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ABSTRACT:

It is well known that Frege and his writings were an important influence on Wittgenstein. There is no agreement, however, on the nature and scope of this influence. In this paper I clarify the situation in three related ways: (1) by tracing Frege's and Wittgenstein's actual interactions, i.e., their face-to-face meetings and their correspondence between 1911 and 1920; (2) by documenting Wittgenstein's continued study of Frege's writings, until the very end of his life in 1951; and (3), by constructing, on that basis, a new framework for understanding the themes that connect Wittgenstein to Frege, both in his early and his later works.