Peter Abelard

1) Aquinas tries to arrive at most of the conclusions of Augustine by using the science of Averroes.

2) Aquinas wanted to negate the double truth theory.

3) Why did Aquinas feel it necessary to read Averroes?

4) Abelard’s a rock star.

5) Abelard’s major departure from tradition was that he thought reason could proceed on it own to find truth.

6) Augustine draws on Plato.

7) While Anselm feels reason is important he’s still in the old tradition.

8) Anselm’s has a Platonic way of thinking.

 a) Defines God as a pure concept.

 b) Relies again on Platonic definition stating that ideas in our mind are real.

c) God is something we can think about therefore he must exist and cannot not exist.

9) Roscelin Questions Anselm

10) Abelard the transitional figure

11) Thomas Aquinas’ philosophy rests on Aristotle’s empiricism.