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JOURNAL NO. 2: In your opinion, what was the most significant development in the History of Western Philosophy?

In my personal opinion, the most significant development in Western Philosophy is Scholasticism. Most of the philosophers in Western Philosophy are atheists or do not believe in God's existence. Some philosophers value their personal desires and beliefs. With the help of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine, Meister Eckhart, and other representatives, Scholasticism made possible for development in Western Philosophy.

Religious people do not treat God's creation and existence as a hypothesis; because Christians believed God is constant. His existence is the best explanation of available evidence. For St. Augustine, the philosophy platform is the love of wisdom and its desire for happiness. Happiness is part of living, a good state where you can refine yourself and your relationship with others. Furthermore, for St. Augustine, wisdom is not only an intellectual conceptualization but is also the existence of Divine logos. All knowledge travels along with God so that it moves ahead to a more abundant understanding. Also, faith is the motivation and foundation that points reason to the right places for the world and people. For St. Thomas of Aquinas, human beings are moral agents. It means we are both spiritual and material. The cooperation between these spiritual and body elements assists us in understanding the complication of human beings. St. Thomas of Aquinas explained that through our spirituality, we come up to have a conscience. We know the concept of responsibility by choosing what is "right and wrong" and "good and evil."

In general, the teachings of Christianity and humanity sustain philosophical views and religious knowledge that people persuade to be objective and enlightened. Christianity showing the complete revelation of the true God and the rationality of belief in God's existence. When an individual has a whole conception of God, humanity, and self; therefore man finally attains complete knowledge and truth of the soul.