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Saint Thomas Aquinas was one of the most prolific, profound, and influential thinkers in Western thought, and his influence continues among contemporary philosophers and theologians. Aquinas, is undoubtedly most renowned for his Five Ways of Proving the Existence of God from his *Summa Theologiae*. A hallmark of his thought, then, is the belief that both faith and reason discover truth, a conflict between them being impossible since they both originate in God.

Drawing on over twenty-five years of teaching, as well as writing and managing the Thomistic Philosophy website (AquinasOnline.com), Dr. Joseph Magee provides a thorough and engaging outline of the fundamentals of the philosophical thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Although the Angelic Doctor was a professional theologian, he incorporated in his theological reflections a great deal of philosophy especially (though not exclusively) that of Aristotle, as well as innovating his own insights into the rational structure of reality, the human soul, and moral reasoning. *To Know the Truth of Things: An Overview of the Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas* leads the student of Aquinas's philosophy through its historical context, principles, and principal elements to present a more complete picture of his philosophical insights and the contribution they make to an integrated understanding of reality, which as he writes, is the goal of philosophy: to know the truth of things.

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