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René Descartes (1596—1650) René Descartes is often credited with being the “Father of Modern Philosophy.” This title is justified due both to his break with the traditional Scholastic-Aristotelian philosophy prevalent at his time and to his development and promotion of the new, mechanistic sciences. This section is intended to provide useful information for current graduate students in the Emory Philosophy Department, though anyone is welcome to browse.

Avicenna (/ ˈ æ v ɪ ˈ s ɪ n ɪ /; also Ibn Sīnā or Abu Ali Sina; Persian: اَبُو عَلِيٍّ سِينَا; c. 980 – June 1037) was a Persian polymath who is regarded as one of the most significant physicians, astronomers, thinkers and writers of the Islamic Golden Age. He has been described as the father of early modern medicine. Of the 450 works he is known to have written, around 240 have ... - Modern Philosophy: An Anthology Of Primary Sources, By Arieu