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**According to Common Opinion**

According to Many Laymen

According to Many Scientists

According to Many Philosophers

**According to the Scholastics**

The Nominal Definition

The Real Definition

**The Historical Origin of Philosophy**

Philosophy for the Greeks

Philosophy for the Fathers

Philosophy for the Medievals

*Scholastic Philosophy*

*Non-Scholastic Philosophy*

Philosophy During the Renaissance

Philosophy for the Early Moderns

Philosophy for the Contemporary Moderns

The Neo-Scholastic Revival

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**In Itself**

By Reason of Purpose

*Speculative*

*Practical*

Art

Prudence

By Reason of Object

*Natural Science*

*Mathematics*

*Metaphysics*

**In Relation to the Order of Learning**

**Logic**

**Mathematics**

**Natural Science**

**Ethics**

**Metaphysics**

**COROLLARY: Two Divisions to be Avoided**

**The Wolffian Division**

**The Existential Division**

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**To be the Most Universal Scientific Synthesis**

**To be a Perfect Scientific Synthesis**

**To be a Perfective Synthesis for Man**

**To be Necessary for Man**

**To be the Most Dignified Synthesis for Man**

**To be Independent of Supernatural Theology**

**To be a Necessary Tool of Supernatural Theology**

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**Intrinsic Causes**

**Material**

*The Subjective Material Cause*

*The Objective Material Cause*

**Generically**

**Specifically**

**Formal**

## **Extrinsic Causes**

### **Efficient**

*The Necessary Efficient Cause*

*The Occasional Efficient Cause*

The Proximate Occasional Efficient Cause

The Fundamental Occasional Efficient Cause

### **Final**

*The Proximate Final Cause of Philosophy*

Of Speculative Philosophy

Of Practical Philosophy

*The Remote Final Cause of Philosophy*