George Berkeley

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Vital Statistics

- Born, 1685, Kilkenny, Ireland
- Died, 1753, Oxford, England
- Married, three sons, one daughter
- Doctor of Divinity
- Bishop of Cloyne
Important Events

• 1696, entered Kilkenny College
• 1700-04, attended Trinity College, Dublin, graduating with a B.A.
• 1707, Junior Fellow at Trinity College
• 1709, published *An Essay towards a New Theory of Vision*
• 1710, published *Principles of Human Knowledge*, Part I
Important Events (cont.)

• 1710, ordained Anglican Priest
• 1712, visited London and published *De Motu*
• 1713, published *Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous*
• 1716-21, made a grand tour of Europe, losing the manuscript to Part II of the *Principles*
• 1721, completed bachelorate and doctorate of divinity
• 1723, received half the estate of an heiress
Important Events (cont.)

- 1728, married and sailed to Rhode Island to found a university in Bermuda
- 1732, returned to England upon learning that his project would not be funded
- 1734, appointed Bishop of Cloyne
- 1744, published *Siris*
- 1752, retired to Oxford
- 1753, died of “a palsy in the heart”