

German Philosophers Cheat Sheet

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Philosophers are listed roughly chronologically. **Bolded** terms appear frequently in questions.

Philosopher	Works	Details
Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz		Leibniz independently developed calculus simultaneously to Newton, and was satirized in <i>Candide</i> in the character of Doctor Pangloss
	Theodicy	
Immanuel Kant	Critique of Pure Reason	described synthetic a priori judgments
	Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals	introduced the categorical imperative
George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel		idealist ; Hegelian dialectics, such as the master-slave dialectic, use a thesis-antithesis-synthesis format
	The Phenomenology of Spirit	
Arthur Schopenhauer		influenced by the Upanishads ; critiqued Kant with the idea of thing-in-itself
	The World as Will and Representation	title sometimes translated as <i>The World as Will and Idea</i>
Karl Marx	Communist Manifesto	written with Friedrich Engels ; says " A Spectre is haunting Europe ;" describes all history as the " history of class struggle ;" says " Workers of the world, unite! "
	Das Kapital	introduces commodity fetishism ; later sections organized and published by Engels after Marx's death
Friedrich Engels	Communist Manifesto	written with Karl Marx
Friedrich Nietzsche	Thus Spoke Zarathustra	original title <i>Also Sprach Zarathustra</i> , which is sometimes translated as <i>Thus Spake Zarathustra</i> ; introduced the concept of the Übermensch , sometimes translated as "superman"
	The Gay Science	says " Gott ist tot " or " God is dead "
	Beyond Good and Evil; On the Genealogy of Morals; Ecce Homo; The Birth of Tragedy	
Ludwig Wittgenstein		created the beetle-in-a-box thought experiment to describe his perspective on private languages
	Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus; Philosophical Investigations	
Martin Heidegger		existentialist ; Nazi sympathizer ; taught by Edmund Husserl
	Being and Time	describes dasein , or "there-being"