Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Augustine are two well-known philosophers that lived approximately 900 years apart and both are famous for their philosophical and theological discoveries. Aquinas was greatly influenced by Aristotle. He suggested that faith and reason are complementary rather than contradictory, and that political authority comes from God. Aquinas, like others before and after, also believed there were opportunities for "just war”, even though that seems contrary to religious teachings. Though Augustine was not baptized into the Church until his later years, his views on religion and government are influential as to how this relationship should exist. He also believed the Bible should not be literally interpreted if it diverges from science, though argued politics and religion cannot be separated because the state is rooted in sin. If the philosophers were alive today would they question the relationship between the church and the state and if it is still an issue today.

I choose these philosophers because I have always been intrigued with religion and how well people use it in their daily living.