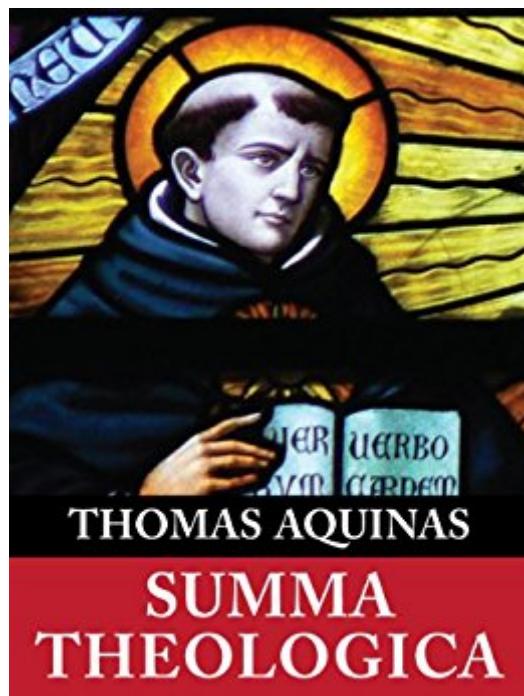


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Synopsis

The Summa Theologica (Latin: "Summary of Theology" or "Highest Theology") is the most famous work of Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274). It was intended as a manual for beginners as a compilation of all of the main theological teachings of the time. It summarizes the reasoning of all points of Christian theology, which before the Protestant Reformation subsisted solely in the Roman Catholic Church. The Summa's topics follow a cycle: the existence of God; God's creation, Man; Man's purpose; Christ; the Sacraments; and back to God. It is famous for its five arguments for the existence of God, the Quinque viae (Latin: five ways). Throughout his work, Aquinas cites Augustine of Hippo, Aristotle, and other Christian, Jewish, Muslim and ancient pagan scholars. This is an electronic edition of the complete book and includes an author biography. This book features a table of contents linked to every chapter.

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reflection. It's as if The Almighty allowed the author a quick glimpse into His mind. Enrich your life and read it, savor it nice and patiently no matter how long it takes. ENJOY!

For seven centuries of Catholicism Saint Thomas was "the" Common Doctor of the Catholic Church. It is a must to know about his synthesis. He used all the knowledge available to his time to understand the human mind. He was able to declare that anything he read he was able to understand . Dialogue for him was to reach the point of view of others . That makes him modern, necessary today to learn not only about the main theological themes but to use his method to get new paths of the faith trying to understand.

As high an intellect as St. Augustine and as discerning as Thomas More; Summa Theologica will bring insights and conviction of the Catholic faith with arguments that can't be rebutted. The depth of thought is inspiring and the fortitude brings the reader to humble beginnings wanting to read it over and over.

What a tome. I didn't realize how BIG this is. This is a lotta doctrine, for sure.

If you want to know, from reason, about anything important, read Thomas Aquinas. The Enlightenment dispensed with his scholasticism, to our peril. You need to be acquainted with this great saint. Aquinas' thoughts were replete in the writings of the great thinkers; he was their link to Aristotle. For example, read the Summa articles TREATISE ON THE CONSERVATION AND GOVERNMENT OF CREATURES (QQ. 103-119) then read THE FEDERALIST PAPERS, George Washington's "Farewell Address." These are just a few of the works of the great minds of America's founders that were undoubtedly influenced by Aquinas' SUMMA THEOLOGICA.

Hard work but be patient

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The Bible citations come from the King James translation. Now, for those of you who like it fine, but it should be noted that the KJV came four hundred years after Aquinas (i.e. he never saw it) and about five hundred years before me. Better and more up-to date translations are available. After all, the only way this work matters (and the Bible as well) is how well it presents the Gospel to you. But I give it five stars for the price!

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