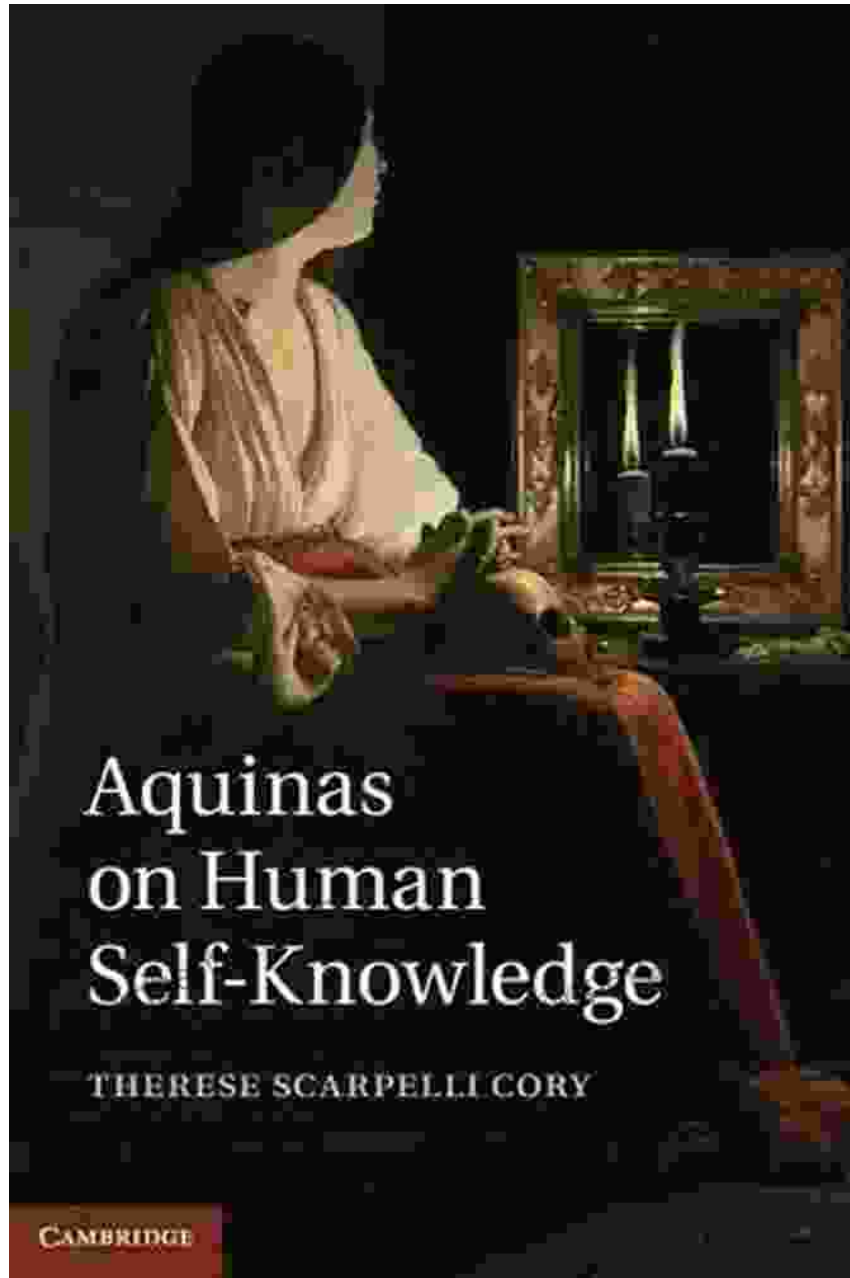


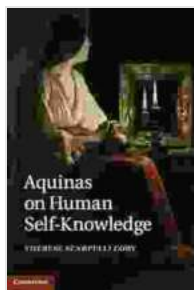
Aquinas on Human Self-Knowledge: Exploring the Depths of Human Consciousness



Unveiling the Enigma of Human Consciousness: A Journey through Aquinas's Profound Insights

In the enigmatic realm of philosophy, the quest to understand the human self has captivated intellectuals for centuries. Among the towering figures who have grappled with this profound subject, Saint Thomas Aquinas stands out as a beacon of enlightenment. His groundbreaking work, "Aquinas on Human Self-Knowledge," provides an unparalleled exploration of the depths of human consciousness, offering a comprehensive framework for understanding our unique capacity for self-reflection and introspection.

Written by the renowned scholar Therese Scarpelli Cory, this thought-provoking volume delves into Aquinas's intricate philosophical system, illuminating the intricate tapestry of human self-knowledge. Through meticulous analysis and lucid prose, Cory unravels the complexities of Aquinas's insights, shedding new light on the nature of human consciousness and its implications for our understanding of the self.



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Aquinas's Theory of Knowledge: A Foundation for Self-Understanding

Aquinas's theory of knowledge serves as the cornerstone for his exploration of human self-knowledge. Drawing upon the Aristotelian

tradition, Aquinas posits that all human knowledge originates in sensation and experience. Through our interactions with the external world, we acquire a vast repository of sense data, which forms the basis of our understanding of reality.

However, Aquinas goes beyond the mere acquisition of knowledge to examine the nature of self-awareness. He argues that human beings possess a unique ability to not only know the world around them but also to know themselves as knowers. This reflexive capacity, known as "second-order knowledge," sets humans apart from all other creatures and enables us to contemplate our own thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

The Role of Intellect and Will in Self-Knowledge

In Aquinas's view, the act of knowing oneself involves two essential faculties: the intellect and the will. The intellect, responsible for understanding and reasoning, provides the cognitive framework for self-knowledge. It allows us to reflect upon our own thoughts and experiences, abstracting them from the particulars of sensation.

The will, on the other hand, plays a dynamic role in shaping our self-understanding. Through our choices and actions, we actively construct our own identities and determine the direction of our lives. Aquinas argues that the will is central to self-knowledge because it reveals our values, desires, and aspirations.

The Interplay of Self-Knowledge and Human Flourishing

Aquinas recognizes self-knowledge as a fundamental prerequisite for human flourishing. He argues that true happiness and fulfillment can only

be achieved when we have a clear understanding of ourselves and our place in the world. Self-knowledge empowers us to make wise choices, set meaningful goals, and live in accordance with our deepest values.

Furthermore, Aquinas emphasizes the importance of self-knowledge in the pursuit of virtue and moral excellence. By understanding our own strengths and weaknesses, we can identify areas for growth and cultivate the virtues necessary for a flourishing life. True virtue, according to Aquinas, is not merely external conformity to moral norms but a deep-seated transformation of character that stems from a genuine knowledge of the self.

Aquinas's Legacy: A Enduring Contribution to Self-Understanding

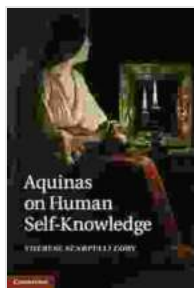
Aquinas's seminal work on human self-knowledge has had a profound impact on philosophy, theology, and psychology. His insights have inspired countless scholars and continues to resonate with readers today who seek a deeper understanding of the complexities of the human mind.

"Aquinas on Human Self-Knowledge" is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in exploring the nature of human consciousness and its profound implications for our lives. Through Cory's expert analysis, Aquinas's philosophical tapestry is woven into a compelling and accessible narrative that will challenge your assumptions and deepen your understanding of the self.

: Embarking on the Journey of Self-Discovery

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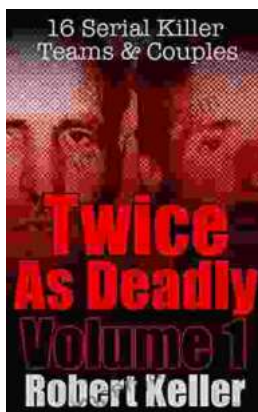
roadmap for navigating the labyrinth of human consciousness, empowering us to unlock our full potential and live lives of purpose and meaning. Whether you are a seasoned philosopher, a spiritual seeker, or simply an individual yearning for a deeper understanding of the human condition, this book is a treasure that will enrich your intellectual and spiritual journey.



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