

**The Christian Tradition**  
**CHU 395, - Fall, 2006**  
**Sections 1 and 5 – Fall, 2006**  
Point Loma Nazarene University

**Dennis R. Bratcher, Professor**  
**Office, Rohr 113**  
**Phone: Office, ext. 2943 Home: 619 546-8227**  
email: [bratcher@crivoice.org](mailto:bratcher@crivoice.org)  
website: <http://www.crivoice.org/>

## Contributors to the Christian Faith

This is a selected list of persons that have contributed in some way to the Christian Faith. There are many others who could be listed and some of these are more significant than others. Note that “contributor” does not necessarily mean “orthodox,” since some of these people represent ideas and positions that were not considered part of traditional or accepted Christianity. However, it is also important to keep in mind that some “heresies” were the result of dialogs within the Christian tradition about how best to understand and articulate the Faith, especially the role of Jesus. Some views that were initially rejected as unorthodox, for example the views of James Arminius or John Wycliffe, would emerge later in Church history as reforming influences on traditional views.

Ignatius of Antioch	Ratramnus of Corbie	Philip Jacob Spener
Irenaeus	Anselm of Canterbury	John Wesley
Eusebius	Peter Abelard	David Hume
Justin Martyr	Francis of Assisi	Gotthold Lessing
Clement of Alexandria	Bonaventure	Immanuel Kant
Marcion	Thomas Aquinas	John Winthrop
Origin	Giles of Rome	Thomas Hooker
Tertullian	Dante Alighieri	Jonathan Edwards
Athanasius	William of Ockham	David Walker
Arius	Meister Eckhart	William Ellery Channing
Basil of Caesarea	Julian of Norwich	Charles Grandison Finney
Gregory of Nazianzus	Robert Holcot	Sarah M. Grimké
Gregory of Nyssa	Thomas Bradwardine	Mary Baker Eddy
Apollinaris of Laodicea	John Wycliffe	Joseph Smith
Theodore of Mopsuestia	Dietrich of Niem	Horace Bushnell
Nestorius	John Hus	Friedrich Schleiermacher
Cyril of Alexandria	Desiderius Erasmus	David Friedrich Strauss
Pope Leo I	Martin Luther	Ludwig Feuerbach
Pope Agatho	Ulrich Zwingli	Søren Kierkegaard
Maximus the Confessor	George Blaurock	John Henry Newman
Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite	Thomas Müntzer	Adolf Harnack
John of Damascus	Menno Simmons	Albert Schweitzer
Theodore the Studite	Thomas de Vio/Cardinal Cajetan	Ernst Troeltsch
Patriarch Photius of Constantinople	Ignatius Loyola	Karl Barth
Pope Nicholas I	Theresa of Ávila	Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Symeon the New Theologian	Francisco Suárez	Charles Hodge
Gregory Palamas	John Calvin	Reinhold Niebuhr
Augustine	John Knox	Rudolf Bultmann
Pope Gelasius I	James Arminius	Paul Tillich
Jerome	Richard Hooker	Karl Rahner
Athanasius	Thomas Cartwright	Alfred North Whitehead
Finnian of Clonard	Gerrard Winstanley	Jürgen Moltmann
John Cassian	George Fox	Martin Luther King, Jr.
John Scotus Eriugena	John Locke	James H. Cone
Paschasius Radbertus	Matthew Tindal	Gustavo Gutiérrez