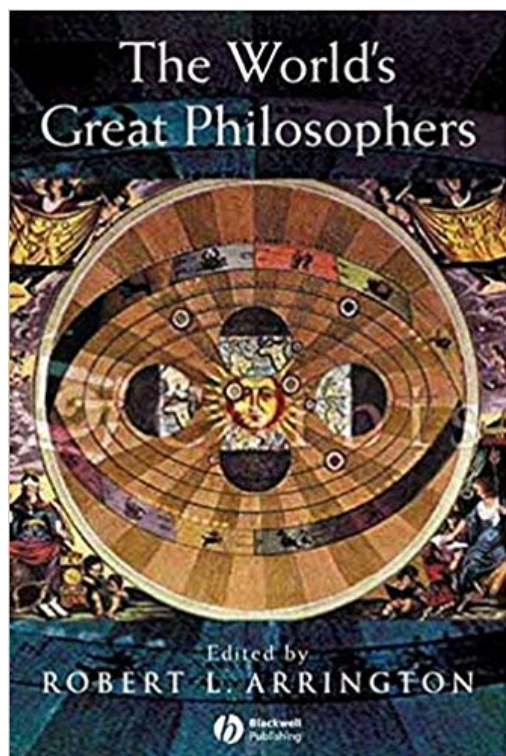


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Reviews of the **The World's Great Philosophers** *by* Robert L. Arrington

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I have always enjoy reading philosophy and about the truly historic and yes proven great philosophers of ages past. I am not so inclined to find too many modern day thinkers as "great" at anything.

I am absolutely sure that the writings and opinions of many included in this book mean a great deal to others so inclined to spend their time on such issues. But the universe is, whether some want to admit it or not, much more black and white than shades of gray. Most philosophers do nothing more than hide this most basic of truths.

It has always amazed me how so-called great intellectuals and "philosophers" spend their energy and time contemplating matters and issues that produce not one ounce of good for the common man or women in this world. They contemplate and debate issues of the mind that are meaningless when dealing with the realities of life, our existence and our place in the universe and the here and now.

Would that they spent as much of their time, energy and mental abilities on issues that affect mankind on a day to day basis and not on issues like "are we really physical beings or not" or "do we know, what we know, when we know, what we know". "I think...therefore I am" kinda summed up all this ridiculous contemplation about other alternatives.

What an utter waste of talent for many of these brainy people to spend their lives wondering if a chair is a chair if you are not looking at it or what is right and wrong and can you tell the difference. Aquinas and others already answered thdr questions. Perhaps we would not be in such a perilous state as we are today if people did not keep trying to reinvent philosophy to fit their own confused ideals.

Maybe it is just that those who say these are great philosophers simply do not know how to pick the truley "Great Philosophical People" any more.

Sister Teresa was a greater philosophical person than some of these, Ghandi was greater, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Billy Graham, Pope John Paul were greater thinkers and philosophers. The list is enless if you know where to look.

This is an interesting book to allow those of us who read it to understand the individuals mentioned in it...but it certainly does not convince everyone that the majority of these individuals were or are great thinkers.

I find our founding fathers here in America (who studied some of the few truly great people mentioned in these pages) much more brilliant than most of the other people mentioned.

I would not call it "The World's Great Philosophers", I would rather call it "A summary of the collected works of a few great historical figures and the published opinions of other notable...sometimes troubled & misguided...individuals in recent history."

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I was so disappointed when I started reading this book.

This is a collection of end-of-term-papers written by academics to impress other academics.

Each essay is a litany of name-checks to prove the author knows their subject, and hopefully gets a good grade.

This is exactly why you shouldn't study philosophy at university.

It's an excercise in turning something so thrilling into something so boring.

For something exciting, illuminating, and intriguing on this subject you'd be much better reading Bertrand Russell's 'History Of Western Philosophy'

The editors of this book would do well to remember Democritus' quote, 'The mind isn't a vessel to be filled. It's a fire to be ignited.'

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