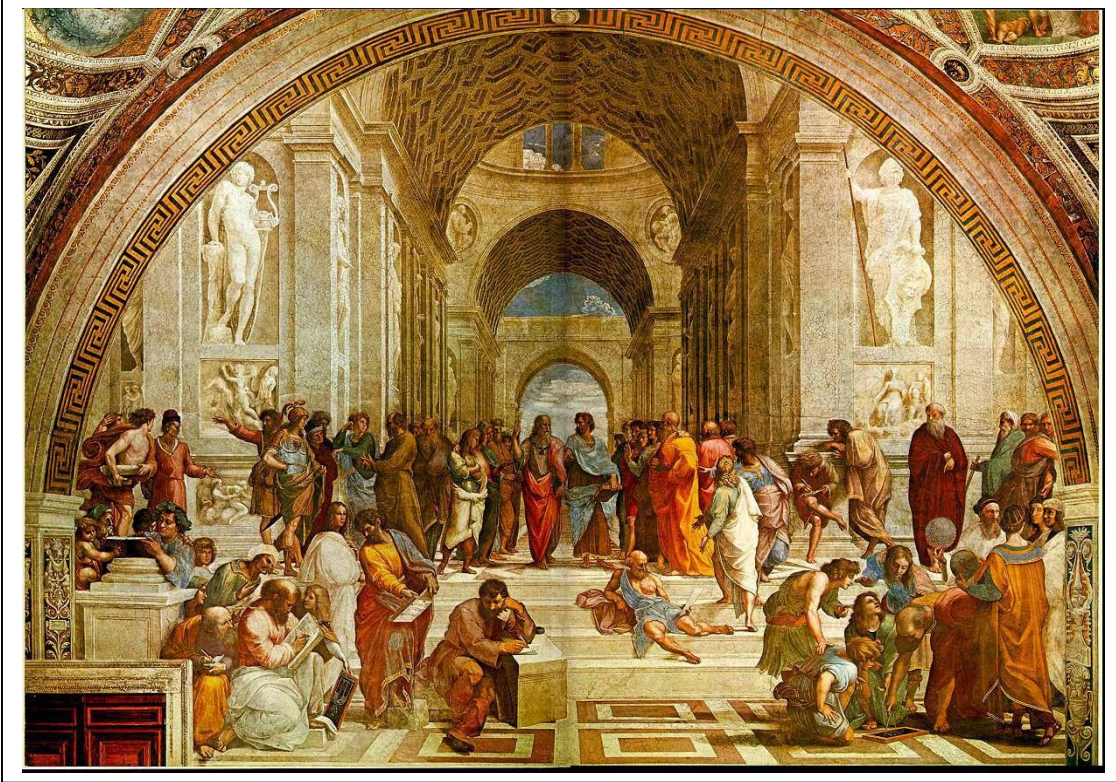


Raphael

The School of Athens: 1508



The School of Athens was painted by the 27 year old Raphael Sanzio. He painted it for Pope Julius II; Donato Bramante recommended Raphael to the Pope. The fresco of Raphael's School of Athens is a masterpiece of Art. However they are unsure and do not know all the details of the persons who are depicted in the painting. Giorgio Vasari and others have suggested nearly all Greek philosophers and ancient scientists can be found here. Unfortunately Raphael did not leave any personal notes on this work but some of the persons can be identified. The work shows that Raphael was an educated person, had some knowledge of Greek philosophy and science. We can consider "The School of Athens" as a "visualization of knowledge".