subsequent evil. Outstanding ability is for the good of man rather than his degradation. Many would climb the highest mountain for the praise of man, but few would build the road for service to humanity.—Wayne Angell, Business Manager.
