

Duns Scotus

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1 Duns Scotus

Scottish Franciscan friar, philosopher and Catholic blessed Not to be confused with John Scotus Eriugena¹.

John Duns Scotus

Portrait of Duns Scotus

Born june 23, 1265/66

Other names *Doctor Subtilis* (the Subtle Doctor)

Alma mater University of Oxford^{[1][2]}

Era Medieval philosophy

Region Western philosophy

School Scholasticism

Scotism

Aristotelianism^[3]

Theological voluntarism^[4]

Philosophical realism

Medieval realism (Scotistic realism)

Main interests Metaphysics, theology, logic, epistemology, ethics

Notable ideas Univocity of being

Formal distinction

Theological voluntarism

Haecceity as a principle of individuation

Scotistic realism

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Blessed

John Duns Scotus

OFM

Duns Scotus and Thomas Aquinas

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Scotus_Eriugena

Blessed**John Duns Scotus****OFM****Religious and Priest****Born** c. 1265/66

Duns, Berwickshire, Scotland

Died 8 November 1308 (aged 41–42)

Cologne, Holy Roman Empire

Venerated in Catholic Church**Beatified** 20 March 1993, Vatican City by

Pope John Paul II

Major shrine Franciscan Church, Cologne, Ger-

many

Feast 8 November**Attributes** Books, a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the moon on the chest of a Franciscan friar**Patronage** Academics, Cologne, Germany, apologies, scholars, student, theologians and philosophers

John Duns Scotus OFM² (c.1265/66 – 8 November 1308),^[9] commonly called **Duns Scotus** (/ˈskoʊtəs/³ *SKOH-təs*⁴; Ecclesiastical Latin⁵: [duns 'skotus]⁶; "Duns the Scot"), was a Scottish Catholic priest and Franciscan friar⁷, university professor, philosopher, and theologian. He is one of the four most important philosopher-theologians of Western Europe⁸ in the High Middle Ages⁹, together with Thomas Aquinas¹⁰, Bonaventure¹¹, and William of Ockham¹².^[10] Scotus has had considerable influence on both Catholic¹³ and secular thought. The doctrines for which he is best known are the "univocity of being"¹⁴, that existence is the most abstract concept we have, applicable to everything that exists; the formal distinction¹⁵, a way of distinguishing between different aspects of the same thing; and the idea of haecceity¹⁶, the property supposed to be in each individual thing that makes it an

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_Friars_Minor

³ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English>

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Pronunciation_respelling_key

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecclesiastical_Latin

⁶ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Latin>

⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciscan_friar

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Europe

⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Middle_Ages

¹⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Aquinas

¹¹ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonaventure>

¹² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_of_Ockham

¹³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_Church

¹⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Univocity_of_being

¹⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formal_distinction

¹⁶ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haecceity>

individual. Scotus also developed a complex argument for the existence of God, and argued for the Immaculate Conception¹⁷ of Mary¹⁸.

Duns Scotus was given the scholastic accolade¹⁹ *Doctor Subtilis* ("the Subtle Doctor") for his penetrating and subtle manner of thought. He was beatified²⁰ by Pope John Paul II²¹ in 1993.

1.1 Life

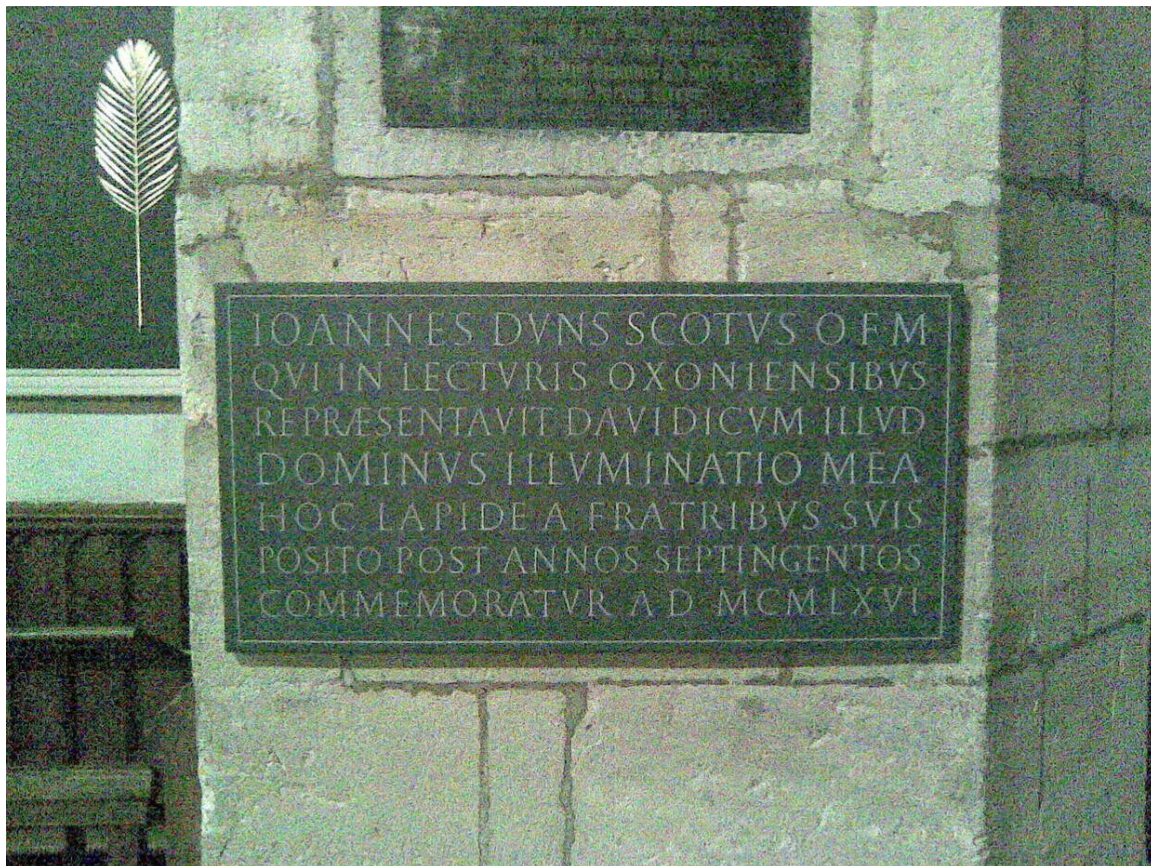


Figure 1 Plaque commemorating Duns Scotus in the University Church, Oxford

Little is known of Duns Scotus apart from his work. His date of birth is believed to have been sometime between December 23, 1265 and March 17, 1266. He was born into a leading family of the region. The reputed site of his birth, in front of the Pavilion Lodge, near the North Lodge of Duns Castle²² in Scotland, is now marked by a cairn²³ which was erected in

17 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immaculate_Conception
 18 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_\(mother_of_Jesus\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_(mother_of_Jesus))
 19 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scholastic_accolades
 20 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatification>
 21 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_Paul_II
 22 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duns_Castle
 23 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairn>

1966 by the Franciscan friars of the United Kingdom to mark the 700th anniversary of his birth. Duns Scotus received the religious habit²⁴ of the Order of Friars Minor at Dumfries²⁵, where his uncle, Elias Duns, was guardian²⁶.^[11]

Duns Scotus's age is based on the first certain date for his life, that of his ordination to the priesthood²⁷ at St Andrew's²⁸, Northampton²⁹, England, on 17 March 1291. The minimum canonical³⁰ age for receiving holy orders³¹ is 25 and it is generally assumed that he would have been ordained as soon as it was permitted.^{[12][13]} That his contemporaries called him **Johannes Duns**, after the medieval practice of calling people by their Christian name followed by their place of origin, suggests that he came from Duns³², in Berwickshire, Scotland.^[14]

According to tradition, Duns Scotus was educated at a Franciscan *studium generale*³³ (a medieval university³⁴), a house behind St Ebbe's Church, Oxford³⁵, in a triangular area enclosed by Pennyfarthing Street and running from St Aldate's³⁶ to the Castle, the Baley and the old wall,^[15] where the Friars Minor had moved when the University of Paris³⁷ was dispersed in 1229–30. At that time there would have been about 270 persons living there, of whom about 80 would have been friars.^[16]

Duns Scotus appears to have been in Oxford³⁸ by 1300, as he is listed among a group of friars for whom the provincial superior³⁹ of the English ecclesiastical province⁴⁰ (which included Scotland) requested faculties from the Bishop of Lincoln⁴¹ for the hearing of confessions⁴².^[17] He took part in a disputation under the regent master, Philip of Bridlington⁴³ in 1300–01.^[18] He began lecturing on Peter Lombard⁴⁴'s *Sentences*⁴⁵ at the prestigious University of Paris towards the end of 1302. Later in that academic year, however, he was expelled from the University of Paris for siding with Pope Boniface VIII⁴⁶ in his feud with King Philip IV of France⁴⁷ over the taxation of church property.

24 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religious_habit

25 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dumfries>

26 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Custos_\(Franciscans\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Custos_(Franciscans))

27 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priesthood_\(Catholic_Church\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priesthood_(Catholic_Church))

28 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Andrew%27s_Priory,_Northampton

29 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northampton>

30 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canon_law_\(Catholic_Church\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canon_law_(Catholic_Church))

31 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_orders

32 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duns,_Scottish_Borders

33 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Studium_generale

34 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medieval_university

35 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Ebbe%27s_Church,_Oxford

36 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Aldate%27s,_Oxford

37 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Paris

38 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford>

39 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provincial_superior

40 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecclesiastical_province

41 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_of_Lincoln

42 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confession_\(religion\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confession_(religion))

43 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridlington>

44 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Lombard

45 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentences>

46 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Boniface_VIII

47 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_IV_of_France

Duns Scotus was back in Paris before the end of 1304, probably returning in May. He continued lecturing there until, for reasons that are still mysterious, he was dispatched to the Franciscan *studium* at Cologne⁴⁸, probably in October 1307. According to the 15th-century writer William Vorilong⁴⁹, his departure was sudden and unexpected. He was relaxing or talking with students in the *Prato clericorum* or *Pre-aux-Clercs* – an open area of the Rive Gauche⁵⁰ used by scholars for recreation – when orders arrived from the Franciscan Minister General⁵¹; Scotus left immediately, taking few or no personal belongings.^[19]

Duns Scotus died unexpectedly in Cologne in November 1308; the date of his death is traditionally given as 8 November. He is buried in the Church of the Friars Minor⁵² there. His sarcophagus⁵³ bears the Latin poem:

”Scotia me genuit.

Anglia me suscepit.

Gallia me docuit.

Colonia me tenet.”

(Scotland brought me forth.

England sustained me.

France taught me.

Cologne holds me.)

The story about Duns Scotus being buried alive⁵⁴, in the absence of his servant who alone knew of his susceptibility to coma, is probably a myth.^[20] It was reported by Francis Bacon⁵⁵ in his *Historia vitae et mortis*.^[21]

The colophon⁵⁶ of Codex 66 of Merton College, Oxford⁵⁷ says that Scotus was also at Cambridge⁵⁸.

48 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cologne>

49 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Vorilong

50 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rive_Gauche

51 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_General_\(Franciscan\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_General_(Franciscan))

52 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minoritenkirche_\(Cologne\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minoritenkirche_(Cologne))

53 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarcophagus>

54 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Premature_burial

55 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Bacon

56 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colophon_\(publishing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colophon_(publishing))

57 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merton_College,_Oxford

58 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge>

1.2 Work

Scotus's great work is his commentary on the *Sentences*⁵⁹ of Peter Lombard⁶⁰, which contains nearly all the philosophical views and arguments for which he is well known, including the univocity of being⁶¹, the formal distinction⁶², less than numerical unity, individual nature or "thisness" (haecceity⁶³), his critique of illuminationism⁶⁴ and his renowned argument for the existence of God. His commentary exists in several versions. The standard version is the *Ordinatio* (also known as the *Opus oxoniense*), a revised version of lectures he gave as a bachelor at Oxford. The initial revision was probably begun in the summer of 1300 – see the remarks in the Prologue, question 2, alluding to the Battle of Wadi al-Khazandar⁶⁵ in 1299, news of which probably reached Oxford in the summer of 1300. It was still incomplete when Scotus left for Paris in 1302. The original lectures were also transcribed and recently published as the *Lectura*.^[22]

The two other versions of the work are Scotus's notes for the Oxford lectures, recently published as the *Lectura*, the first book of which was probably written in Oxford in the late 1290s,^[23] and the *Reportatio parisiensis* (or *Opus parisiense*), consisting of transcriptions of the lectures on the *Sentences* given by Scotus when he was in Paris. A *reportatio* is a student report or transcription of the original lecture of a master. A version that has been checked by the master himself is known as a *reportatio examinata*.

By the time of Scotus, these 'commentaries' on the *Sentences* were no longer literal commentaries. Instead, Peter Lombard⁶⁶'s original text was used as a starting point for highly original discussions on topics of theological or philosophical interest.^[24] For example, Book II Distinction 2, about the location of angels, is a starting point for a complex discussion about continuous motion, and whether the same thing can be in two different places at the same time (bilocation⁶⁷). In the same book, Distinction 3, he uses the question of how angels can be different from one another, given that they have no material bodies, to investigate the difficult question of individuation⁶⁸ in general.

59 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentences>

60 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Lombard

61 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Univocity_of_being

62 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formal_distinction

63 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haecceity>

64 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divine_illumination

65 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Wadi_al-Khazandar

66 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Lombard

67 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilocation>

68 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Individuation>

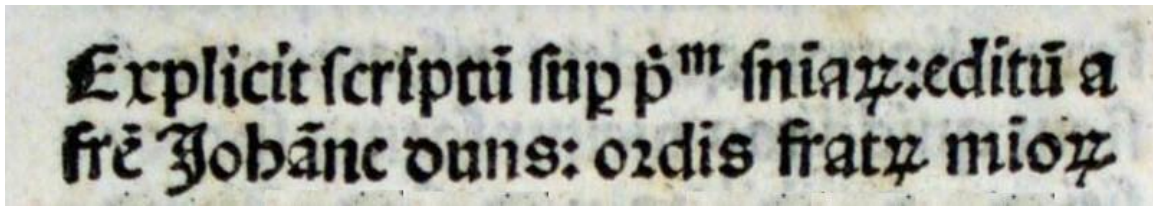


Figure 2 Colophon from the edition of Scotus's *Sentences* commentary edited by Thomas Penketh (died 1487) and Bartolomeo Bellati (died 1479), printed by Johannes de Colonia and Johannes Manthen, Venice in 1477. It reads *Explicit Scriptum super Primum Sententiarum: editum a fratre Johanne Duns: ordinis fratrum minorum*. Printed versions of scholastic manuscripts became popular in the late fifteenth century.

Scotus wrote purely philosophical and logical works at an early stage of his career, consisting of commentaries on Aristotle's *Organon*⁶⁹. These are the *Questions* on Porphyry⁷⁰'s *Isagoge*⁷¹ and Aristotle's *Categories*⁷², *Peri hermeneias*⁷³, and *De sophisticis elenchis*⁷⁴, probably dating to around 1295.^[25] His commentary on Aristotle's *Metaphysics*⁷⁵ was probably written in stages, the first version having started around 1297,^[23] with significant additions and amendments possibly after the completion of the main body of the *Ordinatio*.^[26] His *Expositio* on the *Metaphysics* was lost for centuries but was recently rediscovered and edited by Giorgio Pini.^[27]

In addition, there are 46 short disputations called *Collationes*, probably dating from 1300 to 1305; a work in natural theology (*De primo principio*); and his *Quaestiones Quodlibetales*, probably dating to Advent 1306 or Lent 1307.

A number of works once believed to have been written by Scotus are now known to have been misattributed. There were already concerns about this within two centuries of his death, when the 16th-century logician Jacobus Naveros⁷⁶ noted inconsistencies between these texts and his commentary on the *Sentences*, leading him to doubt whether he had written any logical works at all.^[28] *The Questions on the Prior Analytics* (*In Librum Priorum Analytico-rum Aristotelis Quaestiones*) were also discovered to be mistakenly attributed.^[citation needed⁷⁷] In 1922, Grabmann⁷⁸ showed that the logical work *De modis significandi* was actually by Thomas of Erfurt⁷⁹, a 14th-century logician of the modist school⁸⁰. Thus the claim that Martin Heidegger⁸¹ wrote his habilitation⁸² thesis on Scotus^[29] is only half true, as the second part is actually based on the work by Erfurt.^[30]

69 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organon>

70 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porphyry_\(philosopher\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porphyry_(philosopher))

71 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isagoge>

72 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Categories_\(Aristotle\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Categories_(Aristotle))

73 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_Interpretatione

74 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sophistical_Refutations

75 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metaphysics_\(Aristotle\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metaphysics_(Aristotle))

76 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacobus_Naveros

78 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Grabmann

79 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_of_Erfurt

80 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modistae>

81 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Heidegger

82 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Habilitation>

1.3 Metaphysics

1.3.1 Realism

Scotus is generally considered to be a realist⁸³ (as opposed to a nominalist⁸⁴) in that he treated universals as real. He attacks a position close to that later defended by Ockham⁸⁵, arguing that things have a common nature – for example the humanity common to Socrates⁸⁶, Plato⁸⁷, and Plutarch⁸⁸.

1.3.2 Univocity of being

He followed Aristotle⁸⁹ in asserting that the subject matter of metaphysics⁹⁰ is "being qua being" (*ens inquantum ens*). Being in general (*ens in communi*), as a univocal notion, was for him the first object of the intellect.^[31] The doctrine of the univocity of being⁹¹ implies the denial of any real distinction between essence⁹² and existence⁹³. Aquinas⁹⁴ had argued that in all finite being (i.e. all except God) the essence of a thing is distinct from its existence. Scotus rejected the distinction. Scotus argued that we cannot conceive of what it is to be something, without conceiving it as existing. We should not make any distinction between whether a thing exists (*si est*) and what it is (*quid est*) for we never know whether something exists unless we have some concept of what we know to exist.^[32]

1.3.3 Individuation

Scotus elaborates a distinct view onhylomorphism⁹⁵, with three important strong theses that differentiate him. He held: 1) that there exists matter⁹⁶ that has no form whatsoever, or prime matter, as the stuff underlying all change, against Aquinas (cf. his *Quaestiones in Metaphysicam* 7, q. 5; *Lectura* 2, d. 12, q. un.), 2) that not all created substances are composites of form and matter (cf. *Lectura* 2, d. 12, q. un., n. 55), that is, that purely spiritual substances do exist, and 3) that one and the same substance can have more than one substantial form – for instance, humans have at least two substantial forms, the soul and the form of the body (*forma corporeitas*) (cf. *Ordinatio* 4, d. 11, q. 3, n. 54). He argued for an original principle of individuation⁹⁷ (cf. *Ordinatio* 2, d. 3, pars 1, qq. 1–6), the "haecceity"⁹⁸ as the ultimate unity of a unique individual (*haecceitas*, an entity's

83 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosophical_realism

84 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nominalist>

85 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_of_Ockham

86 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socrates>

87 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plato>

88 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plutarch>

89 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aristotle>

90 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metaphysics>

91 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Univocity_of_being

92 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essence>

93 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Existence>

94 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aquinas>

95 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hylomorphism>

96 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matter>

97 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Individuation>

98 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haecceity>

'thisness'), as opposed to the common nature⁹⁹ (*natura communis*) feature existing in any number of individuals. For Scotus, the axiom stating that only the individual exists is a dominating principle of the understanding of reality. For the apprehension of individuals, an intuitive cognition is required, which gives us the present existence or the non-existence of an individual, as opposed to abstract cognition. Thus the human soul, in its separated state from the body, will be capable of knowing the spiritual intuitively.

1.3.4 Formal distinction

Like other realist philosophers of the period (such as Aquinas and Henry of Ghent¹⁰⁰) Scotus recognised the need for an intermediate distinction that was not merely conceptual but not fully real or mind-dependent either. Scotus argued for a formal distinction¹⁰¹ (*distinctio formalis a parte rei*), which holds between entities which are inseparable and indistinct in reality but whose definitions are not identical. For example, the personal properties of the Trinity¹⁰² are formally distinct from the Divine essence. Similarly, the distinction between the 'thisness' or *haecceity* of a thing is intermediate between a real and a conceptual distinction.^[33] There is also a formal distinction between the divine attributes and the powers of the soul.

1.4 Theology



Part of a series¹⁰³ on

Catholic philosophy¹⁰⁴

Aquinas¹⁰⁵, Scotus, and Ockham¹⁰⁶

Ethics¹⁰⁷

⁹⁹ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature_\(philosophy\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature_(philosophy))

¹⁰⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_of_Ghent

¹⁰¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formal_distinction

¹⁰² <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity>

¹⁰³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Catholic_philosophers

¹⁰⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_philosophy

¹⁰⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Aquinas

¹⁰⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_of_Ockham

¹⁰⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_moral_theology

- Cardinal virtues¹⁰⁸
- Just price¹⁰⁹
- Just war¹¹⁰
- Principle of Double Effect¹¹¹
- Probabilism¹¹²
- Natural law¹¹³
- Personalism¹¹⁴
- Social teaching¹¹⁵
- Virtue ethics¹¹⁶

Metaphysics¹¹⁷

- Conceptualism¹¹⁸
- Realism¹¹⁹
- Moderate realism¹²⁰
- Nominalism¹²¹
- Quiddity¹²² (essence¹²³ / nature¹²⁴)
- Haecceity¹²⁵
- Quinque Viae¹²⁶
- Predestination¹²⁷
- Free Will¹²⁸
- Divine Attributes¹²⁹

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- 108 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal_virtues
- 109 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Just_price
- 110 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Just_war_theory#Catholic_doctrine
- 111 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principle_of_Double_Effect
- 112 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_probabilism
- 113 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_law#Catholic_natural_law_jurisprudence
- 114 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_personalism
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- 116 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtue_ethics
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- 126 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quinque_Viae
- 127 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Predestination>
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- 129 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attributes_of_God_in_Christianity

- Augustinianism¹³⁰
- Cartesianism¹³¹
- Molinism¹³²
- Nouvelle théologie¹³³
- Occamism¹³⁴
- Salamanca¹³⁵
- Scholasticism¹³⁶
 - Neo-scholasticism¹³⁷
- Scotism¹³⁸
- Thomism¹³⁹

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130 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustinianism>

131 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartesianism>

132 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Molinism>

133 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nouvelle_th%C3%A9ologie

134 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occamism>

135 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/School_of_Salamanca

136 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scholasticism>

137 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-scholasticism>

138 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotism>

139 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomism>

140 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Catholic_philosophers_and_theologians

Ancient

- Ambrose¹⁴¹
- Athanasius of Alexandria¹⁴²
- Augustine of Hippo¹⁴³
- Benedict of Nursia¹⁴⁴
- Boethius¹⁴⁵
- Clement of Alexandria¹⁴⁶
- Cyprian¹⁴⁷
- Cyril of Alexandria¹⁴⁸
- Gregory of Nazianzus¹⁴⁹
- Gregory of Nyssa¹⁵⁰
- Irenaeus¹⁵¹
- Jerome¹⁵²
- John Cassian¹⁵³
- John Chrysostom¹⁵⁴
- John Climacus¹⁵⁵
- John of Damascus¹⁵⁶
- Justin Martyr¹⁵⁷
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- Bernard of Clairvaux¹⁶⁸
- Berengar of Tours¹⁶⁹
- Bonaventure¹⁷⁰
- Catherine of Siena¹⁷¹
- Duns Scotus
- John Scotus Eriugena¹⁷²
- Pope Gregory I¹⁷³
- Gregory of Rimini¹⁷⁴
- Giles of Rome¹⁷⁵
- Hildegard of Bingen¹⁷⁶
- Hugh of Saint Victor¹⁷⁷
- Isidore of Seville¹⁷⁸
- James of Viterbo¹⁷⁹
- Jean Buridan¹⁸⁰
- Meister Eckhart¹⁸¹
- Nicholas of Cusa¹⁸²
- Nicole Oresme¹⁸³
- Paul of Venice¹⁸⁴
- Paschasius Radbertus¹⁸⁵
- Peter Lombard¹⁸⁶
- Roscellinus¹⁸⁷
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- Yves Congar²³⁰
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1.4.1 Voluntarism

Scotus was an Augustinian-Franciscan theologian.^[34] He is usually associated with theological voluntarism²⁶⁰, the tendency to emphasize God's will and human freedom in all philosophical issues. The main difference between Aquinas²⁶¹'s rational theology and that of Scotus is that Scotus believed certain predicates may be applied univocally – with exactly the same meaning – to God and creatures, whereas Aquinas insisted that this is impossible and that only analogical predication can be employed, in which a word as applied to God has a meaning different from, although related to, the meaning of that same word as applied to creatures. Duns struggled throughout his works in demonstrating his univocity theory against Aquinas's analogy doctrine.

Scotus gave the lecture, *Lectura I* 39, during 1297–1299 to refute the view that everything is necessary and immutable. He claims that the aim of this lecture has two points (*Lectura I* 39, §31): first, to consider the contingency in what is (*de contingentia in entibus*); second, to consider how God's certain knowledge is compatible with the contingency of things. Scotus tries to defend the validity of Christian theology against the attack of ancient philosophers. The main argument is unpacked in *Lectura I* 39, §§49–53. Scotus argues that a necessary being (God) is able to have contingent knowledge, and that although this knowledge is contingent, it is not necessarily mutable and temporal by that very fact. In *Lectura I* 39 §1, Scotus asks, "whether God has determinate knowledge of things according to every aspect of their existence, as according to being in the future." He presents a counterview which claims

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that God cannot have determinate knowledge of the future. To support this counterview, he uses Aristotle's *De Interpretatione* IX. In the following arguments, Scotus does not attempt to contradict Aristotle. He does not affirm or reject the ideas of Aristotle. The only issue he argues against is the proposition that God cannot have determinate knowledge of the future. Scotus appears to try to fully demonstrate that Aristotle's text is not contradictory to the Christian doctrine of God. Scotus argues that God wills with one single volition (*unica volitione*) whatever he wills. God has one volition *ad intra*, but this one volition can be related to many opposite things *ad extra*. God can simultaneously will one thing at time 1 and the opposite thing at time 2. There are various possible interpretations of Aristotle's *De Interpretatione* IX. For example, John Buridan (ca. 1300–1362) thought the Scotistic contingency theory was an Aristotelian view²⁶². Buridan's judgment is all the more possible because of at least four reasons: (1) Aristotle's *De Interpretatione* IX, 19a23–25 can be interpreted like the Scotistic contingency theory; (2) Scotus himself does not refute Aristotle's *De Interpretatione* IX in *Lectura* I 39 §§49–53; (3) Scotus, rather, tries to formulate his contingency theory with the help of other works of Aristotle in *Lectura* I 39 §§51, 54; (4) Scotus introduces the diachronic feature of God's volition to his contingency theory as well as the synchronic feature.^[35]

1.4.2 Metaphysical argument for the existence of God

Duns Scotus argued that it is better to construct a metaphysical argument for the existence of God, rather than the more common physical argument from motion^[36] favoured by Aquinas,^[37] following Aristotle.^[38] Though the version in *De Primo Principio* is the most complete and final version, the *Ordinatio* proof is usually offered. However, the *De Primo* version is fascinating and worth looking into for a wider understanding of the argument as well as Scotus's metaphysical underpinnings for his argument for God's existence, but the *Ordinatio* version will be followed here. Briefly, Scotus begins his proof by explaining that there are two angles we must take in arguing for the existence of an actually infinite being. First from the view of the Relative Properties of God and second from the Absolute Properties of God. Relative properties are those which are predicable of God in relation to creation; absolute properties are those which belong to God whether or not He chose to create. Under the first heading of Relative Properties, Scotus argues for a triple primacy of efficiency, finality and pre-eminence. From there he shows that one primacy implies the others, and finally there can only be one nature that is the First Efficient Cause, Ultimate End, and the Most Perfect Nature. From there the Subtle Doctor discusses the Absolute Properties of God. The First Being is intellectual and volitional, and the intellect and will are identical with the essence of this supreme nature. The First Being is also infinite being. While discussing the infinity of God, Scotus resurrects Anselm's argument and responds to the criticism that Anselm makes an illicit leap from concept to reality. Finally, he gives a definite answer of "yes" to the question of whether there exists an actually infinite being. The very next question of the *Ordinatio* deals with the unicity of the nature thus proved to exist. However, the *De Primo Principio* version concludes with this argument.

The proof for the conclusion that "some efficient cause is simply first such that neither can it be an effect nor can it, by virtue of something other than itself, cause an effect" *Ordinatio* I.2.43^[39] runs like this:

²⁶² <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aristotelianism>

1. Something can be produced.
2. It is produced either by itself, nothing, or another.
3. Not by nothing, for nothing causes nothing.
4. Not by itself, for an effect never causes itself.
5. Therefore, by another; call it *A*.
6. If *A* is first, then we have reached the conclusion.
7. If *A* is not first, but also an effect, we return to 2). *A* is produced either by itself, nothing, or another.
8. From 3) and 4), we say another, *B*. The ascending series will either continue infinitely or we finally reach something which has nothing prior to it.
9. An infinite ascending series is impossible.
10. Therefore, etc.

Scotus acknowledges two objections and deals with them accordingly. First is that he begs the question in assuming a first in the series. Here he argues that while many admit an infinite regress in an accidentally ordered series of causes, no philosopher admits infinite regress in an essentially ordered series. Scotus explains the differences between the two and offers proofs for the conclusion that an infinity of essentially ordered causes in a series is impossible.^[40] Second, it is objected that his proof is not really a demonstration since it begins with a contingent premise. That something is produced is contingent and not necessary. Therefore, the proof proceeds from a contingent and not a necessary premise. Scotus says that while that is true, it is utterly manifest that things are produced or effected. But in order to respond, Scotus makes a modal move and reworks the argument. Now he argues from the possibility of production. "It is possible that something can be produced" is a necessary proposition. From there he is able to conclude that it is possible that the first efficient cause exists, and if it is possible that it exists, then it does exist. He asserts that the last claim will be proved later in the argument.^[41] In the *Lectura* proof, Scotus argues the following way:

Although beings different from God are actually contingent with respect to their factual existence, nevertheless, they are not with respect to their possible existence. Hence, those entities which are called contingent with respect to their factual existence are necessary with respect to their possible existence – for instance, although "There exists a man" is contingent, nevertheless "It is possible that he exists" is necessary, because his existence does not include any contradiction. Therefore, "Something – different from God – is possible" is necessary, because being is divided into the contingent and the necessary. Just as necessity belongs to a necessary being in virtue of its condition or its quiddity, so possibility belongs to a possible being in virtue of its quiddity. If the first argument is alternatively qualified with the notion of ontological possibility, then we have necessary propositions as follows: It is possible that there is something different from God – it is not of itself (because then it would not be the case that it were possible), nor from nothing. Therefore, it is possible that it is from something else. Either it is possible that the other agent acts by virtue of itself – and not by virtue of something else, not being from something else – or it is not possible. If so, then it is possible that there is a first agent, and if it [is] possible that it exists, then it exists, just as we have proved before. If not and if there is no infinite regress, then the argument at once comes to a standstill.

For more on this argument, see especially Authors/Duns Scotus/Ordinatio/Ordinatio I/D2/Q2B – The Logic Museum²⁶³.

1.4.3 Illuminationism

Scotus argued against the version of illuminationism²⁶⁴ that had been defended earlier in the century by Henry of Ghent²⁶⁵. In his *Ordinatio* (I.3.1.4) he argued against the sceptical consequences that Henry claimed would follow from abandoning divine illumination. Scotus argued that if our thinking were fallible in the way Henry had believed, such illumination could not, even in principle, ensure "certain and pure knowledge."^[42]

When one of those that come together is incompatible with certainty, then certainty cannot be achieved. For just as from one premise that is necessary and one that is contingent nothing follows but a contingent conclusion, so from something certain and something uncertain, coming together in some cognition, no cognition that is certain follows (*Ordinatio* I.3.1.4 n.221).

1.4.4 Immaculate Conception

Perhaps the most influential point of Duns Scotus's theology was his defense of the Immaculate Conception²⁶⁶ of Mary²⁶⁷ (i.e., that Mary herself was conceived without sin). At the time, there was a great deal of argument about the subject. The general opinion was that it was appropriately deferential to the Mother of God²⁶⁸, but it could not be seen how to resolve the problem that only with Christ²⁶⁹'s death would the stain of original sin²⁷⁰ be removed. The great philosophers and theologians of the West were divided on the subject (indeed, even Thomas Aquinas²⁷¹ sided with those who denied the doctrine). The feast day²⁷² had existed in the East (though in the East, the feast is just of the Conception of Mary) since the seventh century and had been introduced in several dioceses in the West as well, even though the philosophical basis was lacking. Citing Anselm of Canterbury²⁷³'s principle, "*potuit, deuit, ergo fecit*" (He [i.e., God] could do it, it was appropriate, therefore He did it), Duns Scotus devised the following argument: Mary was in need of redemption like all other human beings, but through the merits of Jesus' crucifixion²⁷⁴, given in advance, she was conceived without the stain of original sin. God could have brought it about (1) that she was never in original sin, (2) she was in sin only for an instant, (3) she was in sin for a period of time, being purged at the last instant. Whichever of these options was most excellent should probably be attributed to Mary.^[43] This apparently careful statement pro-

263 http://www.logicmuseum.com/wiki/Authors/Duns_Scotus/Ordinatio/Ordinatio_I/D2/Q2B

264 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divine_illumination

265 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_of_Ghent

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273 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anselm_of_Canterbury

274 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion>

voked a storm of opposition at Paris, and suggested the line 'fired France for Mary without spot' in the famous poem "Duns Scotus's Oxford," by Gerard Manley Hopkins²⁷⁵.

Scotus's argument appears in Pope Pius IX²⁷⁶'s 1854 declaration of the dogma²⁷⁷ of the Immaculate Conception, "at the first moment of Her conception, Mary was preserved free from the stain of original sin, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ."^[44] Scotus's position was hailed as "a correct expression of the faith of the Apostles."^[44]

Another of Scotus's positions also gained official approval of the Catholic Church: his doctrine on the universal primacy of Christ became the underlying rationale for the feast of Christ the King instituted in 1925.^[44]

During his pontificate, Pope John XXIII²⁷⁸ recommended the reading of Duns Scotus's theology to modern theology students.

1.5 Veneration

Duns Scotus was long honored as a Blessed²⁷⁹ by the Order of Friars Minor, as well as in the Archdioceses²⁸⁰ of Edinburgh²⁸¹ and Cologne²⁸². In the 19th-century, the process was started seeking his recognition as such by the Holy See²⁸³, on the basis of a *cultus*²⁸⁴ *immemorabilis*, i.e., one of ancient standing.^[17] He was declared Venerable²⁸⁵ by Pope John Paul II²⁸⁶ in 1991, who officially recognized his liturgical cult, effectively beatifying²⁸⁷ him on 20 March 1993.^[45]

1.6 Later reputation and influence

1.6.1 Later medieval period

Owing to Scotus's early and unexpected death, he left behind a large body of work in an unfinished or unedited condition. His students and disciples extensively edited his papers, often confusing them with works by other writers, in many cases leading to misattribution and confused transmission. Most 13th-century Franciscans followed Bonaventura²⁸⁸, but the influence of Scotus (as well as that of his arch-rival William of Ockham²⁸⁹) spread in the fourteenth century. Franciscan theologians in the late Middle Ages were thus divided

²⁷⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerard_Manley_Hopkins

²⁷⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Pius_IX

²⁷⁷ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dogma>

²⁷⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XXIII

²⁷⁹ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatification>

²⁸⁰ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archdiocese>

²⁸¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Catholic_Archdiocese_of_St_Andrews_and_Edinburgh

²⁸² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archdiocese_of_Cologne

²⁸³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_See

²⁸⁴ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cult_\(religious_practice\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cult_(religious_practice))

²⁸⁵ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venerable>

²⁸⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_Paul_II

²⁸⁷ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatification>

²⁸⁸ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonaventure>

²⁸⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_of_Ockham

between so-called Scotists and Ockhamists. Fourteenth century followers included Francis of Mayrone²⁹⁰ (died 1325), Antonius Andreas²⁹¹ (died 1320), William of Alnwick²⁹² (died 1333), and John of Bassolis (died 1347), supposedly Scotus's favourite student.^[46]

1.6.2 Sixteenth to nineteenth centuries

His reputation suffered during the English reformation²⁹³, probably due to its association with the Franciscans. In a letter to Thomas Cromwell²⁹⁴ about his visit to Oxford in 1535, Richard Layton²⁹⁵ described how he saw the court of New College full of pages from Scotus's work, "the wind blowing them into every corner."^[47] John Leland²⁹⁶ described the Oxford Greyfriar's library in 1538 (just prior to its dissolution) as an accumulation of "cobwebs, moths and bookworms."^[48]

When in the sixteenth century the Scotists argued against Renaissance humanism²⁹⁷, the term *duns* or *dunce*²⁹⁸ became, in the mouths of humanists and reformers, a term of abuse and a synonym²⁹⁹ for one incapable of scholarship³⁰⁰.^[49]

Despite this, Scotism grew in Catholic Europe. Scotus's works were collected into many editions, particularly in the late fifteenth century with the advent of printing³⁰¹. His school was probably at the height of its popularity at the beginning of the seventeenth century; during the sixteenth and the seventeenth centuries there were special Scotist chairs, e.g. at Paris, Rome, Coimbra, Salamanca, Alcalá, Padua, and Pavia. New ideas were included pseudographically³⁰² in later editions of his work, such as the principle of explosion³⁰³, now attributed to **Pseudo-Scotus**. Scotism flourished well into the seventeenth century, and its influence can be seen in such writers as Descartes³⁰⁴ and Bramhall. Interest dwindled in the eighteenth century, and the revival of scholastic philosophy, known as neo-Scholasticism³⁰⁵, was essentially a revival of Thomistic thinking.

Gerard Manley Hopkins³⁰⁶ was able to reconcile his religious calling and his vocation as a poet thanks to his reading of Duns Scotus. His poem *As Kingfishers Catch Fire* expresses Duns Scotus's ideas on "haecceity".

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1.6.3 Twentieth century

The twentieth century saw a resurgence of interest in Scotus, with a range of assessments of his thought.

For one thing, Scotus has received interest from secular philosophers such as Peter King, Gyula Klima, Paul Vincent Spade, and others.

For some today, Scotus is one of the most important Franciscan³⁰⁷ theologians and the founder of Scotism³⁰⁸, a special form of Scholasticism³⁰⁹. He came out of the Old Franciscan School, to which Haymo of Faversham³¹⁰ (died 1244), Alexander of Hales³¹¹ (died 1245), John of Rupella³¹² (died 1245), William of Melitona³¹³ (died 1260), St. Bonaventure³¹⁴ (died 1274), Cardinal³¹⁵ Matthew of Aquasparta³¹⁶ (died 1289), John Peckham³¹⁷, Archbishop of Canterbury (died 1292), Richard of Middleton³¹⁸ (died c. 1300), etc., belonged. He was known as "Doctor Subtilis" because of the subtle distinctions and nuances of his thinking. Later philosophers in the sixteenth century were less complimentary about his work and accused him of sophistry³¹⁹. This led to the word "dunce"³²⁰, which developed from the name "Dunse" given to his followers in the 1500s, becoming used for "somebody who is incapable of scholarship"³²¹.

An important question since the 1960s has revolved over whether Scotus's thought heralded a change in thinking on the nature of 'being,' a change which marked a shift from Aquinas and other previous thinkers; this question has been particularly significant in recent years because it has come to be seen as a debate over the origins of 'modernity.' This line of argument first emerged in the 1960s among popular French philosophers who, in passing, singled out Duns Scotus as the figure whose theory of univocal being changed an earlier approach which Aquinas had shared with his predecessors.^[50] Then, in 1990, the historian of philosophy Jean-Francois Courtine argued that, between the time of Aquinas in the mid-thirteenth century and Francisco Suárez³²² at the turn of the seventeenth, a fundamentally new approach to being was developed, with Scotus taking a major part in its development.^[51] During the 1990s, various scholars extended this argument to locate Scotus as the first thinker who succumbed to what Heidegger³²³ termed 'onto-theology'.

307 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciscan>

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In recent years, this criticism of Scotus has become disseminated in particular through the writings of the 'Radical Orthodox' group of theologians, drawing on John Milbank³²⁴ and Catherine Pickstock³²⁵. The Radical Orthodox model has been questioned by Daniel Horan³²⁶[52] and Thomas Williams,^[53] both of whom claim that Scotus's doctrine of the univocity of being is a semantic, rather than an ontological theory. Both thinkers cite Ord. 1, d. 3, pars 1, q. 3, n. 163, in which Scotus claims that "This [univocally] is how all the authoritative passages one might find on this topic in the Metaphysics or Physics should be interpreted: in terms of the ontological diversity of those things to which the concept is attributed, which is compatible with there being one concept that can be abstracted from them". Such a quotation seems to refer to epistemology, with abstracted concepts, rather than with ontology, which Scotus admits can be diverse.

1.7 In popular media

In 2012 Fernando Muraca directed for TVCO and the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate³²⁷ the biopic *Blessed Duns Scotus: Defender of the Immaculate Conception* in Italian.^{[54][55]} It centers on the debate at the Paris University with glimpses of his infancy and Franciscan vocation. Adriano Braidotti played the adult Scotus and Emanuele Maria Gamboni played Scotus as a child.^[56]

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 - *Quaestiones in libros Elenchorum*
- *Quaestiones super libros De anima* (1295–1298?)
- *Quaestiones super libros Metaphysicorum Aristotelis* (1298–1300?; revised later)
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- *Lectura* (Early Oxford Lectures on the four books of the *Sentences* of Peter Lombard)
 - Books 1 and 2 (1300–1301)
 - Book 3 (probably written in Paris, 1303–04)
 - Book 4 (not extant)
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