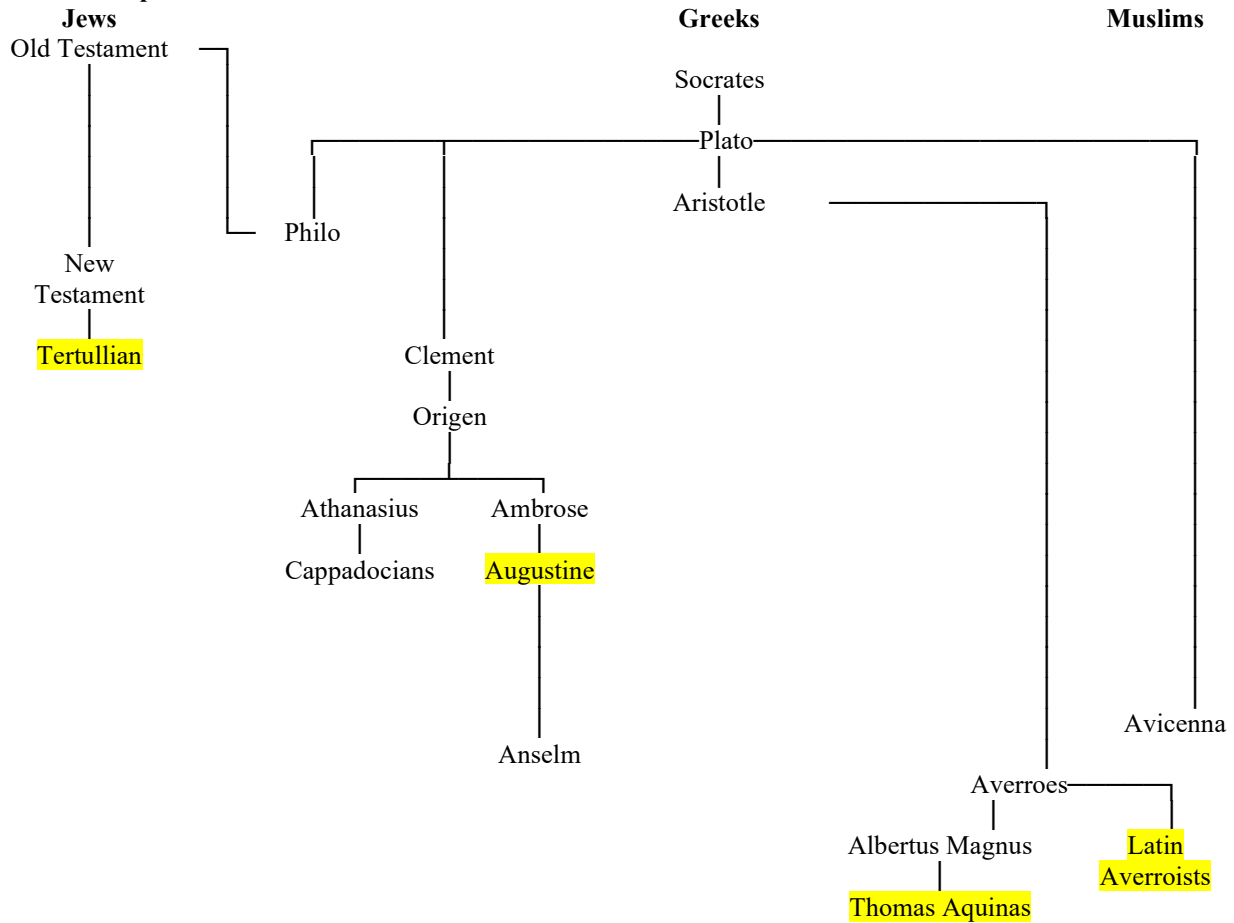


Lecture 29: Faith and Reason in Scholasticism

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Four Philosophical Schools



Other Scholastic Theologians: Bonaventure, Duns Scotus, William of Ockham, Gabriel Biel

Four Positions: Bible-only, Faith-seeking-understanding, Reason-then-faith, and Reason-only.

Assessment of “The A-Team”

| Philosophical Exploration of the Bible | Logical Explication of the Faith | Anselm “Free Will” & the Ontological Proof | Aquinas The Five Ways |
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| Athanasius (4 th century) & Augustine (4 th /5 th century) | Anselm (11 th century) & Aquinas (13 th century) | “...to attain what they want or to will what they ought...” | Prime Mover First Cause Necessary Being Perfect Being Designer |
| | | “God is that which nothing greater can be conceived.” | |

Sum: *Discovery* → *Scholasticism*

Illus. Protestant Scholastics, 19th-century Edwardseanism

Assessment of the Four Positions

Fact/Value Split

Starting Point – autonomous reason vs. the noetic effects of sin (Rom. 1:21-22)

Law & Gospel – the Copernican Revolution of the heart (Machen) (Jn. 7:17)

Which position would Job be? Machen? Intelligent Design? the College? You?