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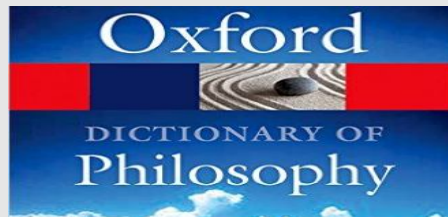
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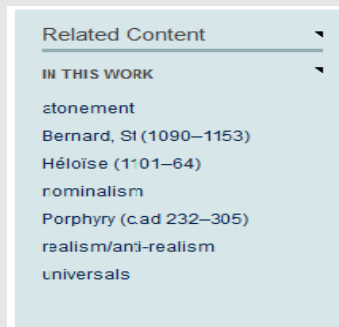
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### ***Kind of Information***

The meaning of the terms, definitions and short notes on those terms, some biographies of philosophical personalities are available here. See, See also reference are also available here. Some terms within the meaning of a particular entry are cross referenced. Related terms of a particular entry are also given in hyperlinked form. Some examples are given below for clear understanding.

- **futurology**  
The activity of predicting the state of the world at some future time, by extrapolating from present trends. Mainly a pseudo-science, given the complexities of social, political, economic, technological, and natural factors. See [chaos](#).
- **Abelard, Peter (Abaelard, Abailard) (1079–1142) French scholastic philosopher.**  
Born near Nantes, Abelard lived a hectic life, quite apart from the misfortune he incurred as a result of his romance of 1118 (for the details of which, see Héloïse). He was educated at Chartres and Paris, and lived as monk and abbot at a succession of monasteries. He survived an attempt on his life at a Breton monastery in 1132. A controversial figure, he found his work condemned in 1121, and his scepticism about the legends of St Dionysius forced him to leave the Abbey of St Denis. In 1125 he became Abbot of St Gildas, and later returned to Paris. His work was denounced by Bernard of Clairvaux, who described him as having sweated to prove that Plato was a Christian, but only proved himself a heretic. He was again censured in 1140, but he died in one of the daughter monasteries of the Abbey of Cluny.



- **war, just**  
See [just war](#).

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### *Remarks*

It is the ideal introduction to philosophy for anyone with an interest in the subject, and it is an indispensable work of reference for students and teachers.

### *Comparable Tools*

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- Dictionary of Philosophy (<http://www.ditext.com/runes/>)

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