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### **YEAR IV: HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

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### **FIRST - SECOND QUARTERS**

### **TOPIC OUTLINE**

- I. **Need for philosophy: understanding man, the world and God**
- II. Introduction to the History of Philosophy: World's Great Thinkers. Seekers of Truth
- III. Similarities between Religion and Philosophy

-Ancient Religions dealt more on ethics ( a branch of philosophy that dwells on what is a good life; what brings happiness): Egyptians (life after death); Hinduism (reincarnation); Buddhism (how to escape reincarnation and reach Nirvana); Taoism (how to live in harmony with nature); Confucianism ( do what is best for the community instead of for oneself) ; Greeks/ Aristotle (best way to happiness is to live the virtues, the good life)

- IV. The History of Ancient Philosophy (Limited to Greeks)

- A. Pythagoras: believed that philosophy, music and math were the ways to make order out of chaos. Music is noise that makes sense. Math refers to rules on how the world works
- B. Socrates
- C. Plato (427-348 B.C.)
- D. Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)
- E. Stoicism and Epicureanism

#### THOMISTIC PHILOSOPHY

- A. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274). Synthesis of truths of great philosophers
- B. Influence of Thomistic Philosophy in the Middle Ages

#### MODERN PHILOSOPHY

- A. The Modernity Movement. Humanism—focus on man
- B. Modern Philosophy and the Church
- C. Rene Descartes (1596-1650)
- D. Immanuel Kant (1724-1804). Post-Kant Period: Dualism—Idealism and Materialism

E. Influence of Modern Philosophy in Culture, Sciences and Arts

#### CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

A. Idealism :Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831)

B. Materialism: Marxism

C. Existentialism

D. Nietzsche

E. Influence of Contemporary Philosophy

#### POST-MODERNISM

Being, Truth, Good, Beauty

**Alternative Assessment:** Better not to confuse people by mixing religion and philosophy.

**Reference:** Christian Philosophy by Joseph M. de Torre (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)

