

Timeline of Medieval Philosophy

Early Medieval Christian:

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

North African Neo-Platonic Philosopher, Theologian, Saint, Church Father, Doctor of the Church; Founder of the Augustinian Order

Boethius (475-526)

Philosopher, Theologian, Saint

Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite (Late Fifth to Early Sixth Century)

Neo-Platonic Philosopher, Theologian; Mistaken for Dionysius the Areopagite, the Athenian convert of Paul the Apostle mentioned in Acts 17:34

[Gregory the Great (540-608)]

Benedictine Pope, Saint; Biographer of St. Benedict

John Scotus Eriugena (800-877)

Neo-Platonic Philosopher, Theologian, Poet

[Peter Damian (1007-1072)]

Benedictine Theologian, Reformer, Saint

Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)

Benedictine Abbot, Saint, Theologian, Doctor of the Church

Peter Abelard (1079-1142)

French Philosopher, Theologian, Logician; Famous for Love Affair with Heloise

[Heloise (1101-1164)]

French Abbess, Scholar, Author; Famous for Love Affair with Peter Abelard

[Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)]

Cistercian Abbot, Theologian, Saint, Doctor of the Church; Opponent of Abelard

[Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)]

Benedictine Abbess, Saint, Doctor of the Church, Theologian, Mystic

[Peter Lombard (1100-1160)]

Bishop, Theologian; Author of the Sentences

[Thomas Beckett (1119-1170)]

Saint, Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury

[Richard of St. Victor (?-1173)]

Scottish Philosopher, Theologian

Islamic:

[Al-Kindi (801-873)]

Muslim Philosopher, Theologian, Mathematician, Physician, Musician; Known as the “Father of Arab Philosophy”

Al-Farabi (870-950)

Muslim Philosopher, Theologian, Natural Scientist, Mathematician

Ibn Sina (Avicenna) (980- 1037)

Persian Muslim Philosopher, Theologian, Physician; Major Influence of Aquinas

Al-Ghazali (1055-1111)

Muslim Philosopher, Theologian, Sufi Mystic; Opponent of Plato and Aristotle

Ibn Rushd (Averroes) (1126-1198)

Andalusian Muslim Philosopher, Theologian, Physician, Lawyer; Opponent of Plato, Champion of Aristotle; Known as “The Commentator” for his Commentaries on the Works of Aristotle

Jewish:

Saadia Gaon (882-942)

Jewish Rabbi, Philosopher

Solomon Ibn Gabirol (Avicebron) (1022-1051 or 1070)

Andalusian Jewish Neo-Platonic Philosopher, Poet

Moses Maimonides (1135-1204)

Andalusian Jewish Philosopher, Theologian, Physician, Astronomer

Levi ben Gershom (Gersonides) (1288-1344)

French Jewish Philosopher, Theologian, Mathematician, Astronomer, Physician

Hasdai Crescas (?-1412)

Catalan Jewish Philosopher

Middle Medieval Christian:

[Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221)]

Saint, Founder of Dominican Order

[Robert Grosseteste (1175-1253)]

English Philosopher, Theologian, Natural Scientist

[Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)]

Saint, Founder of Franciscan Order

[Alexander of Hales (1185-1245)]

Franciscan Theologian, Philosopher; Teacher of St. Bonaventure

[William of Auvergne (1190-1249)]

French Philosopher, Theologian

[Albert the Great (1200-1280)]

German Dominican Philosopher, Theologian, Natural Scientist, Saint; Teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas

[Mechthild of Magdeburg (1207-1282)]

Beguine Mystic

[Roger Bacon (1214-1292)]

Franciscan Philosopher and Natural Scientist

Bonaventure (1217-1274)

Franciscan Philosopher, Theologian, Saint, Doctor of the Church; Known as “Seraphic Doctor”; Champion of Augustinianism, Opponent of Aquinas

[John Peckham (1230-1292)]

Franciscan Theologian; Student of Bonaventure; Opponent of Aquinas

Siger of Brabant (1240-1284)

Philosopher, Radical Aristotelian; Champion of Averroes

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Dominican Philosopher, Theologian, Saint, Doctor of the Church; Known as the “Angelic Doctor”, Famous for Synthesizing Aristotelian and Christian Philosophy

[Henry of Ghent (1217-1293)]

Philosopher, Theologian; Student of Albert the Great, Opponent of Aquinas

[Peter John Olivi (1248-1298)]

Franciscan Theologian

[Giles of Rome (1247-1316)]

Augustinian Philosopher, Theologian, Logician

[Godfrey of Fontaines (1249-1309)]

Philosopher, Theologian; Champion of Aquinas

[Marguerite Porete (1250-1310)]

French Mystic

[Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)]

Dominican Theologian, Mystic

[Harvey Natalis (1260-1323)]

Dominican Theologian; Champion of Aquinas

John Duns Scotus (1265/66-1308)

Scottish Franciscan Philosopher, Theologian, Blessed; Known as “Subtle Doctor”; Famous for His Defense of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

[Dante Alighieri (1265-1321)]

Italian Poet; Author of the Divine Comedy

Later Medieval Christian:

[Durand of St. Pourcain (1275-1334)]

Dominican Philosopher, Theologian; Critic of Aquinas
[Walter Burley (1275-1344)]

English Philosopher, Logician; Opponent of Ockham
[Peter Auriol (1280-1322)]

Philosopher, Theologian; Major Influence on Ockham
[Walter Chatton (1285-1343)]

English Philosopher, Theologian; Opponent of Ockham
William of Ockham (1287-1347)

English Franciscan Philosopher, Theologian; Proponent of Nominalism, Famous for
“Ockham’s Razor”

Nicholas of Autrecourt (1295-1369)

Philosopher, Theologian, Skeptic
[Adam Wodeham (1298-1358)]

Franciscan Philosopher, Theologian; Student and Secretary of Ockham
[Gregory of Rimini (1300-1358)]

Augustinian Philosopher, Theologian; Established Continuity between Oxford and Paris
Schools

John Buridan (1300-1358)

French Philosopher, Theologian; Famous for “Buridan’s Ass” Thought Experiment
[John Wycliffe (1330-1384)]

English Philosopher, Theologian, Reformer
[*Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)*]

Anchorite, Theologian, Mystic
[*Geoffrey Chaucer (1343-1400)*]

English Poet and Author; Author of the Canterbury Tales
[*Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)*]

Lay Dominican Mystic, Reformer, Saint, Doctor of the Church
[Paul of Venice (1369-1429)]

Augustinian Philosopher, Theologian; Influenced by Scotus, Opponent of Nominalism