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It is also certain that Johannes had been installed for some time at the court of Charles the Bald, the Westfrankish king, but he was also associated with other ecclesiastical centers, including Rheims, Laon, Soissons and Compigne. Eriugena had a justified reputation among his contemporaries as a man of considerable learning. Two partial commentaries c. Eriugena has a rich and eclectic knowledge of the liberal arts tradition, including Isidore, Cassiodorus, and Cicero. He had a reputation for dialectic as his opponents recognized when they criticized him for bringing his dialectical skills to bear on theological discussion. Thus his critic Prudentius remarked: The Martianus commentary is most famous for its apparent espousal of a non-Ptolemaic account of the movement of the planets in Book Seven on astronomy. Indeed, Copernicus would later single out Martianus for praise for his theory that Mercury and Venus orbit the sun instead of the earth. Eriugena went further than Martianus in placing Mars and Jupiter in orbit around the sun also. Gottschalk had already been condemned by a synod at Mainz in and another at Quierzy in and had been imprisoned in the abbey of Hautvillers where he remained until his death in , but Prudentius, the bishop of Troyes, appeared to side with him. Madec, , a treatise of nineteen chapters, which survives in a single manuscript, is a robust rebuttal of Gottschalk. While purporting merely to interpret Augustinian texts, this early theological treatise is philosophically significant for its rationalistic, dialectical analysis of key theological concepts and its reliance on argument rather than scriptural citation. As one gloss in the *Annotationes in Marcianum* attests: Eriugena then argues that philosophy has four principal parts “division, definition, demonstration, and resolution” and that pursuit of this fourfold method of reasoning will lead to truth. Eriugena argues in *De divina praedestinatione* that God, being perfectly good, wants all humans to be saved, and does not predestine souls to damnation. On the contrary, humans damn themselves through their own free choices: Since God is outside time, He cannot be said to fore-know or to pre-destine, terms that involve temporal predicates. Human nature, on the other hand, was created rational, and rationality requires freedom. Human nature is therefore essentially free: Florus too attacked Eriugena. Subsequently, *On Divine Predestination* was condemned by the bishops in France at the councils of Valence and Langres , in part for its over-use of logical method or dialectic *dialectica*. Paul at Athens, but was more likely a late fifth or early sixth-century Christian follower of Proclus. Soon after completing his translation of Pseudo-Dionysius c. It is possible he made other translations which have not survived or which cannot be definitively attributed to him. Sheldon-Williams had assembled materials for the edition of Books Four and Five and had completed a draft English translation of these books, which was published separately in one volume edited by John J. Book Five is still scheduled to appear. So far three volumes have appeared in this series and two more are in process. Gale and Floss had published editions that combined into a single text both the text of the main body of the manuscript and the various marginal annotations in different hands. This composite version disguised the gradual evolution of the text and Jauneau is of the opinion that this mixed type of edition is inadequate to the needs of scholarship. The new Jauneau edition is based on six manuscripts, including two manuscripts, Paris Bibl. One special difficulty in editing the *Periphyseon* is that the earliest manuscripts preserve only the first three books whereas the extant manuscripts for Books Four and Five date from the twelfth century. Avranches and Cambridge, both twelfth century manuscripts, are the sole witnesses for the end of Book Four and the whole of Book Five in Stage Two versions, with Avranches noticeably less accurate than Cambridge in several places. Nature is to be understood as what is real in the widest sense, the totality of all things that are and are not. Nature includes both God and creation and has four divisions: The original intention expressed at III. The topic of creation requires Eriugena to address issues connected with the Biblical account of creation, and thus, in Book Three, he embarks on his own version of a *Hexaemeron*. The momentous event of the

emergence of human nature on the Sixth Day of creation requires extended treatment, and Eriugena is forced to devote a fourth book to this topic, thus relegating the return of all things to God to a fifth book. Thus Eriugena was forced to depart from his original plan of four books and add a fifth. This change of plan is particularly important in that it helps to identify different stages of composition of the text. It is probable that Eriugena died sometime around An apocryphal tale, dating from the twelfth century, records that Eriugena was stabbed to death by his students with their pens! His originality is largely due to the manner in which he assimilated often translating the Neoplatonic thought of Eastern Christian writers such as the Cappadocians, Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory Nazianzus, as well as Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite and Maximus Confessor. Though he took the view that the authorities of East and West were not in conflict, nevertheless he usually expressed a preference for the Eastern Church Fathers. An especially important authority was Maximus Confessor, whose account of the return of all things Eriugena copiously borrowed. Eriugena enthusiastically incorporated many Greek Christian theological concepts. God, the One, creates by self-emanation. Creation is a timeless, and hence on-going and always contemporary, event. Human nature is originally a Platonic Idea in the mind of God: It is to be found in Greek in St Irenaeus, in St. There are several passages where Eriugena following St. Eriugena refers to the theosis or deification of human nature at Periphyseon I. In his Homilia Eriugena writes: In his discussion of this cosmological saga, Eriugena always appeals to dialectic and the order of reasons. For Eriugena, true philosophy is vera ratio and indeed, all appeal to authority is nothing other than an appeal to right reason Periphyseon, I. Eriugena is therefore a strongly rationalistic philosopher, struggling to make sense of scriptural revelation in terms consistent with the evidence of reason. Thus, in the Periphyseon IV. Echoing similar divisions in Augustine De civitate Dei Bk. God ; that which creates and is created i. Primary Causes or Ideas ; that which is created and does not create i. Temporal Effects, created things ; that which is neither created nor creates i. There are several remarkable aspects of this division. First of all, division is defined by Eriugena in De praedestinatione as a branch of dialectic. Dialectic, moreover, is not just about the organization of words and thoughts but also describes the structure of reality itself. Secondly, the four divisions are not strictly a hierarchy in the usual Neoplatonic sense where there are higher and lower orders, rather, as Eriugena will explain, the first and fourth divisions both refer to God as the Beginning and End of all things, and the second and third divisions may also be thought to express the unity of the cause-effect relation. Finally, the division is an attempt to show that nature is a dialectical coming together of being and non-being. Creation is normally understood as coming into being from non-being. God as creator is then a kind of transcendent non-being above the being of creation. These themes are rigorously discussed and disentangled throughout the dialogue. According to this classification, God, because of his transcendence is said not to be. For an affirmation concerning the lower order is a negation concerning the higher, and so too a negation concerning the lower order is an affirmation concerning the higher. In other words, a particular level may be affirmed to be real by those on a lower or on the same level, but the one above it is thought not to be real in the same way. If humans are thought to exist in a certain way, then angels do not exist in that way. The third mode I. This mode contrasts things which have come into effect with those things which are still contained in their causes. According to this mode, actual things, which are the effects of the causes, have being, whereas those things which are still virtual in the Primary Causes e. The fourth mode I. The assumption is that things graspable by intellect alone belong to a realm above the material, corporeal world and hence are timeless. The fifth mode offered by Eriugena is essentially theological and applies solely to humans: One of the striking features of this complex account is that being and non-being are treated as correlative categories: Attribution of being is subject to the dialectic of affirmation and negation. According to Eriugena who in this respect is following a tradition which includes Augustine and Boethius as well as Dionysius and other Greek authors the Aristotelian categories are considered to describe only the created world and do not properly apply to God I. In the Periphyseon, Eriugena repeats the position of the De Praedestinatione that God does not know evil, and, in a genuine sense, God may be said not to know anything; his ignorance is the highest wisdom. He moves from

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darkness into the light, from self-ignorance into self-knowledge. The divine self-creation or self-manifestation I. The Word enfolds in itself the Ideas or Primary Causes of all things and in that sense all things are always already in God: Eriugena stresses both the divine transcendence above and immanence in creation. The immanence of God in the world is at the same time the immanence of creatures within God. Creatures however, as fallen, do not yet know that they reside in God. In cosmological terms, however, God and the creature are one and the same: It follows that we ought not to understand God and the creature as two things distinct from one another, but as one and the same. For both the creature, by subsisting, is in God; and God, by manifesting himself, in a marvelous and ineffable manner creates himself in the creature In the thirteenth century, expressions such as these led to the accusation of heresy, i. Since God cannot be said to be anything, God cannot be simply identified with any or every creature either. These reasons rationes, logoi are productive of the things of which they are the reasons. Their number is infinite and none has priority over the other, e. Each is a divine theophany, a way in which the divine nature is manifested. The very nature of these Causes is to flow out from themselves, bringing about their Effects. In his understanding of this causal procession, Eriugena accepts Neoplatonic principles: Since the causes are immaterial, intellectual and eternal, so their created effects are essentially incorporeal, immaterial, intellectual, and eternal.

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2: Latin translations of the 12th century - Wikipedia

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He studied rhetoric , philosophy and mathematics in Alexandria , with the intent of pursuing a judicial position like his father. Before completing his studies, he returned to Constantinople when his rector, his principal instructor one Leonas , had business there. Proclus became a successful practicing lawyer. However, the experience of the practice of law made Proclus realize that he truly preferred philosophy. He returned to Alexandria, and began determinedly studying the works of Aristotle under Olympiodorus the Elder. He also began studying mathematics during this period as well with a teacher named Heron no relation to Hero of Alexandria , who was also known as Heron. As a gifted student, he eventually became dissatisfied with the level of philosophical instruction available in Alexandria, and went to Athens , the pre-eminent philosophical center of the day, in to study at the Neoplatonic successor of the famous Academy founded years earlier in BC by Plato ; there he was taught by Plutarch of Athens not to be confused with Plutarch of Chaeronea , Syrianus , and Asclepigenia ; he succeeded Syrianus as head of the Academy, and would in turn be succeeded on his death by Marinus of Neapolis. He lived in Athens as a vegetarian bachelor, prosperous and generous to his friends, until the end of his life, except for a voluntary one-year exile, which was designed to lessen the pressure put on him by his political-philosophical activity, little appreciated by the Christian rulers; he spent the exile traveling and being initiated into various mystery cults. He was also instructed in the "theurgic" Neoplatonism, as derived from the Orphic and Chaldean Oracles. His house has been discovered recently in Athens, under the pavement of Dionysiou Areopagitou Street , south of Acropolis, opposite the theater of Dionysus. He had a great devotion to the goddess Athena, who he believed guided him at key moments in his life. Marinus reports that when Christians removed the statue of the goddess from the Parthenon , a beautiful woman appeared to Proclus in a dream and announced that the "Athenian Lady" wished to stay at his home. It is reported that he was writing lines each day. Proclus was however a close reader of Plato, and quite often makes very astute points about his Platonic sources. A number of his Platonic commentaries are lost. The passage has been referred to as "the Eudemian summary," and determines some approximate dates, which otherwise might have remained unknown. In this work, Proclus also listed the first mathematicians associated with Plato: Some of these mathematicians were influential in arranging the Elements that Euclid later published. In addition to his commentaries, Proclus wrote two major systematic works. We also have three essays, extant only in Latin translation: Ten doubts concerning providence *De decem dubitationibus circa providentiam* ; On providence and fate *De providentia et fato* ; On the existence of evils *De malorum subsistentia*. He also wrote a number of minor works, which are listed in the bibliography below. This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. This multiplication of entities is balanced by the monism which is common to all Neoplatonists. What this means is that, on the one hand the universe is composed of hierarchically distinct things, but on the other all things are part of a single continuous emanation of power from the One. From this latter perspective, the many distinctions to be found in the universe are a result of the divided perspective of the human soul, which needs to make distinctions in its own thought in order to understand unified realities. The idealist tendency is taken further in John Scotus Eriugena. There is a double motivation found in Neoplatonic systems. The first is a need to account for the origin and character of all things in the universe. The second is a need to account for how we can know this origin and character of things. These two aims are related: An important element in the Neoplatonic answer to these questions is its reaction to Scepticism. Being proceeds from the One. The One cannot itself be a being. If it were a being, it would have a particular nature, and so could not be universally productive. For this reason, even the name The One is not a positive name, but rather the most non-multiple name possible, a name derived from our own

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inadequate conception of the simplicity of the first principle. The One causes all things by conferring unity, in the form of individuality, on them, and in Neoplatonism existence, unity, and form tend to become equivalent. The One causes things to exist by donating unity, and the particular manner in which a thing is one is its form a dog and a house are individual in different manners, for example. Because the One makes things exist by giving them the individuality which makes them what they are as distinct and separate beings, the Neoplatonists thought of it also as the source of the good of everything. So the other name for the One is the Good. Despite appearances, the first principle is not double; all things have a double relation to it, as coming from them One and then being oriented back towards them to receive their perfection or completion Good. The henads exist "superabundantly", also beyond being, but they stand at the head of chains of causation *seirai* and in some manner give to these chains their particular character. He identifies them with the Greek gods, so one henad might be Apollo and be the cause of all things apollonian, while another might be Helios and be the cause of all sunny things. Each henad participates in every other henad, according to its character. What appears to be multiplicity is not multiplicity at all, because any henad may rightly be considered the center of the polycentric system. Intellect[edit] The principle which is produced below the level of the One and the Henads is the divine Intellect *Nous*. The One cannot have a determinate nature if it is to be the source of all determinate natures, so what it produces is the totality of all determinate natures, or Being. By determination is meant existence within boundaries, a being this and not that. In other words, the One produces what Plato called the Forms, and the Forms are understood to be the first determinations into which all things fall. The One produces the Forms through the activity of thinking. The One itself does not think, but instead produces a divine mind, Intellect, whose thoughts are themselves the Forms. Intellect is both Thinking and Being. It is a mind which has its own contents as its object. All things relate to the first principle as both One and Good. As Being, Intellect is the product of the One. But it also seeks to return to its cause, and so in Thinking it attempts to grasp the One as its Good. Each of these perspectives is itself a Form, and is how Intellect generates for itself its own content. Proclus systematises this production through a threefold movement of remaining, procession, and return *mone, proodos, epistrophe*. Intellect remains in the One, which means that it has the One as its origin. It proceeds from the One, which means that it comes to be as a separate entity. But it returns to the One, which means that it does not cut itself off from its source, but receives the good which is its identity from the One. This threefold motion is used by Proclus to structure all levels of his system below the One and above material reality, so that all things except those mentioned remain, proceed, and return. Proclus also gives a much more elaborate account of Intellect than does Plotinus. In Plotinus we find the distinction between Being and Thinking in Intellect. Proclus, in keeping with his triadic structure of remaining, procession, and return, distinguishes three moments in Intellect: Intelligible, Intelligible-Intellectual, and Intellectual. They correspond to the object of thought, the power of the object to be grasped by the subject, and the thinking subject. In this elaboration of Intellect as a whole, Proclus is attempting to give a hierarchical ordering to the various metaphysical elements and principles that other philosophers have discussed, by containing them within a single triadic logic of unfolding. With Intellect emerges the multiplicity which allows one being to be different from another being. But as a divine mind, Intellect has a complete grasp of all its moments in one act of thought. For this reason, Intellect is outside of Time. Soul[edit] Soul *Psyche* is produced by Intellect, and so is the third principle in the Neoplatonic system. It is a mind, like Intellect, but it does not grasp all of its own content as one. Intellect tries to grasp the One, and ends up producing its own ideas as its content. Soul attempts to grasp Intellect in its return, and ends up producing its own secondary unfoldings of the Forms in Intellect. Soul, in turn, produces Body, the material world. The Soul is constructed through certain proportions, described mathematically in the *Timaeus*, which allow it to make Body as a divided image of its own arithmetical and geometrical ideas. Individual souls have the same overall structure as the principle of Soul, but they are weaker. They have a tendency to be fascinated with the material world, and be overpowered by it. It is at this point that individual souls are united with a material body *i*. Once in the body, our passions have a tendency to overwhelm our reason. According to Proclus, philosophy is the activity

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which can liberate the soul from a subjection to bodily passions, remind it of its origin in Soul, Intellect, and the One, and prepare it not only to ascend to the higher levels while still in this life, but to avoid falling immediately back into a new body after death. In this he agrees with the doctrines of theurgy put forward by Iamblichus. Theurgy is possible because the powers of the gods the henads extend through their series of causation even down to the material world. And by certain power-laden words, acts, and objects, the soul can be drawn back up the series, so to speak. Proclus himself was a devotee of many of the religions in Athens, considering that the power of the gods could be present in these various approaches. For Proclus, philosophy is important because it is one of the primary ways to rescue the soul from a fascination with the body and restore it to its station. However, beyond its own station, the soul has Intellect as its goal, and ultimately has unification with the One as its goal. So higher than philosophy is the non-discursive reason of Intellect, and the pre-intellectual unity of the One. Philosophy is therefore a means of its own overcoming, in that it points the soul beyond itself. Influence[edit] Proclus can be considered as the spokesman of mature Neoplatonism. His works had a great influence on the history of western philosophy. The extent of this influence, however, is obscured by the channels through which it was exercised. An important source of Procline ideas was through the Pseudo-Dionysius. Because of this fiction, his writings were taken to have almost apostolic authority. This book is of uncertain origin, but circulated in the Arabic world as a work of Aristotle, and was translated into Latin as such. Before the contemporary period, the most significant scholar of Proclus in the English-speaking world was Thomas Taylor , who produced English translations of most of his works, with commentaries.

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3: A short history of translation through the ages |

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The dispersed Jews had forgotten Hebrew, their ancestral language, and needed the Bible to be translated into Greek to be able to read it. Each translator worked in solitary confinement in his own cell, and according to legend all seventy versions proved identical. Related biblical texts in Hebrew were also translated into Greek in Alexandria during the two following centuries. The debate relating to sense-for-sense translation vs. His translations are still more popular than later, more literal translations. The spread of Buddhism led to large-scale ongoing translation efforts spanning more than a thousand years throughout Asia, and sometimes in a rather short time. The Tanguts for example took mere decades to translate volumes that had taken the Chinese centuries to translate, for two reasons: Large-scale translation efforts were also undertaken by the Arabs after they conquered the Greek Empire, to offer Arabic versions of all major Greek philosophical and scientific works. In the Middle Ages Latin was the lingua franca of the Western learned world throughout the Middle Ages, and there were few translations of Latin works into vernacular languages. In the 12th and 13th centuries, the Toledo School of Translators Escuela de Traductores de Toledo became a meeting point for European scholars who “ attracted by the high wages they were offered “ traveled and settled down in Toledo, Spain, to translate major philosophical, religious, scientific and medical works from Arabic, Greek and Hebrew into Latin and Castilian. Roger Bacon, a 13th-century English scholar, was the first linguist to assess that a translator should have a thorough knowledge of both the source language and the target language to produce a good translation, and that he should also be well versed in the discipline of the work he was translating. The first fine translations into English were produced by Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century. During this Council, Pletho met Cosimo de Medici, the ruler of Florence and a great patron of learning and the arts, and influenced him to found a Platonic Academy. For the first time, readers demanded rigor of rendering, as philosophical and religious beliefs depended on the exact words of Plato and Jesus and Aristotle and others. In the 16th century Non-scholarly literature continued to rely on adaptation. This translation was also the first Bible translation to work directly from Hebrew and Greek texts. After translating the whole New Testament, Tyndale went on with the Old Testament and translated half of it. Tyndale also became a leading figure in Protestant Reformation before receiving a death sentence for an unlicensed possession of Scripture in English. It became the first mass-produced English translation as a result of new advances in the art of printing. Martin Luther, a German professor of theology, was a seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation, and translated the Bible into German in his later life. He was the first European to assess that one translates satisfactorily only toward his own language, a bold statement that became the norm two centuries later. The Bible in Dutch was published in by Jacob van Lisevelt. The Bible in Slovene was published in by Jurij Dalmatn. All these translations were a driving force in the use of vernacular languages in Christian Europe, and contributed to the development of modern European languages. According to Cervantes, translations of his time “ with the exception of those made from Greek into Latin “ were like looking at a Flemish tapestry by its reverse side. While the main figures of a Flemish tapestry could be discerned, they were obscured by the loose threads and lack the clarity of the front side. In the 18th century According to Johann Gottfried Herder, a German philosopher, theologian, poet and translator, a translator should translate toward and not from his own language, a statement already expressed two centuries earlier by Martin Luther, who was the first European scholar to assess that one translates satisfactorily only toward his own language. But there was still not much concern for accuracy. Whatever they did not understand in a text, or thought might bore readers, they omitted. They cheerfully assumed that their own style of expression was the best, and that texts should be made to conform to it in translation. Even for scholarship, except for the translation of the Bible, they cared no more than had their predecessors, and did not shrink from making translations from languages they hardly knew. In

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the 19th century The 19th century brought new standards for accuracy and style. In regard to accuracy, as observed by J. An exception was the outstanding translation of Persian poems by the English writer and poet Edward FitzGerald. Schleiermacher favored the latter approach. Yan Fu, a Chinese scholar and translator, developed in his three-facet theory of translation: Of the three facets, he considered the second as the most important. If the meaning of the translated text is not accessible to the reader, there is no difference between having translated the text and not having translated the text at all. His theory had much impact worldwide, but was also sometimes wrongly extended to the translation of literary works. Borges also wrote and lectured extensively on the art of translation, holding that a translation may improve upon the original, may even be unfaithful to it, and that alternative and potentially contradictory renderings of the same work can be equally valid. Other translators still consciously produced literal translations, for example translators of religious, historic, academic and scientific texts, who often adhered as closely as possible to the source text, sometimes stretching the limits of the target language to produce an unidiomatic text. While writing his own poetry, he translated many works from Dutch and Belgian poets into English. He was hired as an associate professor in the new Institute of Interpreters and Translators later renamed the Institute of Translation Studies created in within the University of Amsterdam, and also wrote a number of influential articles about translation. From Antiquity to the mid 20th century, interpreting was only seen as a specialized form of translation “spoken instead of written” before becoming a separate discipline. Interpreting Studies gradually emancipated from Translation Studies in order to concentrate on the practical and pedagogical aspect of interpreting. It also developed a different interdisciplinary theoretical framework including sociological studies of interpreters and their working conditions “while such studies are still sorely lacking for translators to this day. In the 21st century Like their ancestors, contemporary translators have substantially helped to shape the languages into which they have translated. When a target language lacks terms that are found in a source language, they borrow those terms, thereby enriching the target language with source-language calques literally translated words or phrases and loanwords words incorporated into another language without translation. Translation Studies is now an academic interdisciplinary that includes many fields of study comparative literature, computer science, history, linguistics, philology, philosophy, semiotics, terminology , with the need for translators to choose a specialty legal, economic, technical, scientific or literary translation in order to be trained accordingly. The internet has fostered a worldwide market for translation services, for language localization and for translation software. It has also brought many issues, with precarious employment for some translators, with scarce freelance work and lower fees for other translators, and with the rise of unpaid volunteer translation “including crowdsourced translation” promoted by major organizations that have the necessary funds to hire many professionals but no professional translators. Bilingual people need more skills than two languages to become good translators. To be a translator is a profession, and implies a thorough knowledge of a given discipline. While this was obvious in the Middle Ages and later on, this seems less obvious now. Despite the omnipresent MT machine translation and CAT computer-assisted translation tools that are supposed to speed up the translation process, some translators still want to be compared to artists, not only for the precarious life they have, but also for the craft, knowledge, dedication and passion they put into their work. Bibliography [] Ignacy Krasicki. Grolier, New York, vol. Brepols Publishers, Turnhout, Belgium.

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4: Broken Hegemonies

Dominicus Gundissalinus. The Procession of the World (De processione mundi) The Conimbricenses. Some Questions on Signs; William of Auvergne. The Soul (De anima) Francis Suarez. On the Formal Cause of Substance. Metaphysical Disputation XV; William of Auvergne. The Universe of Creatures; Francisco De Vitoria.

Life[edit] William of Ockham was born in Ockham, Surrey in and joined the Franciscan order at an early age. In , his commentary was condemned as unorthodox by a synod of bishops,[citation needed] and he was ordered to Avignon , France, to defend himself before a papal court. A theological commission had been asked to review his Commentary on the Sentences, and it was during this that William of Ockham found himself involved in a different debate. Michael of Cesena had asked William to review arguments surrounding Apostolic poverty. The Franciscans believed that Jesus and his apostles owned no property either individually or in common, and the Rule of Saint Francis commanded members of the order to follow this practice. In return for protection and patronage William wrote treatises that argued for emperor Louis to have supreme control over church and state in the Holy Roman Empire. William of Ockham died prior to the outbreak of the plague on 9 April Faith and reason[edit] William of Ockham espoused fideism , stating that "only faith gives us access to theological truths. The ways of God are not open to reason, for God has freely chosen to create a world and establish a way of salvation within it apart from any necessary laws that human logic or rationality can uncover. William incorporated much of the work of some previous theologians, especially Duns Scotus. From Duns Scotus, William of Ockham derived his view of divine omnipotence, his view of grace and justification, much of his epistemology[citation needed] and ethical convictions [22]. Nominalism[edit] William of Ockham was a pioneer of nominalism , and some consider him the father of modern epistemology , because of his strongly argued position that only individuals exist, rather than supra-individual universals , essences, or forms, and that universals are the products of abstraction from individuals by the human mind and have no extra-mental existence. William of Ockham is sometimes considered an advocate of conceptualism rather than nominalism, for whereas nominalists held that universals were merely names, i. Therefore, the universal concept has for its object, not a reality existing in the world outside us, but an internal representation which is a product of the understanding itself and which "supposes" in the mind the things to which the mind attributes it; that is, it holds, for the time being, the place of the things which it represents. It is the term of the reflective act of the mind. Hence the universal is not a mere word, as Roscelin taught, nor a sermo, as Peter Abelard held, namely the word as used in the sentence, but the mental substitute for real things, and the term of the reflective process. For this reason William has sometimes also been called a "terminist", to distinguish him from a nominalist or a conceptualist. He was criticized for this belief by his fellow theologians and philosophers. This maxim, as interpreted by Bertrand Russell , [26] states that if one can explain a phenomenon without assuming this or that hypothetical entity, there is no ground for assuming it, i. He thus does not accept the principle of sufficient reason , rejects the distinction between essence and existence, and opposes the Thomistic doctrine of active and passive intellect. His scepticism to which his ontological parsimony request leads appears in his doctrine that human reason can prove neither the immortality of the soul; nor the existence, unity, and infinity of God. These truths, he teaches, are known to us by revelation alone. Mathematics must be applied to other categories, such as the categories of substance or qualities, thus anticipating modern scientific renaissance while violating Aristotelian prohibition of metabasis. Theory of knowledge[edit] In the theory of knowledge, William rejected the scholastic theory of species, as unnecessary and not supported by experience, in favour of a theory of abstraction. This was an important development in late medieval epistemology. He also distinguished between intuitive and abstract cognition; intuitive cognition depends on the existence or non-existence of the object, whereas abstractive cognition "abstracts" the object from the existence predicate. Interpreters are, as yet, undecided about the roles of these two types of cognitive activities. His political ideas are regarded as "natural" or "secular", holding for a secular

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absolutism. He thought that the pope and churchmen have no right or grounds at all for secular rule like having property, citing 2 Tim. That belongs solely to earthly rulers, who may also accuse the pope of crimes, if need be. Thus he preceded Thomas Hobbes in formulating social contract theory along with earlier scholars. His contributions to semantics, especially to the maturing theory of supposition, are still studied by logicians. Only in very few of these cases is it possible to demonstrate direct links to William of Ockham or his texts. Works [edit] The standard edition of the philosophical and theological works is: The Franciscan Institute, "The seventh volume of the Opera Philosophica contains the doubtful and spurious works. The political works, all but the Dialogus, have been edited in H. Guilelmi de Ockham Opera Politica, 4 vols. Manchester University Press [vols. Oxford University Press [vol. Summa logicae Sum of Logic c. Expositionis in Libros artis logicae prooemium, "24, OP 2. Expositio in librum Porphyrii de Praedicabilibus, "24, OP 2. Expositio in librum Praedicamentorum Aristotelis, "24, OP 2. Expositio in librum in librum Perihermenias Aristotelis, "24, OP 2. Expositio in libros Physicorum Aristotelis. Quaestiones variae OT 8. Quodlibeta septem before, OT 9. Tractatus de quantitate " Tractatus de corpore Christi "24, OT

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5: Full text of "The Mediaeval Stage Vol II"

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Even disregarding the benefits of such a change for philosophy as a discipline and they are many the change is inevitable, given the effects of globalism, rising student interest, the politically problematic nature of the current Eurocentric approach, and the need for young philosophers to find unexplored topics for their work. The question is not whether philosophy departments are going to pay more attention to things like Chinese, Indian, Islamic, African, and Latin American philosophy. The question is how they will get from the current narrow approach to a broader approach of the future. The development will presumably involve progress along three avenues. First, more departments will be hiring experts in these traditions. This has already started to happen with my own field, philosophy in the Islamic world. Second, non-specialists at departments large and small will need to offer courses on, say, classical Buddhism or philosophy in the oral traditions of Africa. With such resources at their disposal, any trained philosopher can teach this material and, moreover, teach it well. Admittedly, this is not ideal. When a student wants to know about the nuances of the terminology in the original language, for instance, the instructor will have to confess ignorance. Third and here we come finally to the main point of this post texts from the non-European traditions can be integrated into courses covering broader philosophical themes. This is, of course, just a somewhat less ambitious version of the scenario just described, and requires less commitment on the part of the instructor. The integration of these texts into syllabi would make an excellent addition to a course on skepticism: I would have loved to take a course like that when I was a university student. Presumably, this is something that already happens. But in the interests of making it easier to do, I offer the following suggestions for integrating texts from philosophy in the Islamic world into thematic courses taught with a broadly historical approach. In each case, I have suggested at least one primary text in translation and at least one piece of secondary literature with apologies for occasionally suggesting my own work. The latter gets to do most of the talking, as he rejects the study of logic as a pedantic and pointless foreign import from Greek culture and complains that Aristotelian logical analysis lacks the resources to appreciate language the way it is actually used. Another interesting theme is the way that linguistic expressions relate to the meanings in the mind: Abu Bishr claims that concepts can unproblematically be expressed in a range of languages, al-Sirafi claims that one can really only think meaningfully within the context of a concrete natural language like Arabic. Stainton eds, *Linguistic Meaning: New Essays in the History of the Philosophy of Language*, ed. Oxford, Al-Ghazali even describes a kind of existential dread he felt upon confronting skeptical worries. Another theme worth tackling in epistemology is the theory of the intellect. This can get rather technical, especially when it is pursued in the context of commentaries on Aristotle, but on the other hand, it engages very directly with Aristotle and his ancient commentators. In a course where Aristotelian epistemology has been covered this would make a natural inclusion. Finally, a more daring inclusion for a course on epistemology could be something from the mystical tradition, which challenges the forthright rationalism found in more Aristotelian thinkers. This area offers a rare opportunity to include something by a female philosopher from the Islamic world, since one can introduce students to the important early female Sufi, Rabia al-Adhawiyya. Reports about Rabia are translated in C. Upton, *Doorkeeper of the Heart: Chittick, The Sufi Path of Knowledge: Lewisohn, The Heritage of Sufism, volume 1: In this proof, Avicenna demonstrates that a contingent world can only be actually existent if we suppose the reality of a Necessary Existent, which is God. For the version in Pointers, see S. Another topic worth tackling in philosophy of religion is the relation between reason and revelation. One of the most commonly read philosophical texts from the Islamic world is directly on this question: Or perhaps I should say that it is a text by a philosopher, but actually a legal judgment in which Averroes argues that all Muslims have*

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the duty to engage in philosophy if they have the ability and opportunity to do so. Averroes, *On the Harmony of Religion and Philosophy*, trans. But again there are numerous translations available. Philosophy of mind Speaking of Avicenna, one of the best topics to cover with students is his dramatic thought experiment in which we imagine that a human being is created by God in midair, without having any sensory awareness of anything around him. Ethics Some thinkers from the Islamic world, like al-Farabi and Miskawayh, adhere rather closely to Aristotelianism. But I would steer instructors instead towards the later historian Ibn Khaldun, who has an ambitious theory about the natural rise and fall of dynastic civilizations. The *Muqaddima*, 3 vols Princeton: The free will problem This was an abiding concern of Islamic theologians, especially: A good way to approach this topic is to look at the controversy over the eternity of the world, since the key issue here was whether God naturally and automatically emanates the universe, or freely brings it into existence without needing to do so, and indeed after not having yet done so. This would be a good topic for juxtaposing Muslim authors with authors from the Jewish and Christian traditions for instance Maimonides and Aquinas. The *Incoherence of the Philosophers* Provo, In response authors debated whether essence and existence are really distinct or distinct only in the mind, and whether existence is different for different entities for instance is existence the same for God as it is for you, or the same for an accidental property and a substance? The *Philosophy of Illumination* Provo, ; J. *The Wisdom of the Throne* Princeton, Kalin, *Knowledge in Later Islamic Philosophy*: Two volumes collecting his papers on Neoplatonism and philosophy in the Islamic world appeared recently with the *Variorum* series published by Ashgate.

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6: The Works of St. Thomas Aquinas (18 vols.) - Logos Bible Software

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As a consequence the Norman Kingdom of Sicily maintained a trilingual bureaucracy, which made it an ideal place for translations. Sicily also maintained relations with the Greek East, which allowed for exchange of ideas and manuscripts. Fibonacci presented the first complete European account of the Hindu-Arabic numeral system from Arabic sources in his *Liber Abaci*. Translations, however, did not begin in Spain until after when Toledo was reconquered by Christians. Some of the tales he drew on were from the *Panchatantra* and *Arabian Nights*, such as the story cycle of "Sinbad the Sailor". Only one translation, by John of Seville, can be definitively dedicated to the archbishop. It is more accurate to consider Toledo as a geographically bilingual environment where local interests were favorable to translation efforts, making it a practical and appealing location for translators to work. As a result, many translators became active in the area and Toledo became the focus of translating activity. Raymond of Toledo started the first translation efforts at the library of the Cathedral of Toledo, where he led a team of translators that included Mozarabic Toledans, Jewish scholars, Madrasah teachers and monks from the Order of Cluny. They worked in the translation of many works from Arabic into Castilian, from Castilian into Latin, or directly from Arabic into Latin or Greek, and also made available important texts from Arabic and Hebrew philosophers who the Archbishop deemed important for an understanding of Aristotle. By insisting that the translated output was "lilos de entender" "easy to understand", [41] they reached a much wider audience both within Spain and in other European countries, as many scholars from places like Italy, Germany, England or the Netherlands, who had moved to Toledo in order to translate medical, religious, classical and philosophical texts, brought back to their countries the acquired knowledge. At the request of Aquinas, so it is assumed "the source document is not clear" he undertook a complete translation of the works of Aristotle or, for some portions, a revision of existing translations. He was the first translator of the *Politics*. The reason for the request was that the many copies of Aristotle in Latin then in circulation had originated in Spain see Gerard of Cremona. These earlier translations were assumed to have been influenced by the rationalist Averroes, who was suspected of being a source of philosophical and theological errors found in the earlier translations of Aristotle. William also translated mathematical treatises by Hero of Alexandria and Archimedes. Especially important was his translation of the *Theological Elements* of Proclus made in, because the *Theological Elements* is one of the fundamental sources of the revived Neo-Platonic philosophical currents of the 13th century. William consulted two of the best Greek manuscripts of Archimedes, both of which have since disappeared. Drogon Azagont translated the works of al-Kindi. Another work translated during this period was *De Proprietatibus Elementorum*, an Arabic work on geology written by a pseudo-Aristotle. France and Italy had large Jewish communities where there was little knowledge of Arabic, requiring translations to provide access to Arabic science. The translation of Arabic texts into Hebrew was used by translators, such as Profatius Judaeus, as an intermediate step between translation from Arabic into Latin. This practice was most widely used from the thirteenth to the sixteenth centuries. Hippocrates and school 5th, 4th centuries B. Burgundio of Pisa, from Greek, 12th century Various treatises: *Posterior Analytics* a founding document of the *logica nova*: Henricus Aristippus, from Greek, Sicily c.

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7: Transmission of the Greek Classics - Wikipedia

Secondary: P. Adamson and A. Key, "Philosophy of Language in the Medieval Arabic Tradition," in M. Cameron and R. Stainton (eds), Linguistic Meaning: New Essays in the History of the Philosophy of Language, ed. (Oxford,),

Umayyads[edit] The first period of transmission during 8th and 9th centuries was preceded by a period of conquest, as Arabs took control of previously Hellenized areas such as Egypt and the Levant in the 7th century. Translators had to seek out wealthy business patrons rather than religious ones. Most knowledge of Greek during Umayyad rule was gained from those scholars of Greek who remained from the Byzantine period, rather than through widespread translation and dissemination of texts. A few scholars argue that translation was more widespread than is thought during this period, but theirs remains the minority view. Al-Mansur ordered this rich fund of world literature translated into Arabic. Under al-Mansur and by his orders, translations were made from Greek, Syriac, and Persian, the Syriac and Persian books being themselves translations from Greek or Sanskrit. These new lines of thought allowed the work of amassing and translating Greek ideas to expand as it never before had. House of Wisdom The Caliph al-Mansur was the patron who did most to attract the Nestorian physicians to the city of Baghdad which he had founded, and he was also a prince who did much to encourage those who set themselves to prepare Arabic translations of Greek, Syriac, and Persian works. His medical treatise on "Fevers" was long in repute and was afterwards translated into Latin and into Hebrew. After studying at Baghdad under Yahya he visited Alexandria and returned, not only with the training given at what was then the first medical school, but with a good knowledge of Greek which he employed in making translations in Syriac and Arabic. Instead, philosophical and scientific works were almost the entire focus of translation. This has been disputed by a minority of scholars, however, who argue that stories such as the Arabian Nights carry clear parallels to Greek literature—evidence that many Arabs were familiar with Greek humanities more than is thought. Arabic commentary on Greek works[edit] This article needs attention from an expert in Philosophy. Please add a reason or a talk parameter to this template to explain the issue with the article. WikiProject Philosophy may be able to help recruit an expert. February A medieval Arabic representation of Aristotle teaching a student. Al-Kindi Alkindus , a famous logician and prominent figure in the House of Wisdom, is unanimously hailed as the "father of Islamic or Arabic philosophy ". His synthesis of Greek philosophy with Islamic beliefs met with much opposition, and at one point he was flogged by those opposed to his ideas. He argued that one could accept the Koran and other sacred texts, and work from that point to determine truth. Whenever he ran into an impasse , he would abandon the Greek ideas in favor of the Islamic faith. Belief in it is a necessity, and raising questions regarding it is a heresy. Unlike Al-Kindi or Al-Rhazi, Al-Farabi was hesitant to express his own feelings on issues of religion and philosophy, choosing rather to speak only through the words of the various philosophies he came across. Theologians such as Al-Ghazali argued that many realms of logic only worked in theory, not in reality. By Sicily was conquered. With the aid of Greek and other ideas, Spain in particular quickly became the most heavily populated and thriving area in Europe. Jerome here depicted by Domenico Ghirlandaio , church of Ognissanti , Florence was against many Greek ideas. Latin or Vernacular[edit] Further information: Latin translations of the 12th century While Muslims were busy translating and adding their own ideas to Greek philosophies, the Latin West was still suspicious of pagan ideas. Leaders of the Orthodox Church in the Byzantine Empire also frowned upon philosophy, and the Empire had just gone through a period of plague, famine, and war. For centuries, Greek ideas in Europe were all but non-existent, until the Eastern part of the Roman Empire — Byzantine — was sacked during the crusades unlocking numerous Greek texts. They also served as places of discussion for new ideas coming from new translations from Arabic throughout Europe. Toledo , in Spain, had fallen from Arab hands in , Sicily in , and Jerusalem in . These areas had been conquered by Arab Greek and Latin-speaking peoples over the centuries and contained linguistic abilities from all these cultures. The small and unscholarly population of the Crusader Kingdoms

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contributed very little to the translation efforts, until the Fourth Crusade took most of the Byzantine Empire. Sicily, still largely Greek-speaking was more productive; it had seen rule under Byzantines, Arabs, and Italians, and many were fluent in Greek, Arabic, and Latin. Sicilians, however, were less influenced by Arabs and instead are noted more for their translations directly from Greek to Latin. Although there was a huge amount of work being accomplished in Spain, there was no central school for translating and no real organized effort, as there had been at times among the Arabs. For example, non-Christian Jewish scholars participated by translating Arabic works which had already been translated into Hebrew, into Latin and Vulgate languages. What is known is that most translations coming out of Spain dealt with either medicine or astronomy. Hugo of Santalla, for example, translated a large selection of Arabic works all dealing with astronomy, as well as tracing the history of astronomic thought through history, underscoring the work of the Greeks, Persians, Hellenists, and Arabs in one large preface to his volume.

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8: William of Ockham - Wikipedia

The transmission of the Greek Classics to Latin Western Europe during the Middle Ages was a key factor in the development of intellectual life in Western Europe. Interest in Greek texts and their availability was scarce in the Latin West during the earlier Middle Ages, but as traffic to the East increased so did Western scholarship.

The Dialogue of Solomon and Marcolf: The "Dialogue" was a best-seller of its day; Latin versions survive in some twenty-seven manuscripts and forty-nine early printed editions, and the work was translated into a wide variety of late medieval vernaculars, including German, Dutch, Swedish, Italian, English and Welsh. Morey The "Prik of Conscience" is widely known among scholars of medieval English literature as the poem existing in more manuscripts "some " than any other Middle English poem. The author remains unknown to us, but he was clearly conversant with a wide range of patristic and clerical authority. In this way the "cultus Dei" thus celebrated allowed the people to venerate the Eucharistic bread in order that they might be stimulated to devotion and brought symbolically, even mystically into a relationship with the central moments of salvation history. The paraphrase is, in several ways, a remarkable artifact of the Chaucerian period, one that can reveal a great deal about vernacular biblical literature in Middle English, about readership and lay understandings of the Bible, about the relationship between Christians and Jews in late medieval England, about the environment in which the Lollards and other reformers worked, about perceived roles of women in history and in society and even about the composition of medieval drama. Klausner "The Castle of Perseverance," like the other surviving morality plays, deals allegorically with the life of man, his struggle against temptation and sin and his hope of final redemption. Ashley and Gerard NeCastro "Mankind" is without a doubt the most amusing and controversial morality play surviving from fifteenth-century England. These verses are, as Claire Sponsler notes in her introduction, "of great importance for literary and theatrical history. Klausner This volume completes the presentation of the five surviving Middle English morality plays. The Audelay manuscript also contains unique copies of other alliterative poems of the ornate style seen in "Gawain and the Green Knight" and "The Pistel of Swete Susan. Instead, the work uses the chessboard and its pieces to allegorize a political community whose citizens contribute to the common good. It is the largest manuscript anthology extant of fourteenth-century French lyrics in the formes fixes balade, rondeaux, virelay, lay and five-stanza chanson with by far the largest number of works of unknown authorship. The manuscript has also been singled out as an example of the reading material popular with middle-class English families in the later Middle Ages. Thompson Composed in rhyming English verse, the Northern homily cycle is the earliest and most complete work of its kind Gospel paraphrases with homilies on the theme of the Gospel texts, its widespread and enduring popularity witnessed by three distinct recensions and twenty surviving manuscripts ranging from the early fourteenth to the mid-fifteenth centuries. Allan Mitchell "The Temple of Glas" takes the form of an elusive and suspenseful "but for that reason all the more sensational" dream vision that demands close attention to detail and the dynamic way in which the meaning of events unfolds. David Benson "The Book of John Mandeville" has tended to be neglected by modern teachers and scholars, yet this intriguing and copious work has much to offer the student of medieval literature, history and culture. Scherb In the late s in eastern England, a scribe was in the process of compiling a large dramatic manuscript of over two hundred vellum folios. The manuscript contains components of an independent Mary Play, parts one and two of an independent Passion Play and an independent Assumption of Mary Play, as well as ten play subjects that appear in no other English cycles. Walsh and Ton J. These four narratives were among the most popular; all survive in multiple manuscripts and continued to circulate in print through the sixteenth century. The various genres represented in this sampler attest to the diversity of late medieval literary tastes and to the flexibility of the courtly idiom. Gordon Whatley, with Anne B. Thompson and Robert K. That is to say, the war is over. The vengeance of Jesus has been accomplished. The poems are remarkable both for their diversity and variability and for their multiplicity of voices, styles and tones. Symons The poems in this volume were all

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attributed to Chaucer by early compilers or editors of his work in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries and were not removed from the Chaucer canon until the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century, when they became identified simply as Chaucerian. After his marriage, however, he is stricken by remorse for the very actions that have brought him fame, and he sets out anonymously on a series of pilgrimages of atonement. Foster Through these fourteenth-century Middle English poems, readers can experience something of the controversies that surfaced and resurfaced even after Aquinas had articulated his doctrine of the Communion of Saints. All three poems were quite popular, as was the doctrine of Purgatory itself. Carlson, with a verse translation by A. Rigg The poem that Richard Maidstone wrote on the metropolitan crisis of reports information about the royal entry that concluded the crisis in greater detail than any other source. We are regaled with such detailed accounts of the sacking of towns and the burning down of buildings full of screaming inhabitants that the smells and sounds, as well as the terrible sights, of war are graphically conveyed. Reames, with the assistance of Martha G. Blalock and Wendy R. The texts bridge generic categories.

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9: Aristotle (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

The translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek in the 3rd century BCE is regarded as the first major translation in the Western world. The dispersed Jews had forgotten Hebrew, their ancestral language, and needed the Bible to be translated into Greek to be able to read it. This translation is known.

In this massive tome, Thomas Aquinas outlines the reasons and meaning of all of Christian theology. The Logos edition of the Summa Theologica combines the 8-volume Latin text and the volume English text into two individual electronic books, which means you can utilize the power of your digital library to read the Latin and English side-by-side! Summa contra Gentiles Translator: Fathers of the English Dominican Publisher: This vast work aims to establish the truth of the Christian religion by laying out a defense of the Christian faith from the perspective of both faith and reason. In doing so, Thomas Aquinas helps establish the method, purpose, and grounding for both theology and philosophy. The Summa contra Gentiles is divided into four books. The fourth and final book of Summa contra Gentiles delineates the knowledge received through divine revelation, such as the Incarnation, the Trinity, and the Resurrection. The Logos edition of Summa contra Gentiles combines 4 volumes into one electronic book. John Henry Parker Publication Date: In the 13th century, Pope Urban IV, desiring that scholars of his day be better acquainted with the ideas of early Christians, assigned Saint Thomas Aquinas to compile a commentary on the Gospels based on the teachings of the Church Fathers. This volume of the Catena Aurea treats the Gospel of Matthew. This volume of the Catena Aurea treats the Gospel of Mark. This volume of the Catena Aurea treats the Gospel of Luke. This volume of the Catena Aurea treats the Gospel of John. Thomas Aquinas in Translation Publisher: Catholic University of America Publication Date: In his commentary written in the thirteenth century, St. In doing so, however, the Angelic Doctor suggests a more developed analysis of goodness, based on his own metaphysical perspective. This volume represents the English translation. The Latin text is included a separate download for easy side-by-side comparison. Consequently, this volume will be important for people with a rather large range of interests—metaphysics, late ancient philosophy, hermeneutics. The book is an outstanding piece of work. The English and Latin texts are separated into individual downloads for easy side-by-side comparison. Kevin White and Edward Macierowski Series: English and Latin Pages: Until now, these latter two commentaries have never been published in English translation. The translations presented in this volume are based on the critical Leonine edition of the commentaries, which includes the Latin translations of the Aristotelian texts on which Aquinas commented. The volume includes English translations of these Latin translations, allowing the reader to compare Aristotelian text and Thomistic commentary in detail. The translations of both commentaries are furnished with introductions and notes by the translators. This volume makes a serious and worthwhile contribution to the study of Aquinas, Aristotle, and the tradition to which they both belong. Hess, and Richard C. The Book of Causes is of particular interest because themes that appear in it are echoed in the metaphysics of Aquinas: It provides an extended view of his approach to Neoplatonic thought and functions as a guide to his metaphysics. Though long neglected and, until now, never translated into English, it deserves an equal place alongside his commentaries on Aristotle and Boethius. In addition to the extensive annotation, bibliography, and thorough introduction, this translation is accompanied by two valuable appendixes. The first provides a translation of another version of proposition 29 of the Book of Causes, which was not known to St. The second lists citations of the Book of Causes found in the works of St. Thomas and cross-references these to a list showing the works, and the exact location within them, where the citations can be found. Commentary on the Gospel of John: Daniel Keating and Matthew Levering Translators: Fabian Larcher and James Weisheipl Series: On the basis of this foundation, he produced his own commentary on the Gospel of John as part of his task as a Master of the Sacred Page. Considered a landmark theological introduction to the Fourth Gospel, these lectures were delivered to Dominican friars when Aquinas was at the height of his theological powers, when he was also composing the Summa Theologiae. For numerous reasons, the Summa has received

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far more attention over the centuries than has his Commentary on the Gospel of John. When a verse from the Gospel of John is directly quoted in the *Summa Theologiae*, the editors note this in the commentary. Daniel Keating and Matthew Levering contribute a clear and helpful introduction to the translation, providing brief but very useful explanatory notes about early writers and controversies.

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