

Frederick Copleston

Frederick Copleston was born in 1907. Raised in England as an Anglican, Copleston converted to Catholicism shortly after he turned 18 years of age. In 1930, he became a Jesuit and was ordained a Jesuit priest while at Heythrop College in 1937. After a brief stay in Europe, Copleston returned just prior to the outbreak of war to teach the history of philosophy at Heythrop. It was while at Heythrop that he began work on his massive *History of Philosophy*, originally intended as a textbook for Jesuit students and only completed in 1975.

Copleston has written works on Nietzsche, Schopenhauer and St Thomas Aquinas, but it is for his *History* that he is most remembered and esteemed, among Catholic students and scholars, as well as secular students of philosophy.

Frederick Copleston died in 1994.

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