

THE GREAT THINKERS.

Shelly wrote Queen Mab at 18.  
 Luther wrote his 95 theses at 34.  
 Disraeli wrote Vivian Grey at 21.  
 Gray published his Elegy at 34.  
 Mohammed began the Koran at 35.  
 Swift wrote the Tale of a Tub at 37.  
 Alexander Dumas wrote plays at 22.  
 Heine published his first songs at 23.  
 Poe wrote The Raven in his 36th year.  
 Owen Meredith published Lucile at 29.  
 Butler wrote Hudibras after he was 60.  
 Shakspeare wrote his first play at about 40.  
 Sir Thomas more finished his Utopia at 73.  
 Spenser published the Faerie Queene at 38.  
 Corneille wrote Melite his first drama, at 21.  
 Confucius began his religious works at 30.  
 Lord Bacon wrote the Novum Organon at 41.  
 Sterne published the Tristram Shandy at 46.  
 Goldsmith finished The Deserted Village at 42.  
 Sheridan wrote The School for Scandal at 26.  
 Calvin published his Psychopannychia at 25.  
 Livy is said to have finished his Annals at 50.  
 Dante finished the Divina Commedia at about 51.  
 Thackeray was 36 when Vanity Fair appeared.  
 Baxter wrote the Saint's Everlasting Rest at 34.  
 It is said that Horace wrote his first odes at 23.  
 Josephus published his Wares of the Jews at 56.  
 David is said to have written his first psalm at 18.  
 Lermartine's poems appeared when the poet was 30.  
 George Eliot was 39 when Adam Bede was printed.  
 Thomas Kempis wrote the Imitation of Christ at 34.  
 Bryant was 19 when made famous by nanatopsis.  
 Tacitus finished the first part of his history at 50.  
 Adam Smith published The Wealth of Nations at 55.  
 Homer is said to have composed the Iliad after 60.  
 Solomon is said to have collected the Proverbs at 50.  
 John Bunyan finished the Pilgrim's Progress at 50.  
 Robert Browning wrote The Ring and the Book at 57.  
 The Bucolics of Virgil were written between 43 and 47.  
 Samuel Johnson published London when he was 29.  
 Joseph Addison's first essays appeared when he was 29.  
 Hannah More wrote The Search After Happiness at 28.  
 The Pleasures of Hope appeared when Campbell was 22.  
 Voltaire's first tragedy came out when the author was 22.  
 Hugh Miller published The Testimony of the Rocks at 55.

According to Talmud, Daniel wrote his first prophecy at 50.  
 According to tradition Buddha began his revelations at 35.  
 Burns wrote songs in childhood, and published some at 16.  
 Lamb's first printed poems came out when the author was 22.  
 Jane Eyre was the work of Charlotte Bronte when she was 22.  
 Mill's Logic appeared at 37, his Principles of Political Economy at 42.  
 The early Christian writers says Paul wrote his first epistle at 46.  
 Bulwer-Lytton was 29 when he printed The Last Days of Pompeii.  
 Ariosto began the Orlando Furioso at 32 and finished it 10 years later.  
 John Locke finished the Essay on the Human Understanding at 58.  
 Cicero is thought to have written De Officiis after he had passed 40.  
 Hours of Idleness appeared when Bryon was 18, his Childe Harold at 28.  
 Buckle brought out the first volume of the History of Civilization at 36.  
 Carlyle published Sartor Resartus at 38, and the French Revolution at 42.  
 De Quincey published The Confessions of an English Opium Eater at 36.  
 Isaac Newton wrote the last of the Natural Philosophy when he was 45.  
 Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table at 48.  
 Little Poems, the first work of Thomas Moore, appeared when he was 23.  
 Chaucer is thought to have written the Canterbury Tales after he was 50.  
 When Victor Hugo was 20, he issued his first volume—a collection of poems.  
 Miss Sedgwick wrote her first novel, The New England Tale, at the age of 33.  
 Emanuel Swedenborg's Arcana Coelestia was printed when the author was 61.  
 Elizabeth Barrett Browning produced An Essay on Mind and other poems at 18.  
 Immanuel Kant's Critique of Pure Reason appeared when the author was 57.  
 Xenophon is supposed to have finished the Retreat of the Ten Thousand about 50.  
 The first volume of the History of England appeared when David Hume was 43.  
 According to tradition, Moses wrote the book of Job at 70 and finished the Law at 120.  
 Macaulay was 47 when he began the brilliant fragment known as the History of England.  
 At the age of 41 Milton issued the Paradise Lost, which had been in preparation for 20 years.  
 The first volume of Indian tales from the pen of Cooper appeared when the author was 30.  
 Alexander Pope was 45 years old when he wrote the immortal Essay on Man, and about 25 when he began his translation of the Iliad.

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