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Carl Gustav Jung’s break with Freudian psychoanalysis and his subsequent development of an independent analytical psychology went hand in hand with his increasing emphasis upon the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche. Jung’s highlighting of similarities between his own theory and Nietzsche’s thought lent itself to the attempt to differentiate himself from Freud, whose reserved relation to Nietzsche was interpreted by Jung as a failure to question his (Freud’s) own scientific assumptions. The argument that Freud was incapable of acknowledging the philosophical background to his approach provided Jung with the possibility of applying his theory of a collective unconscious, an unconscious finding its expression in a creative scientific mind, to psychoanalysis.