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Spiritual Leaders

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Moses



The Ten
Commandments



Lao Ce



Tao
The Eternal Way

Buddha

The way to end
suffering
is the secession
of **desire**.

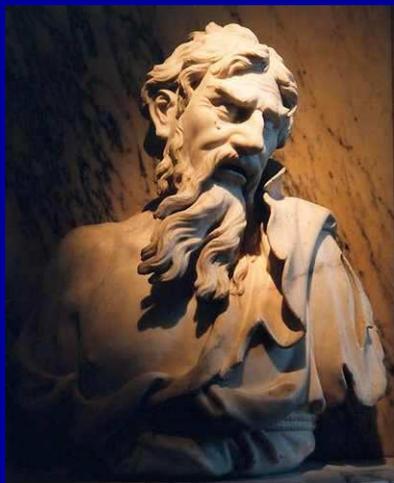


Confucius



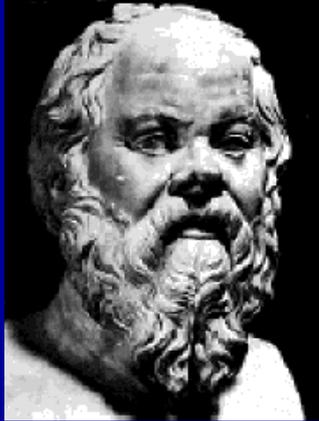
Personal and governmental morality, correctness of social relationships, justice and sincerity

Heraclitus



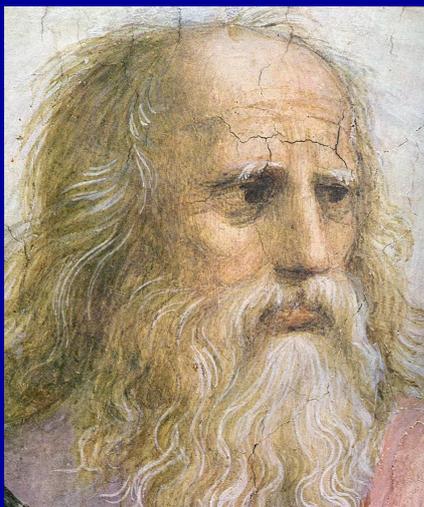
one is all
all is one

Socrates



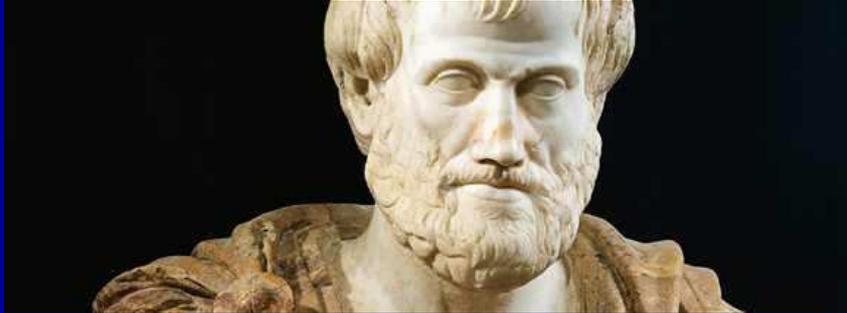
It is better to **suffer** from **injustice** than to **commit** another **injustice**.

Plato



The **Unity** of the **Beauty**, the **Good** and the **Truth**

Aristotle



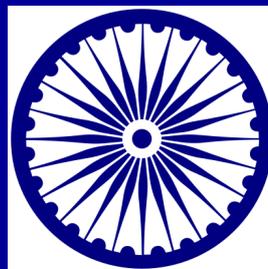
Flourishing: the exercise of virtues

Ashoka



Buddhist kingship

**Buddhism is beneficial
for all human beings as
well as animals and
plants**



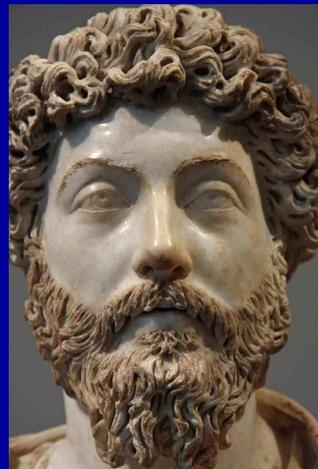
Jesus



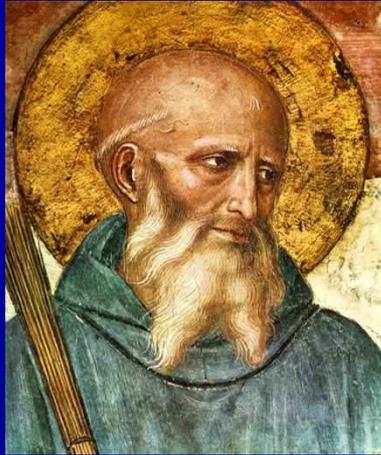
The kingdom of God is within you.

Marcus Aurelius

The happiness of life depends upon the quality of thoughts: take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.



St. Benedict



„Ora et labora”
(pray and work)

Milarepa



Know emptiness, be compassionate.

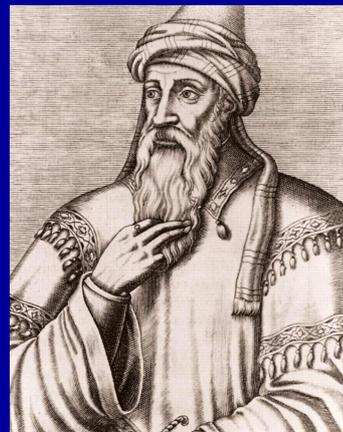
Hildegard von Bingen



Liber Scivias: visionary theology

Maimonides

Negative theology:
knowledge of God by
describing what God is
not



Rumi



Tawhid:
union with our beloved
(the primal root) from
which/whom we have
been cut off and
become aloof

St. Francis of Assisi



- „Pax et bonum”
- (Peace and Goodness be with you)

Thomas Aquinas

Beatific vision:
a person experiences
perfect, unending
happiness by **seeing** the
essence of **God**.



Meister Eckhart

The Eye with which I
see **God** is the same
Eye with which **God**
sees me.



Dante Alighieri

The love which
moves the sun and
the other stars.



St. Ignatius of Loyola

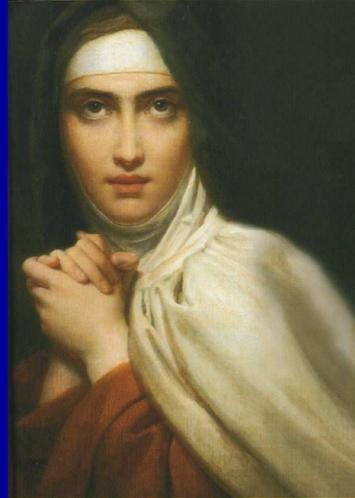


Spiritual Exercises



St. Teresa of Avila

„devotion of ecstasy”
Perfect union with
God



Saint John of the Cross



Dark Night
of the Soul:
the journey of
the **soul** from
body to union
with **God**.

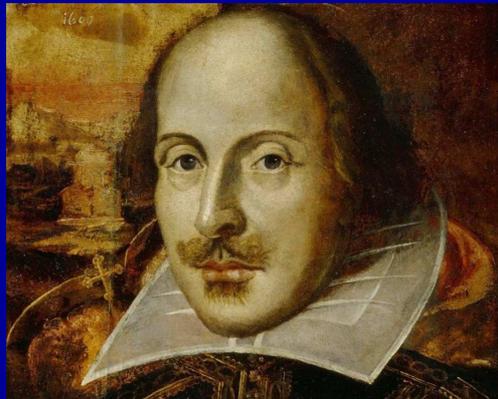
Miguel de Cervantes



Don Quijote

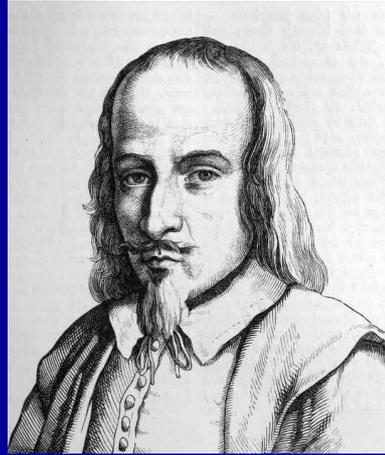
William Shakespeare

„To be, or not to be: that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, And by opposing end them? To die: to sleep”

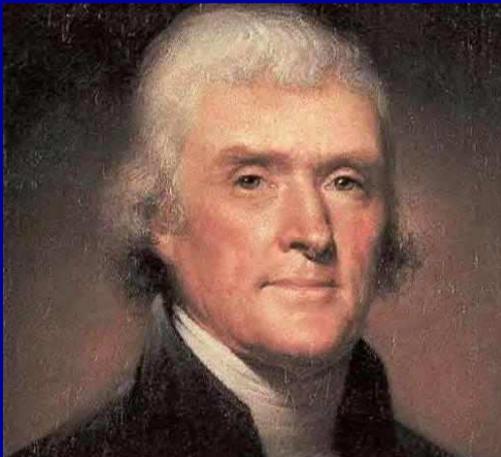


Jakob Böhme

It is necessary for humanity to **return to God**, and for all original unities to undergo differentiation, desire and conflict in order for **creation** to evolve to a **new state of redeemed harmony**.



Thomas Jefferson



**Democracy
and the Rights
of Man**

William Blake



The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

„Without contraries
there is no progress”



Mary Wollstonecraft



Vindication of the Rights of Woman

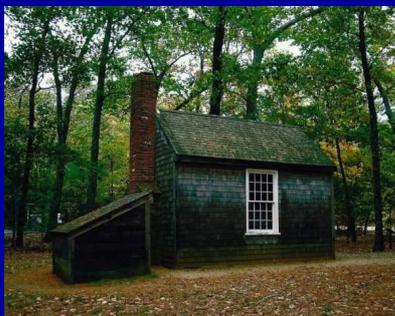
Emanuel Swedenborg



Human transformation from a materialistic to a spiritual being.

Henry Thoreau

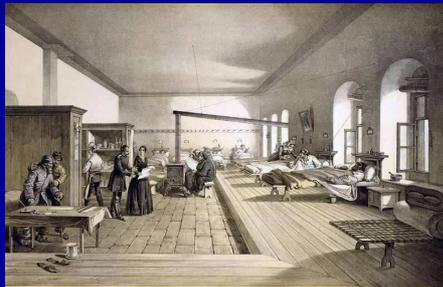
Walden



Civil disobedience

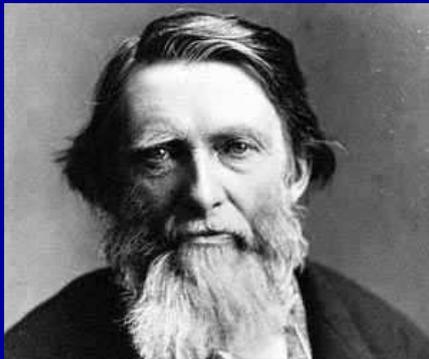
Florence Nightingale

„ministering angel”



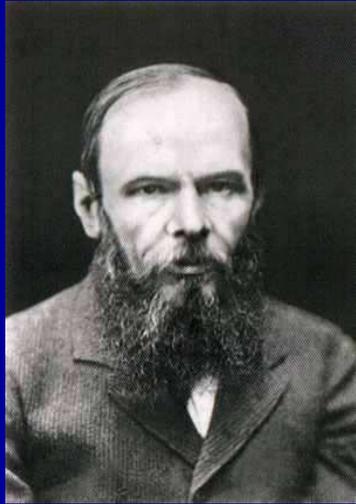
founder of **modern nursing**

John Ruskin



„Unto This Last”
communal and sacrificial nature of true economics

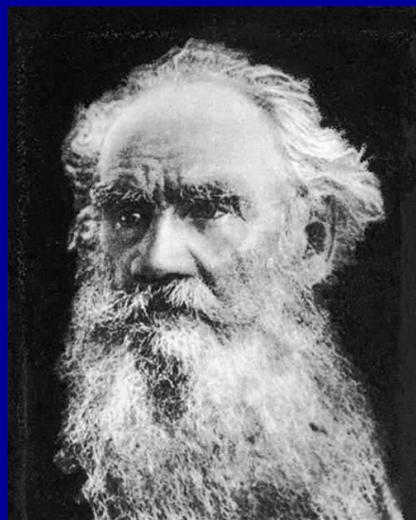
Fyodor M. Dostoyevsky



**Crime and
Punishment**

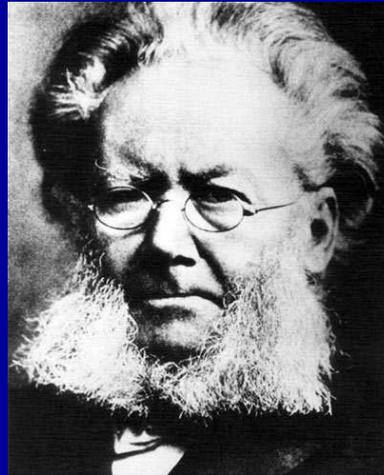
Leo Tolstoy

**Ascetic renunciation
is the path to
holiness.**

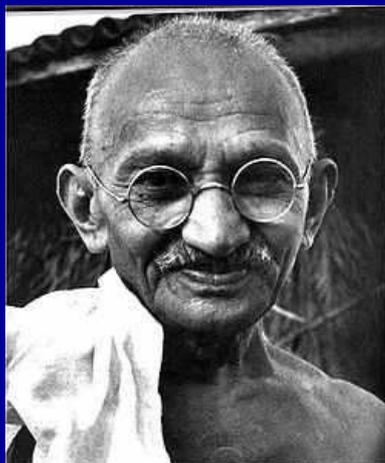


Henrik Ibsen

„To be oneself,
Peer Gynt,
the self must die”

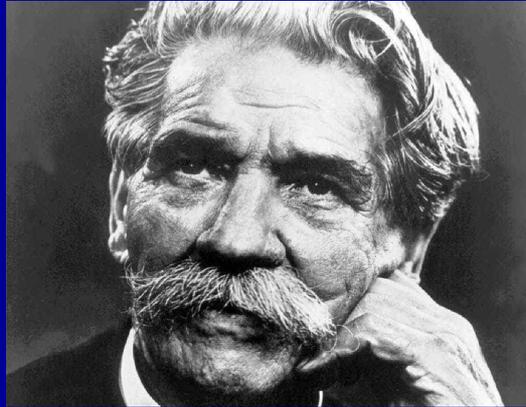


Mahatma Gandhi



Satyagraha:
insistence on truth

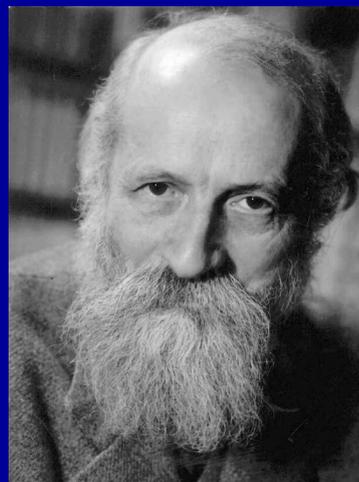
Albert Schweitzer



Reverence for life

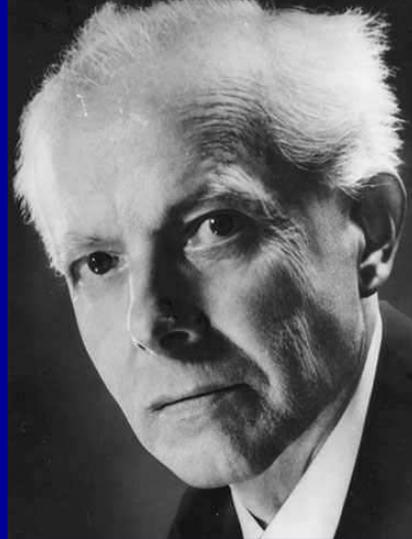
Martin Buber

Existential dialogue
based on I-Thou
relationship



Béla Bartók

Cantata profana:
„we must drink our fill
not from your silver
goblets
but from cold
mountain springs”

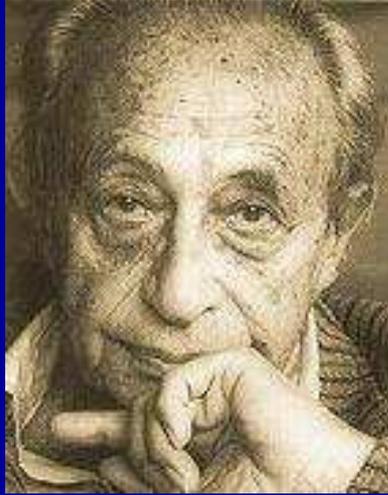


Aldous Huxley

Reconstruction
of Perennial
Philosophy



Hans Jonas



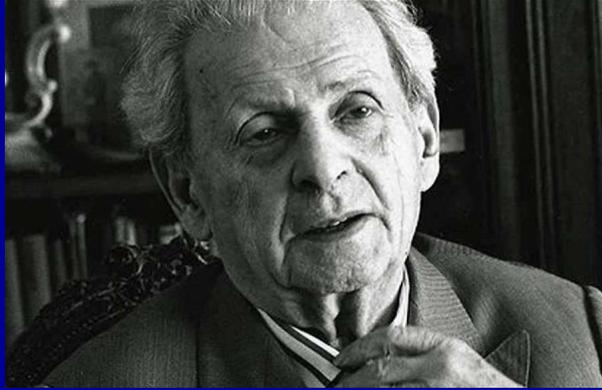
“Act so that the effects of your action are compatible with the permanence of genuine human life”.

Hannah Arendt



The banality of evil

Emmanuel Levinas



**Infinity and Totality:
Encountering with the Other**

Mother Teresa



**Loving and serving
the poorest of the poor.**

Joseph Beuys



**Social sculpture:
everybody is artist**

Dorothee Sölle

**Mysticism
and
Resistance**



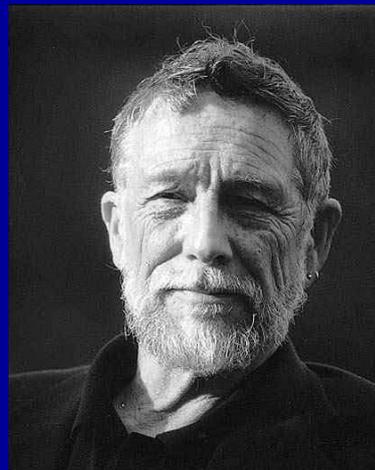
Martin Luther King, Jr.

„I have a dream”



Gary Snyder

The **Philosophy** of
the **Wild**



Jane Goodall



"The least I can do is to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Tenzin Gyatso



**Our own brain,
our own heart is
our temple;
the philosophy is
kindness.**

Aung San Suu Kyi



**Non-violent fight for democracy
and human rights**