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is the creator of the Dewey Decimal System. This is a system in which all recorded knowledge is broken down into 10 major classes, 000 through 900. These classes are further broken down into numerous subcategories.

Selected Dewey Classifications

000 Generalities

- 005 Computers
- 030 General Encyclopedias

100 Philosophy & Psychology

- 130 Paranormal Phenomena
- 150 Psychology

200 Religion

- 220 Bible
- 290 Comparative Religions

300 Social Sciences

- 320 Political Science
- 330 Economics
- 340 Law
- 360 Social Services
- 370 Education

400 Language

- 420 English
- 430 German
- 440 French
- 450 Italian
- 460 Spanish

500 Natural Sciences & Math

- 510 Mathematics
- 520 Astronomy
- 530 Physics
- 540 Chemistry
- 550 Earth Sciences
- 570 Life Sciences
- 580 Botanical Sciences
- 590 Zoological Sciences

600 Technology (Applied Sciences)

- 610 Medical Sciences & Medicine
- 641.5 Cooking
- 658 Business Management

700 The Arts

- 720 Architecture
- 740 Drawing & Crafts & Interior Decorating
- 750 Painting & Painters
- 770 Photography & Photographs
- 780 Music
- 790 Recreational & Performing Arts

800 Literature

- 810 American Literature
- 820 English Literature
- 880 Greek Literature

900 Geography & History

- 910 Travel
- 930 History of the Ancient World
- 940 General History of Europe
- 970 U.S. History