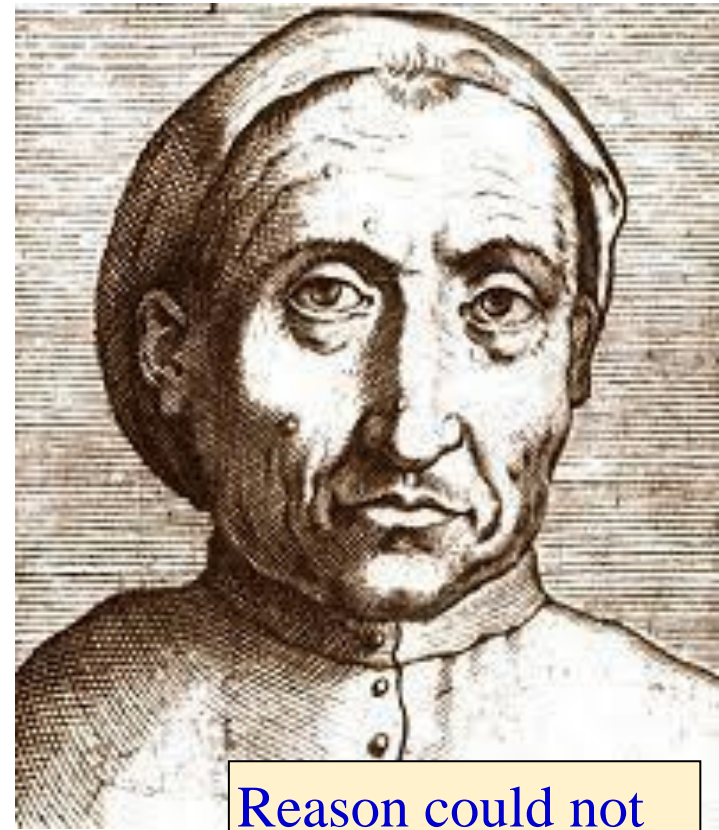


PIETRO POMPONAZZI

Biography

- Born 1462 in Italy
- Died 1525 in Italy
- Doctor, teacher/professor
- His writings brought about threats to his life (which he responded to by publishing more, and upsetting more people!)



Philosophy (major ideas)

In ancient and medieval times, people widely believed in miracles, charms, incantations, and demonic and magical events. Pomponazzi stressed that “miracle’s” etc can be explained by natural events.

He asserted that, from an Aristotelian point of view, an incorporeal being cannot directly act on a corporeal being.

In 1516, he provoked a controversy by asserting that although faith endorses immortality, natural reason and Aristotelian doctrines are unable to prove it.

Reason could not prove that a person's soul lived on after death.

↪ The soul was the same as the intellect, and that the intellect could not function without the body's senses.