The Intelex PAST MASTERS series aims to be the world’s largest collection of full text electronic editions in the humanities.

It is a particularly useful resource for Philosophy and Theology. The Philosophy collection covers not only the expected “greats” such as Descartes, Locke, Berkeley and Hume, but also modern greats such as Austin, Ayer, Davidson. Highlights for theologians include Augustine, both in Latin and in translation, and the Fortress Press 55 volume edition of Luther’s Works.

These are generally the definitive editions, in the original language and/or translation, including unpublished works, articles and essays, reviews and correspondence.

In this task, you have a choice between looking at Past Masters for Philosophy (page 1-2) or Theology (page 3-4).

Connect to Oxlip+ ([http://oxlip-plus.bodleian.ox.ac.uk](http://oxlip-plus.bodleian.ox.ac.uk))

Search for Past Masters.

Click on the link for Past Masters - Humanities Full Text Works
(Note: a search on SOLO for the author of your choice e.g. Past Masters Descartes should take you directly to that author in Past Masters)

Philosophy Example (for a Theology example skip to page 3)

In the Subject menu, select British Philosophy.

- Click on Wittgenstein Collected Works
- Scroll down the contents list on the left panel and click on Philosophical Investigations
- Click on the + to expand the Front matter and read the details of the printed text
- Click on the + to expand Philosophical Investigations and Part II
- Click on any chapter to scroll through the text
- Jump to a later chapter
- Export a citation
- Return to Titles list

A feature of Past Masters is the bundling of some authors together, so that the individuals do not appear independently in the Titles List

- Explore either Continental Rationalists or British Philosophy to see which authors are obscured in this way.
Searching with Past Masters: matching a quotation

- Click on **Search** and insert into the simple search box “Women who read, much more women who write”
  - Click through the link to see the full quotation
  - Scroll up to see the provenance and read the context.

**Proximity Searching**

- From the Search tab at the top, enter **utility principle** in the search box and set the range to 5 words, and search.

![SEARCH PAST MASTERS](image)

- Scroll down to view the results and click though to the full text

**Advanced Searching**

- Insert **mind body** as search terms
- Limit proximity to within **1 word of**
- Using the Search these titles drop-down menu, select Continental Rationalists, The (confusingly filed in J alphabetically), and Locke-Berkeley-Hume, to search just these philosophers’ works.

![SEARCH PAST MASTERS](image)

- View results.
Theology Example

- In the Subject menu, select **Religious Studies**.
  - Scroll down the author list to see what is available
  - Select **Aquinas: Collected Works**
  - Scroll down the contents list on the left panel and click on **Questions on the Soul**
  - Click on the □ to expand the **Front matter** and read the details of the printed text
  - Click on the □ to expand the text
  - Click on any chapter to scroll through the text
  - Jump to a later chapter
  - Export a citation
  - Return to **Titles** list.

- Access via the author contents list may be quite laborious if you are looking for a minor work in the collected works, for example, finding Luther’s 1523 Treatise: **Temporal Authority (v.45)**
  - Once in Luther’s Works, use the small search bar in the top left to search for **Temporal Authority**
  - The results are clustered around volume 45, and this is revealed to be the right volume for the treatise.

Proximity Searching

- From the **Search** tab, enter **temporal authority** in the search box
- In **modify** search, set the range to 0 words, or next to
- Select **Luther: Works** from the drop-down menu of **Search these titles**, and search

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- Scroll down to view the results and click through to the full text.
Advanced Searching

- Insert **soul salvation** as search terms
- Limit proximity to 5 words of
- Select **Religious Studies** as subject
- View results
- Click on **Modify Search**
- Remove **Religions Studies**, and add in some authors not included in your current subject list e.g. **Continental Rationalists** (confusingly filed in J alphabetically) **Abelard** and **British Philosophy**

The wild card in the results here is Thomas Hobbes.