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This chapter briefly analyzes Nietzsche's late theory of life as will to power. It is possible to draw from Nietzsche's views a critique to and a genealogy of the traditional conception of life as self-appropriating and self-organizing process of not ceasing to be. The “living being” is the outcome of the “reactive” will to power, which substantializes the forces and turns them into “capacities,” “processes” and “selves”. The chapter reconstructs Nietzsche's vision of life as an active dis-appropriation of forces that will be characterized in relation to the ideas of becoming and of eternal recurrence.

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This chapter argues that, contrary to popular belief, modal accounts of time are not committed to the existence of temporal propositions or tensed facts. The question of what propositions there are is something that theories of assertion and attitudes need to determine, not a theory of the nature of time. The only way questions about propositions could become relevant to the philosophy of time is by accepting the truth-maker principle, which this chapter rejects.
This chapter shows that linguistic ersatzism can yield a time-series with all the structure one can plausibly demand. It shows how to obtain a time series with continuum many points, explains what a linguistic ersatzer about time should say about cyclical time series, and argues that temporal distances must be implicitly defined by the scientific theories that employ temporal coordinate systems.