

Jean le Charlier called **Jean de Gerson**



France

Théologian, philosopher, preacher and mystic.

08 Gerson (now Barby) 14/12/1363 - 69 Lyon 12/07/1429

Taught by Pierre d'Ailly, called the **very christian Doctor**, University's chancellor, dean of Bruges chapter, he takes a prominent part in the **Great Schism** between the Rome's pope, Grégoire XII and the Avignon's antipope, Benoît XIII, created by the Emperor.

After the failure of Pise's council in 1409, he induces in Constance (1414-1418) a new one which settles the crisis by en proclaiming the prevalence of the council's decisions over the papal one's.

He advocates drastic reformations and incurs hatred from Burgundians and Jean sans Peur after denouncing their violence and the duke of Orleans' murder. He has then to go into exile to Melk's abbey in Austria (1417-1419).

He spends the last ten years of his life among Célestins monks in Lyon while writing theological works.

Completes works :

P. Glorieux ed., 10 vol., Paris, 1960-1973.

