



## Metalogicon: A Twelfth-Century Defense of the Verbal Logical Arts of the Trivium

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By Bishop of Chartres of Salisbury John

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