

ICS Calendar Title: Nature, Supernature and Miracle in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas
ICS Course Code: ICS 2421 F08
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Course Description

This seminar examines Thomas Aquinas's distinction between nature and the supernatural from the perspective of key texts in his *Summa theologiae* and its most important parallels. It does so in order to address the phenomenon of miracles and the role they play in his philosophical and theological construction. The seminar explores thereby the value of historiographical plotting of theoretical discourse at the intersection of perduring thought tradition(s) and current intellectual vogue.

Course Learning Goals

- a. Critical understanding of the key role that the ontological category "miracle" plays in illuminating the primordial organizing distinction between nature and the supernatural in the philosophical theology of Thomas Aquinas.
- b. Ability to think creatively and constructively across the perspectives that emerge when Thomas Aquinas is viewed either veritically in terms of the thought traditions he took up and developed in his own work and when he is viewed in terms of the peculiar concerns and contexts of his own culture and time.
- c. Knowledge of leading debates in the history and historiography of the thirteenth-century scholastic thought as they come to expression with respect to the opera of Thomas Aquinas.

Course Requirements:

- a. Total reading: 1250 pages total, including research for paper, of which approximately 40-60 pages per week is required to prepare for class.
- b. In seminar leadership:
- c. Description of course paper:
- d. Description and weighting of elements to be evaluated:
 - Class participation: 20%
 - Seminar presentations: 30%
 - Research paper: 50%

Required Readings:

Commentarium in *Metaphysicam* 5
ST 1.1.1-5
ST 1.1.6-10
ST 1.94.1, 1.95.1-4
ST 1.105.6-8; 1.106.3
ST 1.110.4; 1.114.4
ST 1-2.113.9-10; 2-2.178:1-2
ST 3.43.1-4
ST 3.44.1-4; 3.76.8
ST 1.105.6 = ST 1.106.3; SCG 3.98-99; De Pot. 6.1; CT 136.
Sent. 2.18.1.3; In II Thess. 2 lect. 2; SCG 3.101; De Pot. 6.2
SCG 3.101
SCG 3.102-103; De Pot. 6.3-4; In Joan. 10 lect. 5
Sent. 2.7.3.1; In Matt. 24; In II Thess. 2 lect. 2; De Pot. 6.5
Sent. 4.17.1.5; 1.46.2.1; 1.46.2.3 ad2; In Joan. 14 lect. 3

Sent. 2.18.1.3 ad2; 4.17.1.5 ad1.
SCG 3.154; De Pot. 6.4, 6.9 ad1
In Matt. 7; In I Cor. 12 lect. 2; In II Thess. 2 lect. 2; De Pot. 6.5, 6.9 ad5
De ratione fidei 7
Sent. 3.16.1.3; 4.5.1.1 ad3; In Joan. 2 lect. 1
In Joan. 2 lect. 1; 15 lect. 5
Sent. 3.16.1.3; SCG 1.6, 4.55; Quodl. 2.1 ad4; In Joan. 5 lect. 6; 15 lect. 5
In Matt. 27
Sent. 4.10.3.2; De sacramento altaris 11.

Recommended Readings

Aertsen, Jan. *Nature and Creature: Thomas Aquinas's Way of Thought*. Leiden: Brill, 1988. [ROBA: B765 .T54 A4513 1988]
Albert and Thomas: Selected Writings. Trans., ed., and intro. S. Tugwell. New York: Paulist Press, 1988. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX2349 .A575 1988 ; SMC: BX2349 .A575 1988]
Boyle, Leonard E. *Facing History: A Different Thomas Aquinas*. Louvain-la-Neuve: TEAMS, 2000. [ROBA: B765 .T5 B695 2000]
Chenu, Marie-Dominique. *Toward Understanding Saint Thomas*. Chicago, 1964. [ROBA: B765 .T54 C513]
Corbin, M. *Le chemin de la theologie chez Thomas d'Aquin*. Paris, 1974. [ROBA: BX4700 .T6 C67]
Elders, Leo. *Autour de saint Thomas d'Aquin: Recueil d'etudes sur sa pensee philosophique et theologique*. 2 vols. Paris-Bruges, 1987. [SMC: B765 .T54 E36 1987 t.1-2]
Gilson, Etienne. **Thomism. Introduction to the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas**. Toronto: PIMS Publications, 2002. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B765 .T54 G513 2002 ; ROBA: B765 .T54 G513 2002]
Hibbs, Thomas S. *Dialectic and Narrative in Aquinas: An Interpretation of the Summa Contra Gentiles*. Notre Dame IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1995. [ROBA: BX1749 .T45 H53 1995X]
Jenkins, John I. **Knowledge and Faith in Thomas Aquinas**. Cambridge: Cambridge, 1997. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B765 .T54 J46 1997 ; ROBA: B765 .T54 J46 1997X]
Jordan, Mark D. **Rewritten Theology: Aquinas After His Readers**. Oxford: Blackwell's, 2006. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX4700 .T6 J67 2006 ; ROBA: BX4700 .T6 J67 2005]
Kerr, Fergus. *After Aquinas: Versions of Thomism*. Oxford: Blackwell's, 2002. [ROBA: B839 .K47 2002]
Kretzmann, Norman. *Metaphysics of Theism: Aquinas's Natural Theology in Summa Contra Gentiles I*. Oxford: Clarendon, 1997. [ROBA: BX1749 .T7 K74 1997X]
Kretzmann, Norman. *Metaphysics of Creation: Aquinas's Natural Theology in Summa Contra Gentiles II*. New York: Oxford, 1999. [ROBA: BX1749 .T45 K74 1999]
Levering, Matthew **Scripture and Metaphysics: Aquinas and the Renewal of Trinitarian Theology**. Oxford: Blackwell's, 2004. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BT111.3 L49 2004 ; SMC: BT111.3 .L49 2004]
Mulchahey, Michele. "First the Bow is Bent in Study . . .:" *Dominican Education Before 1350*. Toronto: PIMS Publications, 1998. [SMC: BX3504 .Z5 M84 1998]
Narcisse, Gilbert. *Les raisons de Dieu: Argument de convenance et esthetique theologique selon saint Thomas d'Aquin et Hans Urs von Balthasar*. Fribourg: Editions Universitaires, 1997. [ROBA: B765 .T54 N37 1997]
O'Meara, Thomas F. **Thomas Aquinas Theologian**. Notre Dame IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1997. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX4700 .T6 O44 1997 ; ROBA: BX4700 .T6 O44 1997X]
Pesch, Otto Hermann. *Thomas von Aquin: Grenze und Groesse mittelalterlicher Theologie--Eine Einfuehrung*. Mainz: Matthias-Gruenewald, 1988. [ROBA: BX4700 .T6 P38 1988]
Te Velde, Rudi. *Participation and Substantiality in Thomas Aquinas*. Leiden: Brill, 1995. [ROBA: B765 .T54 V4513 1995]