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LEARN FROM THE BEST THOMAS AQUINAS AND THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE

Summary

The article presents the dialogic aspect of Aquinas's theology in their dual dimension: on the one hand, revealing Thomas as creatively uses a variety of theological sources, as the *receptor* of wide spectrum of his contemporary thinkers, both Christian and Jewish as Muslim; on the other hand, his theology is marked by *disputatio* and a model of "thinking in opposition" characteristic of his vision of *sacra doctrina* conscious that "all truth, by whom ever it is spoken, comes from the Holy Spirit", as he wrote in *Summa Theologica*. Aquinas effectively extract the most important message from the works of Aristotle, Augustine, Pseudo-Dionysius, Seneca and use all this *auctoritas* in the special «apostolate of the intellect». Thomas teaches the "how" to think. Based theology on aristotelian concept of *theoria* is not "to beton" the truth, but it clearly shows that theology as a "rational reflection of the faith" leads to a kind of dialogue with reality. Among the works written by him, we meet not only those who want to "consolidate" the faith, but also have a significant apologetic's dimension. Thomas wants to demonstrate the credibility of Christianity as a rational option, which corresponds to the dignity of man and fully develop his capabilities. Theology becomes in this way "thinking faith" which is a participation in God's knowledge about himself. Therefore, in the article special emphasis put on *De rationibus fidei*, one of the intriguing works of Aquinas which presents Christianity as a attractive and reasonable proposal for a man, distinguished by the trynitarian horizon of his thinking.