

# Ibn Sina

The Man Who Knew Everything

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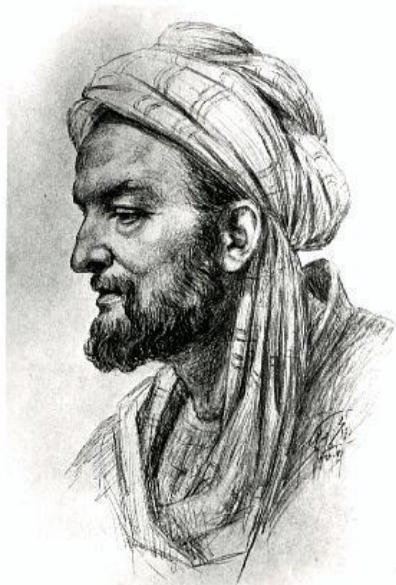












Avicenna, portrait. Major, 241, 263

Ibn Sina/Avicenna  
(980-1037)







Professed Muslim

Belief in God

Belief in Muhammad as last Prophet

Laws of nature inviolable

No miracles

No bodily resurrection



## The Incoherence of the Philosophers

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“So: you believe in God but leave little point for God.”

Al Ghazali on Ibn Sina







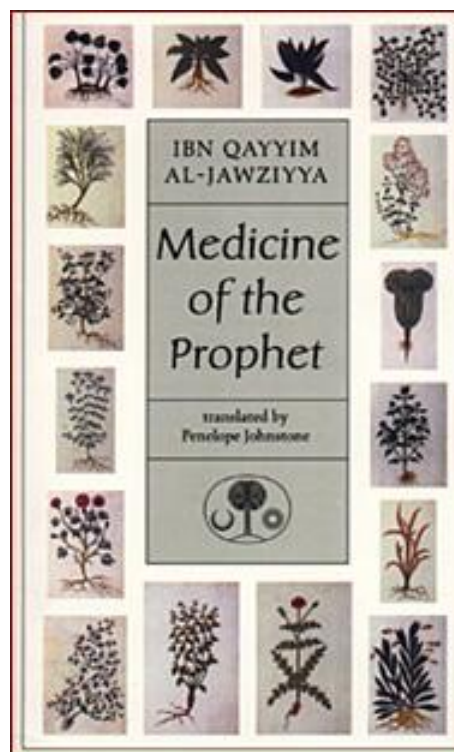
1187 First Latin translation of *Canon*  
Universities of Bologna, Padua, Paris, Siena  
1674 last known translation  
60 editions between 1500 and 1674

“The Arabs had taken all their knowledge  
from the Greeks and, like Harpies, defiled all  
that they touched.”

Leonhart Fuchs, 1535 quoted in *Avicenna in  
Renaissance Italy* by Nancy Siraisi

Among Avicenna's "errors" are legitimizing divorce and claiming that miracles have a natural explanation

Symphorien Champier, 1522, quoted in Siraisi





“The physicians have nothing to repel these illnesses and their causes, anymore than they have anything to explain them.”

“Have complete trust and confidence in God and endure patience and accept with contentment His decrees.”

Ibn Jawziya in *Medicine of the Prophet*

“It is better to hide my pain from pretentious  
physicians. Perhaps I will be cured from the  
Treasury of the Invisible”

Hafiz, Persian poet

*The Canon  
of Medicine*  
(*al-Qānūn fī'l-ṭibb*)

Avicenna

(Abū 'Alī al-Ḥusayn ibn  
'Abd Allāh ibn Sīnā)

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