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1. THOMAS AQUINAS: TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

**Latin Texts**

The critical edition of Thomas Aquinas's writing is the so-called Leonine edition: *Sancti Thomae Aquinatis doctoris angelici Opera omnia iussu Leonis XIII.O.M. edita.*, cura et studio fratum praedictorum (Rome: 1882- ), 26 volumes to date. There are also a number of critical editions of individual works published Marietti in Turin. The Latin texts are now available online at the Corpus Thomisticum at http://www.corpusthomisticum.org/iopera.html.

At the end of Jean-Pierre Torrell's *Saint Thomas Aquinas*, there is a 30-page listing of the best versions of the Latin texts and of English translations.

**Summa Theologiae**

Thomas's masterpiece is, of course, the *Summa Theologiae* (*Summary of Theology*). Advanced students should use the Blackfriars edition:


For beginning students, there are a variety of anthologies and summaries. I recommend the following:

Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, ed. and trans., *Holy Teaching: Introducing the Summa Theologiae of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005). This has an
excellent selection of the major questions and articles from the *Summa*. Also valuable are Bauerschmidt's detailed commentaries in the footnotes.

Other selections from the *Summa*:


**Summa Contra Gentiles**

Thomas's other great work is the *Summa contra gentiles*. For the Latin text, see: *S. Thomae Aquinatis Doctoris Angelici Liber de veritate Catholicae fidei contra errores infidelium, qui dicitur Summa contra gentiles*, ed. P. Marc, C. Pera, and P. Caramello, 3 vol. (Turin: 1961). The standard translation is:


**Commentary on the Sentences of Peter Lombard**

Among Thomas's earliest works was his massive commentary on the 4 volumes of Peter Lombard's *Sentences* (which was the standard theological textbook of the time): *Scriptum super libros sententiarum magistri Petri Lombard Episcopi Parisiensis*, 4 vol., eds. P Mandonnet and M.F. Moos (Paris: 1929-1947). Selections from this have recently been translated:


**Compendium of Theology**

This is Thomas's brief (and incomplete) *summa*.


**Disputed Questions**


**Biblical Commentaries**


Commentaries on Aristotle, Boethius & Other Texts


Other Treatises, Liturgical Works & Sermons


Anthologies


2. THOMAS AQUINAS: STUDIES OF HIS LIFE & THOUGHT

Jean-Pierre Torrell, *Saint Thomas Aquinas: Vol. 1: The Person and His Work*, trans. Robert Royal (Washington: Catholic University of America Press, 1996). Jean-Pierre Torrell is the leading contemporary expert on Thomas's life and work. He does a superb job of setting Thomas in his historical context, both its religious and its academic dimensions. Too often in the English-speaking world, Thomas has been treated as philosopher overly indebted to Aristotle. Torrell does much to correct such misconceptions by highlighting the full range of Thomas' work, such as his biblical commentaries. This volume is the place to start one's study.


Leonard Boyle, *The Setting of the Summa Theologiae* (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 1982). This is one of classics of Thomist studies, exploring the context of Orvieto and Rome, leading Thomas to create the *Summa*.


### 3. MEDIEVAL LITURGY & SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

#### Texts & Translations


#### Studies


4. DANTE: TEXTS & STUDIES


W.S. Merwin, trans. *Purgatorio: A New Verse Translation* (New York: Knopf, 2001). Merwin, like Pinsky, is one of the leading contemporary American poets. He also happens to have spent much of his career translating works from romance languages. This edition, like Pinsky’s translation of the *Inferno*, shows what happens when translation is done by a skilled poet.


