

## **Blaise Pascal: Stanford University: Stanford University**

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Pascal did not publish any philosophical works during his relatively brief lifetime. His status in French literature today is based primarily on the posthumous publication of a notebook in which he drafted or recorded ideas for a defence of Christianity, the *Pensées de M. Pascal sur la religion et sur quelques autres sujets* (1670). His philosophical commitments can be gleaned from the contributions he made to scientific and theological debates in France in the mid-seventeenth century.