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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS RELATING TO THE SCOTTISH ENLIGHTENMENT

- 1681 Viscount Stair's *The Institutions of the Laws of Scotland* (rev. edn 1691)
 Royal College of Physicians chartered by Charles II
- 1684–1758 Allan Ramsay (poet)
- 1685–9 Reign of James VII and II
- 1687 Sir Isaac Newton's *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* (the *Principia*)
- 1689 William and Mary ascended the throne
- 1689 Advocates' Library opened
- 1690 John Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*
- 1694–1746 Francis Hutcheson
- 1695–1768 John Erskine of Carnock
- 1696–1782 Henry Home, raised to the Bench as Lord Kames in 1752
- 1698–1746 Colin MacLaurin
- 1698–1748 George Turnbull
- 1702–14 Reign of Queen Anne
- 1704 Death of John Locke
 Sir Isaac Newton's *Opticks*
- 1707 Treaty of Union of England and Scotland
- 1710–96 Thomas Reid
- 1710 Bishop Berkeley's *Principles of Human Knowledge*
 Hutcheson matriculated at Glasgow
- 1710–90 William Cullen
- 1711–76 David Hume
- 1711 Lord Shaftesbury's *Characteristicks of Men, Manners, Opinions, Times*

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- First year of Joseph Addison and Richard Steel's
Spectator
- 1713–84 Allan Ramsay (painter)
- 1713–80 Sir James Steuart
- 1714–27 Reign of George I
- 1714 Bernard Mandeville's *Fable of the Bees*
- 1715 Jacobite Rising
- 1718 Carmichael's commentary on Pufendorf's *De officio hominis et civis*
- 1718–1800 Hugh Blair
- 1719–96 George Campbell
- 1721–93 William Robertson
- 1721–71 Tobias Smollett
- 1722 Reid enters Marischal College, Aberdeen
- 1723–90 Adam Smith
- 1723–1816 Adam Ferguson
- 1723 Hume enters Edinburgh University
- 1725 Hutcheson's *An Inquiry into the Original of our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue*
 MacLaurin elected Professor of Mathematics at
 Edinburgh
- 1725–6 Hutcheson's *Reflections upon Laughter* and
Remarks upon the Fable of the Bees
- 1726–97 James Hutton
- 1728 Hutcheson's *Essay on the Nature and Conduct of the Passions, with Illustrations on the Moral Sense*
- 1729 Death of Gershom Carmichael, Professor of Moral
 Philosophy at Glasgow
 Hutcheson appointed Professor at Glasgow,
 becoming Professor of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow
 in 1730
- 1728–99 Joseph Black
- 1735–1801 John Millar
- 1736–1819 James Watt
- 1736/8–96 James Macpherson
- 1737 Foundation of Philosophical Society of Edinburgh
- 1739–40 Hume's *A Treatise of Human Nature*
- 1739–1805 John Robison

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- 1740 George Turnbull's *Treatise on Ancient Painting* and
Principles of Moral and Christian Philosophy
- 1740–95 William Smellie
- 1740–95 James Boswell
- 1743–86 Gilbert Stuart
- 1745–46 Jacobite Rising under Charles Edward Stuart
- 1747 William Cullen appointed Professor of Chemistry at
 Glasgow
- 1748 Hume's *Philosophical Essays Concerning Human
 Understanding* (later titled *An Enquiry Concerning
 Human Understanding*)
 Colin MacLaurin's *Account of Sir Isaac Newton's
 Philosophical Discoveries*
 Reid's 'Essay on quantity' in *Philosophical
 Transactions of the Royal Society of London*
 Charles-Louis Montesquieu's *L'Esprit des Lois*
- 1749 First volume of comte de Buffon's *Histoire Naturelle*
- 1750–74 Robert Fergusson
- 1751 Adam Smith appointed Professor of Logic and
 Rhetoric at Glasgow, becoming Professor of Moral
 Philosophy at Glasgow in 1752
 Reid appointed regent at King's College, Aberdeen
 Hume's *An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of
 Morals*
- 1752–7 Hume Keeper of the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh
- 1752 Foundation of Glasgow Literary Society
- 1753–1828 Dugald Stewart
- 1754–62 Hume's *History of England*
- 1754–1835 Sir John Sinclair
- 1754 Foundation of Select Society
- 1755 Hutcheson's *A System of Moral Philosophy*
- 1757 Hume's *The Natural History of Religion*
- 1758 Founding of the Aberdeen Philosophical Society, the
 'Wise Club'
- 1759 Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*
 William Robertson's *History of Scotland*
- 1759–96 Robert Burns

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- 1761 John Millar appointed Professor of Civil Law at Glasgow
 Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *Du Contrat social*
- 1762 George Campbell's *Dissertation on Miracles*
 Hugh Blair appointed first Regius Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres at Edinburgh
- 1764 Thomas Reid's *Inquiry into the Human Mind on the Principles of Common Sense*
 Reid appointed Professor of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow
 Adam Ferguson appointed Professor of Pneumatics and Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh
- 1767 Adam Ferguson's *An Essay on the History of Civil Society*
 Sir James Steuart's *Principles of Political Oeconomy*
- 1768–71 First edition of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, edited by William Smellie
- 1771 John Millar's *The Origin of the Distinction of Ranks* (republished with extensive revision in 1779)
- 1771–1832 Sir Walter Scott
- 1773 *An Institute of the Law of Scotland* by John Erskine of Carnock
- 1774 Lord Kames's *Sketches of the History of Man*
- 1776 Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*
 George Campbell's *Philosophy of Rhetoric*
 American Declaration of Independence
- 1779 Hume's *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*
- 1780 James Dunbar's *Essays on the History of Mankind*
- 1781 Immanuel Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*
- 1783 Founding of The Royal Society of Edinburgh
- 1785 Reid's *Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man*
 Dugald Stewart appointed Professor of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh
- 1787 The 'Kilmarnock' edition of Robert Burns
- 1788 Reid's *Essays on the Active Powers of the Human Mind*
 Immanuel Kant's *Critique of Practical Reason*

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- 1789 French Revolution
1790 William Smellie's *Philosophy of Natural History*,
 vol. 1; vol. 2, 1799
1791–99 John Sinclair's *Statistical Account of Scotland*
1792 Adam Ferguson's *Principles of Moral and Political
 Science*
1795 James Hutton's *Theory of the Earth with Proofs and
 Illustrations*
 Adam Smith's *Essays on Philosophical Subjects*