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# INTRODUCTION

Patristic Theology

## 1ST CENTURY

Addai and Mari (60s)  
Barnabas (50s)  
Clement of Rome (d. trad. 101)  
Didache (70s)

## 2ND CENTURY

Aristides the Philosopher (fl. 126)  
Athanagoras (fl. c. 175)  
Mara Bar-Serapion (fl. 110)  
Hegesippus (fl. 170)  
Hermas (fl. 90-120)  
Ignatius of Antioch (c. 50-c. 110)  
Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 130-c. 200)  
Justin Martyr (c. 100-c. 165)  
Mathetes (2c)  
Maximus of Jerusalem (fl. c. 190)  
Melito of Sardis (fl. 170)  
Pantaenus (fl. 190)  
Papias (fl. 125)  
Polycarp (69-155)  
Polycrates (fl. 180)  
Quadratus (fl. 125)  
Rhodon (fl. 180)  
Tatian (fl. 190)  
Theodotus (fl. 105)  
Theophilus of Antioch (fl. 180))

## 3RD CENTURY

Alexander of Cappadocia (fl. 220)  
Apollinus (fl. 210)  
Bardesanes (154-222)  
Caius (fl. 210)  
Celerinus (fl. 250)  
Clement of Alexandria (d. c. 215)  
Commodianus (fl. 250)  
Cyprian of Carthage (d. 258)  
Dionysius of Rome (d. 268)  
Dionysius the Great (d. 265)  
Firmilian (fl. 260)  
Gregory of Neocaesarea (fl. 230)  
Gregory Thaumaturgus (c. 213-277)  
Hippolytus (d. c. 236)  
Julius Africanus (c. 160-c. 240)  
Lactantius (fl. 230)  
Malchion (3c)

Minucius Felix (fl. 230)  
Novatian (3c)  
Tertullian (c. 160-c. 225)  
Minucius Felix (fl. 2c or 3c)  
Origen of Alexandria (c. 185-c. 254)  
Theognosus of Alexandria (fl. 290)  
Victorinus (d. c. 303)

## 4TH CENTURY

Alexander of Alexandria (d. 326)  
Alexander of Lycopolis (fl. early 4c)  
Ambrose (340-397)  
Anatolius of Alexandria (fl. 320)  
Anthony the Great (c. 251-356)  
Aphrahat (c. 280-367)  
Arnobius (fl. 305)  
Athanasius (c. 297-330)  
Basil of Caesarea  
Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 315-386)  
Ephraim of Syria (c. 306-373)  
Evagrius Ponticus (353-399)  
Eusebius of Caesarea (c. 265-c. 340)  
Gregory of Nyssa (c. 335-c. 395)  
Gregory of Nazianzus (c. 325-389)  
Hilary of Poitiers (c. 300-368)  
John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)  
Lactantius (4c)  
Methodius (4c)  
Pamphilus (d. 309)  
Peter of Alexandria (d. 311)  
Phileas (4c)  
Pierius of Alexandria (4c)  
Rufinus  
Venantius (4c)

## 5TH CENTURY

Augustine (354-430)  
Benedict (480-547)  
Boethius (480-524)  
Commodianus (fl. c. 450)  
Cyril of Alexandria (c. 378-444)  
Diadochos of Photiki (c. 400-c. 486)  
Gennadius of Marseilles (fl. 485)  
Jacob of Serugh  
Jerome (c. 345-430)  
John Cassian (c. 360-c. 435)  
Macarian Homilies (5c)

Mark the Hermit (4c)  
Nilus of Ancyra (d. 430)  
Patrick (c. 390-c. 461)  
Leo the Great (c. 395-461)  
Moses of Chorene (c. 400-c. 490)  
Socrates of Constantinople (c. 380-450)  
Salaminius Hermias Sozomen (c. 400-450)  
Simeon Metaphrastes  
Sulpitius Severus (c. 363-c. 420)  
Theodoret (c. 393-c. 460)  
Vincent of Lérins (d. c. 450)

## 6TH CENTURY

Dionysius the Areopagite (fl. 525)  
Mar Jacob (452-521)  
Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus

## 7TH CENTURY

Gregory the Great (c. 540-604)  
Isaac of Nineveh (d. 700)  
Isidore of Seville (c. 560-636)  
Maximus the Confessor (c. 580-662)

## 8TH CENTURY

John Damascene (c. 675-749)

## GENERAL PERSPECTIVES

- Apology
- Biblical commentary
- Typology
- Doctrinal development
- Verbal precision
- Theology

## GENERAL THEMES

- God and creation
- Transcendence of God
- Bestowal of God in Christ and in the Spirit
- Goodness of the world
- Tension between good and bad in society
- Monastic aims
- Participation
- Eschatological hopes

## EAST AND WEST

- Drawing a line
- The problem of making a distinction
- Mystical versus legal
- Commonalities and differences

## GENRES

- Types of writing
- Styles