



Philo of Alexandria
20 BC – AD 50

Philo Judaeus was a Hellenistic philosopher whose work discussed the Logos as God’s creative principle.



Origen
AD 185 – AD 232

Egyptian Christian Church father, whose commentaries on the books of the Bible and De principiis approached scripture using the techniques of Greek (especially Platonic and neo-Platonic philosophy).

Titus Flavius Clement of Alexandria
AD 190 – AD 215

Christian theologian, teacher of Origen in Alexandria. Used Greek philosophical methods to explicate Christian doctrines.



Augustine of Hippo
AD 354 – AD 430

Bishop of Hippo, author of The City of God and the Confessions, both of which had tremendous influence on Christianity and philosophy in the middle ages. He believed that observation and reason wer...

Martianus Capella
AD 400 – AD 450

Wrote De Nuptilis (On the Marriage of Philogoy and Mercury), an allegory in which Martianus lays out the roles of the seven liberal arts: grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric as the trivium of fundamental skills; geometry, arithmetic, astronomy, an...



Anicius Manlius Severinus Boethius
AD 480 – AD 524

Consul under Theodoric the Ostrogoth. Wrote treatises on the subjects of the trivium and quadrivium, commentaries on other philosophers, and a long work, the Consol...

Cassiodorus
AD 485 – AD 585

Member of the monastic order at Vivarium who documented the Gothic court decisions under Theodoric. He also wrote the Institutiones, a collection of commentary on Christian texts and the liberal arts that cites many Greek and Latin authors.



Isidore of Seville
AD 560 – AD 636

Bishop of Seville, he compiled information into an encyclopedia organized around words (the Etymologia) to preserve classical learning in the face of invasion and the disintegration of th...

Bartholomaeus Anglicus
AD 1203 – AD 1272

Wrote On the Properties of Things (De Proprietatibus rerum)