

Philosophy

Philosophy is defined by many as the love or pursuit of Wisdom (in fact, Philosophy takes its name from it: philosophía means love of wisdom). Probably the first philosophically important treatment of wisdom is Socrates' identification of knowledge and virtue. In fact, the identification of 'Wisdom' as having to do with Reason remains a strong tradition in the history of western philosophy. The references hereby listed are divided into four main sections: (i) Greek Philosophy, (ii) Wisdom in the Renaissance and Enlightenment periods, (iii) Contemporaneous Literature and general references on wisdom in philosophy and (iv) the Philosophy of Rationality.

Greek Philosophy

The Western tradition in the philosophy of wisdom began mainly with the three classical Greek philosophers (Socrates, Plato and Aristotle), who (especially Aristotle) tried to understand wisdom through rational analysis, and not by recourse to religion or rules and regulations.

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