



## Examples of Nondual Thinkers and Mystics

### B.C.

Abraham, Jacob, Elijah 2000-800 (Mesopotamia/Vedic Period c.1500-c.500 (Indian Subcontinent)

Pre-Classical Hinduism c.500-c.200 (Indian Subcontinent)

*Upanishads* 800-300 (India)

Pythagoras c.570-c.495 (Ionia)

Buddha c. Late 6th century-Early 5th century (India)

Heraclitus c.535-c.475 (Ionia)

Parmenides c.515 (Magna Graecia)

Socrates c.470-399 (Greece)

Plato c.425-c.348 (Greece) *The Republic; Timaeus*

*Lao-Tsu* c.5th to 6th century (China) *Tao Te Ching*

### A.D.

#### FIRST CENTURY

Philo of Alexandria c.25 B.C.-c.50 A.D. (Egypt)

Jesus of Nazareth c.4 B.C.-c.33 A.D. (Roman Empire; Palestine)

Paul of Tarsus c.5-66 (Roman Empire)

Ignatius of Antioch c.35-c.107 (Syria; Rome)

#### SECOND CENTURY

Clement of Alexandria c.150-c.215 (Egypt)

#### THIRD CENTURY

Origen c.185-254 (Egypt) *On First Principles; On Prayer*

Plotinus c.205-270 (Egypt; Roman Empire) *Enneads*

Anthony the Great c.251-356 (Egypt)

Desert Fathers and Mothers begin 3rd century (Egypt; Turkey; Syria; Palestine)

#### FOURTH CENTURY

Syncretica of Alexandria c.280-c.350 (Egypt)

Athanasius of Alexandria c.296-373 (Egypt) *Life of Antony; On the Incarnation of the Word*

Macarius of Egypt c.300-391 (Egypt)

Ephrem the Syrian c.306-373 (Syria)

Gregory Naziansus c.329-390 (Cappadocia)

Basil of Caesarea c.330-379 (Cappadocia) *On the Holy Spirit*

Gregory of Nyssa c.335-c.395 (Cappadocia)

Abba Poemen c.340-450 (Egypt)

Evagrius Ponticus 345-399 (Pontus; Constantinople; Egypt) *The Praktikos*

Augustine of Hippo 354-430 (Numidia) *Confessions; City of God*



### **FIFTH CENTURY**

Pseudo-Dionysius c. Late 5<sup>th</sup>-Early 6<sup>th</sup> century—*The Divine Names; The Mystical Theology*

### **SIXTH CENTURY**

St. Benedict c.480-543 (Italy) *Rule of St. Benedict*

### **SEVENTH CENTURY**

John Climacus c.579-649 (Mount Sinai) *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*

Maximus the Confessor c.580-662 (Constantinople)

Hesychasm in Orthodox Christianity

Zen Buddhism (Japan)

Tibetan Buddhism

### **EIGHTH CENTURY**

Rabia Basri 713-801 (Iraq)

Adi Shankara c.788-c.820 (India)

### **NINTH CENTURY**

John Scotus Eriugena c.815-c.877 (Ireland)

### **TENTH CENTURY**

Symeon the New Theologian 949-1022 (Constantinople)

### **ELEVENTH CENTURY**

Qushayri 986-1073 (Iran)

Al-Ghazali 1058-1111 (Persia)

### **TWELFTH CENTURY**

William of St. Thierry c.1080-1148 (France)

Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153 (France) *Sermons on the Song of Songs*

Hugh of St. Victor c.1096-1141 (Paris)

Hildegard of Bingen 1098-1179 (Holy Roman Empire; Germany) *Scivias*

Aelred of Rievaulx 1110-1167 (England)

Richard of St. Victor d.1173 (Paris)

Ibn Arabi 1165-1240 (Spain; Syria) *The Bezels of Wisdom*

### **THIRTEENTH CENTURY**

Francis of Assisi c.1181-1226 (Italy) *Canticle of the Sun*

Giles of Assisi c.1190-1262 (Italy)

Clare of Assisi 1194-1253 (Italy)



Beguines and Beghards 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century (N. Europe; Low Countries; Netherlands; Belgium)

Dogen 1200-1253 (Japan)

Mechtilde of Magdeburg c.1207-c.1282 (Saxony)

Rumi 1207-1273 (Persia)

Fakhr-al-Din Iraqi 1213-1289 (Persia) *Divine Flashes*

Hadewijch of Antwerp c.1220-c.1260 (Low Countries; Netherlands; Belgium)

Bonaventure c.1221-1274 (Italy) *The Journey of the Mind into God*

Raymond Lull c.1232-c.1315 (Spain)

Angela of Foligno 1248-1309 (Italy)

Meister Eckhart c.1260-c.1328 (Holy Roman Empire; Germany)

Duns Scotus c.1266-1308 (Britain; Paris; Scotland)

#### **FOURTEENTH CENTURY**

Richard Rolle c.1290-1349 (England)

Jan of Ruysbroeck c.1293-1381 (Low Countries; Belgium)

Henry Suso c.1295-1366 (Holy Roman Empire; Germany)

Gregory Palamas 1296-1357 (Greece)

Johannes Tauler c.1300-1361 (Germany)

Hafiz c. 1325-1389 (Persia)

Walter Hilton c.1340-1396 (England) *The Scale of Perfection*

Julian of Norwich c.1342-c.1416 (England) *Revelations of Divine Love*

Catherine of Siena 1347-1380 (Italy)

Thomas a Kempis 1380-1471 (Holy Roman Empire; Germany) *The Imitation of Christ*

*Cloud of Unknowing* late 14<sup>th</sup> century (England)

#### **FIFTEENTH CENTURY**

Nicholas of Cusa c.1401-1464 (Holy Roman Empire; Germany)

Nicholas von der Flue c.1417-1487 (Switzerland)

Kabir c.1440-c.1518 (India)

Catherine of Genoa c.1447-1510 (Italy)

Desiderius Erasmus 1466-1536 (Netherlands)

#### **SIXTEENTH CENTURY**

Ignatius of Loyola 1491-1556 (Spain; Italy) *Spiritual Exercises*

Francisco de Osuna c.1492-c.1540 (Spain)

Teresa of Avila 1515-1582 (Spain) *The Interior Castle*

Isaac Luria 1534-1572 (Israel)

John of the Cross 1542-1591 (Spain) *Ascent of Mt. Carmel; Dark Night of the Soul*

Francis de Sales 1567-1622 (Holy Roman Empire; Switzerland)

Jacob Boehme 1575-1624 (Holy Roman Empire; Germany)



### **SEVENTEENTH CENTURY**

Brother Lawrence c. 1614-1691 (France) *The Practice of the Presence of God*  
Blaise Pascal 1623-1662 (France) *Pensées*  
George Fox 1624-1691 (England)

### **EIGHTEENTH CENTURY**

Jean Pierre de Caussade 1675-1751 (France) *Abandonment to Divine Providence*  
Emmanuel Swedenborg 1688-1772 (Sweden; England)  
Baal Shem Tov c. 1700-1760 (Poland)  
John Wesley 1703-1791 (England)  
Macarius of Corinth 1731-1805 (Greece) Compiled *Philokalia*  
St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain 1749-1809 (Greece) Compiled *Philokalia*  
Seraphim of Sarov 1754-1833 (Russia)  
William Blake 1757-1827 (England)  
Jarena Lee 1783-1864 (USA) *The Life and Religious Experience of Jarena Lee'*  
Rebecca Cox Jackson 1795-1871 (USA)  
Sojourner Truth c.1797-1883 (USA)

### **NINETEENTH CENTURY**

William Wordsworth 1770-1850 (England)  
Henry David Thoreau 1817-1862 (USA)  
Friedrich von Hugel 1852-1925 (England)  
Charles de Foucauld 1858-1916 (France; Algeria)  
Therese of Lisieux 1873-1897 (France) *The Story of a Soul*  
Elizabeth of the Trinity 1880-1906 (France)

### **TWENTIETH CENTURY**

Rabindranath Tagore 1861-1941 (India)  
Mahatma Gandhi 1869-1948 (India)  
D.T. Suzuki 1870-1966 (Japan)  
Evelyn Underhill 1875-1941 (England) *Mysticism*  
Rainer Maria Rilke 1875-1926 (born in Austria; Europe)  
Martin Buber 1878-1965 (born in Austria; Europe; Israel) *I and Thou*  
Ramana Maharishi 1879-1950 (India)  
Teilhard de Chardin 1881-1955 (France) *The Phenomenon of Man*  
Paramahansa Yogananda 1893-1952 (India)  
Thomas Raymond Kelly 1893-1941 (USA)  
Hugo Enomiya-Lassalle 1898-1990 (Germany)  
Howard Thurman 1899-1981 (USA) *The Centering Moment; Jesus and the Disinherited*  
Karl Rahner 1904-1984 (Germany)  
Dag Hammarskojold 1905-1961 (Sweden) *Markings*  
Bede Griffiths 1906-1993 (England; India)



# Center for Action and Contemplation

Abraham Joshua Heschel 1907-1972 (Poland, USA) *Man is Not Alone; The Sabbath*  
Simone Weil 1909-1943 (France) *Waiting on God*  
Abhishiktananda (Henri Le Saux) 1910-1973 (France; India)  
Mother Teresa 1910-1997 (India)  
Etty Hillesum 1914-1943 (Netherlands)  
Alan Watts 1915-1973 (England; USA) *The Way of Zen*  
Thomas Merton 1915-1968 (USA) *New Seeds of Contemplation; The Seven Storey Mountain*  
John Main 1926-1982 (England)  
Thich Nhat Hanh b.1926 (Vietnam; France) *The Heart of Understanding; The Miracle of Mindfulness*  
Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968 (USA)  
Anthony de Mello 1931-1987 (India)  
Bernadette Roberts 1931-2017 (USA)  
Gerald May 1940-2005 (USA)  
Raimon Pannikar 1918-2010 (Spain) *The Unknown Christ of Hinduism*  
Beatrice Bruteau 1930-2014 (USA) *God's Ecstasy*  
Thea Bowman 1937-1990 (USA)  
Wayne Teasdale 1945-2004 (USA)