

Comparison of Verbatim Transcription with Edited Transcription

Verbatim Transcription

To move from a barbarian language like German to French, there is a [laughter]—sorry, that's somebody else's assessment, not mine [laughs]—[unintelligible from the audience]—[laughter]—a French philosopher who is highly indebted, *highly* indebted to Nietzsche for influencing his thoughts is a man named Michael Foucault—French philosopher, lived from 1926 to 1984. And Foucault took Nietzsche's ideas and put his own little spin on them and that is that what Nietzsche—or what Foucault did is that he looked at systems of truth and he realized that really truth is manufactured and that truth is manufactured by those who are in power. Okay?

Maybe you've heard the phrase at some time that "those who win write history." "Those who win write history." That idea can be traced back to Foucault, that power leads to truth and then that truth is used by those in power to keep those who are under them, those in suppression, those in subordination to those in power, in their place. You use truth, then, to oppress people.

And so what Foucault did, if power brings truth, then what he did is he said 'any truth claim, any truth claim, any time someone says "this is true," you've just made a power play. You've just oppressed somebody with that thought, with that statement.' Okay? Tracking so far?

Edited Transcription

To move from a barbarian language like German to French [laughter]—sorry, that's somebody else's assessment, not mine. A French philosopher who is highly indebted, *highly* indebted to Nietzsche for influencing his thoughts is a man named Michael Foucault who lived from 1926 to 1984. Foucault took Nietzsche's ideas and put his own little spin on them. He looked at systems of truth and he realized that truth is manufactured, and it is manufactured by those who are in power.

Maybe you've heard the phrase at some time that "those who win write history." That idea can be traced by to Foucault—that power leads to truth, and then that truth is used by those who are in power to keep those who are under them, those in oppression, those in subordination to those in power, in their place. You use truth, then, to oppress people.

So what Foucault did—if power brings truth—is say that any truth claim, any time someone says 'this is true,' they've just made a power play. They have just oppressed someone with that thought, with that statement. Tracking with me so far?

Context of Transcription: message delivered at Faith Community Church by Pastor Tim Porter on March 11, 2007. Full transcript is available.