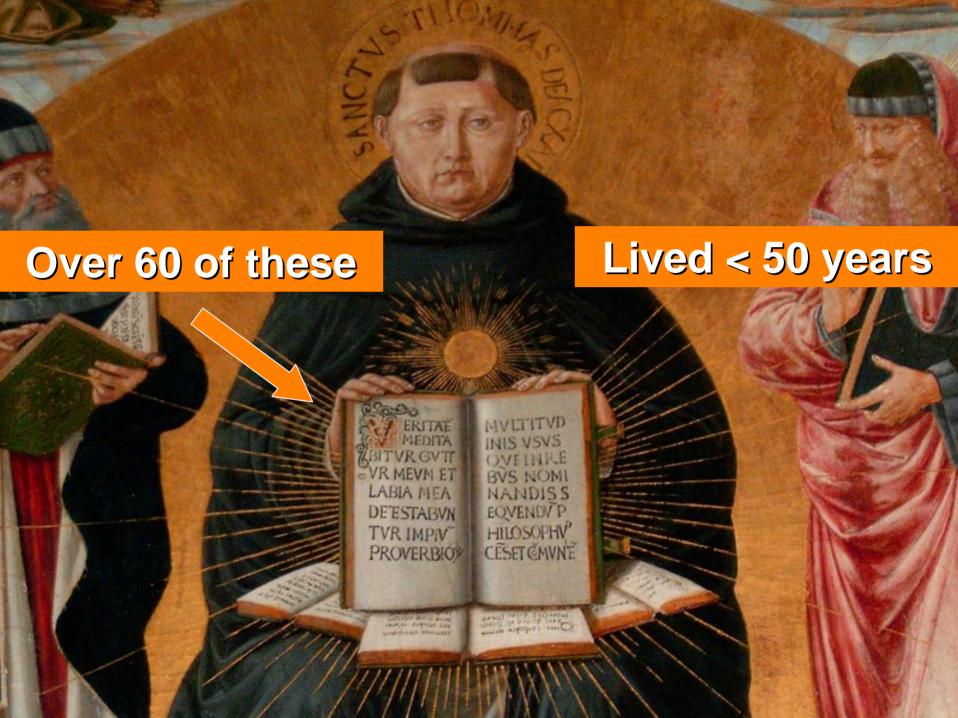
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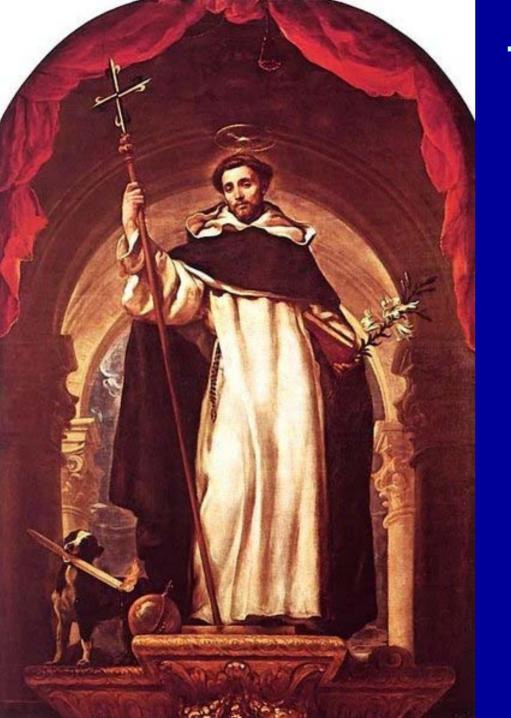
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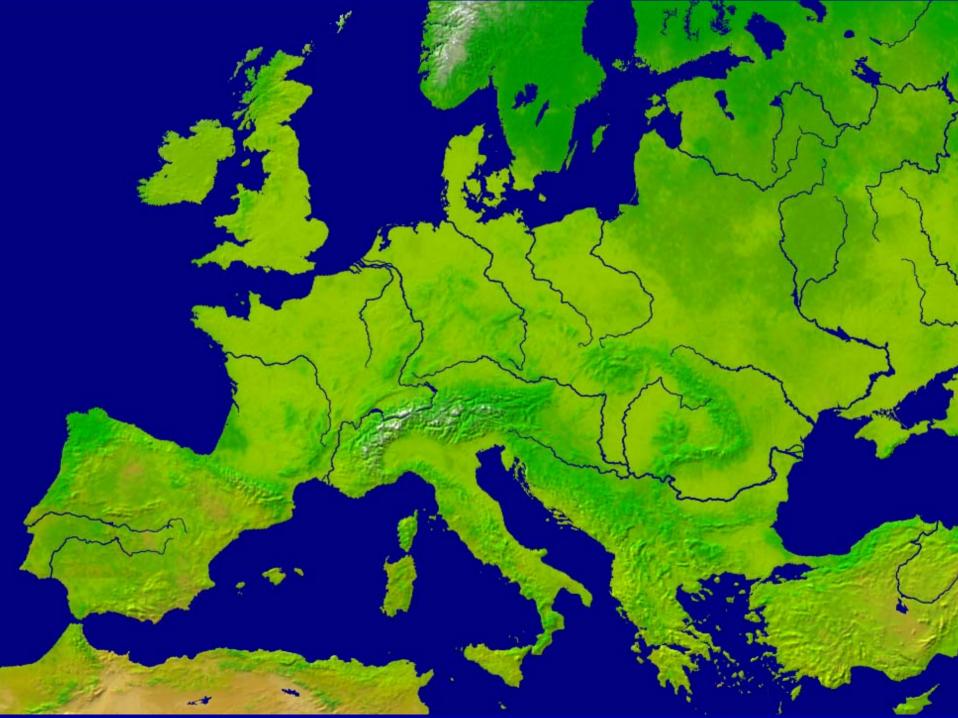


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Thomas the Teacher



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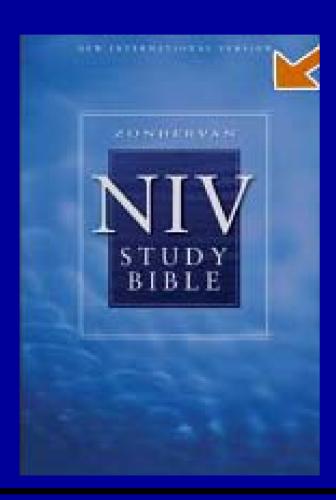
Thomas the Teacher



"We've got to use our brains!"

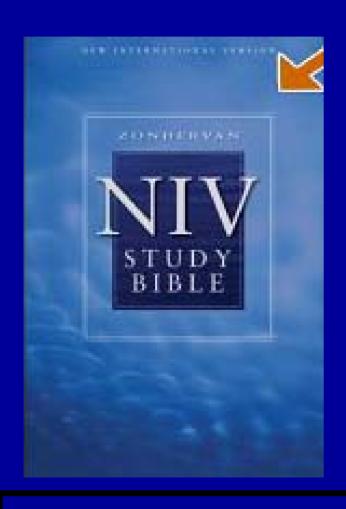
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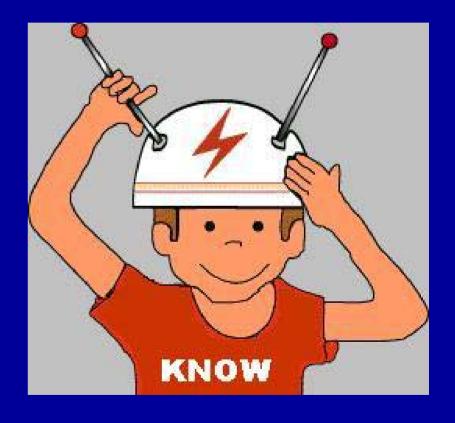
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"How can you believe in God?"



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"Let me give you 5 reasons"

Metaphysics

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Science of
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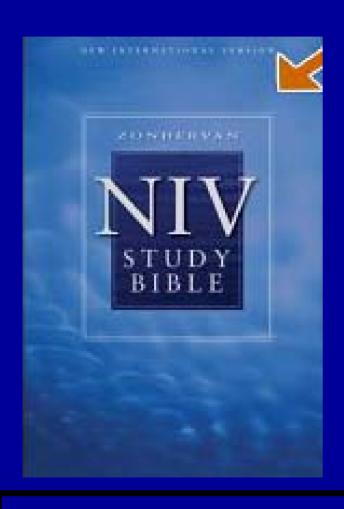
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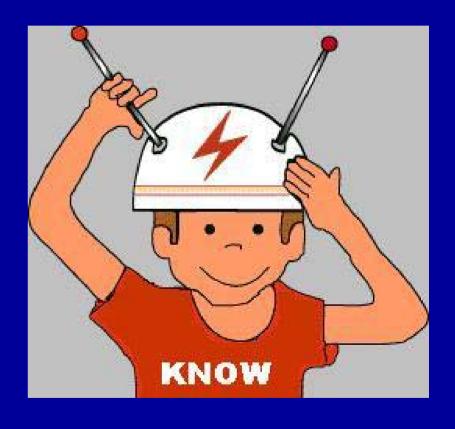
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Metaphysics =
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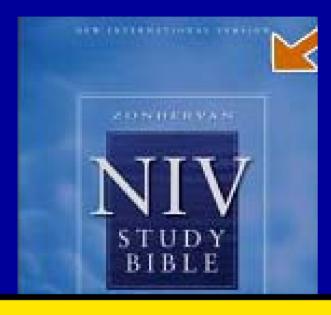


The key to understanding: What is the object's PURPOSE?





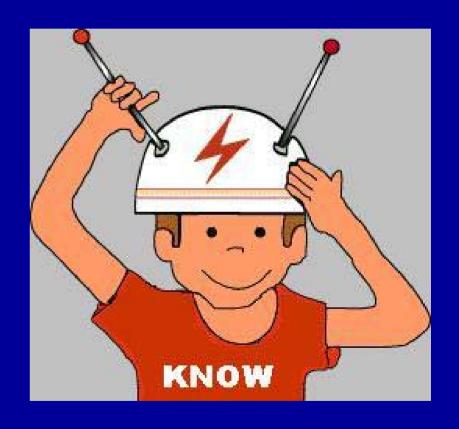
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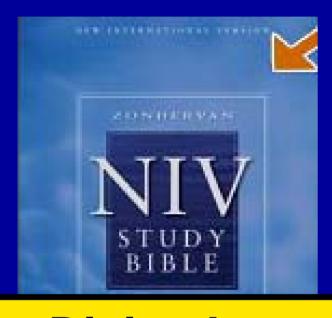


Divine Law



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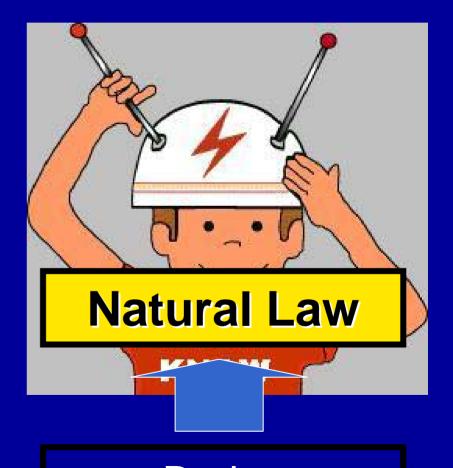




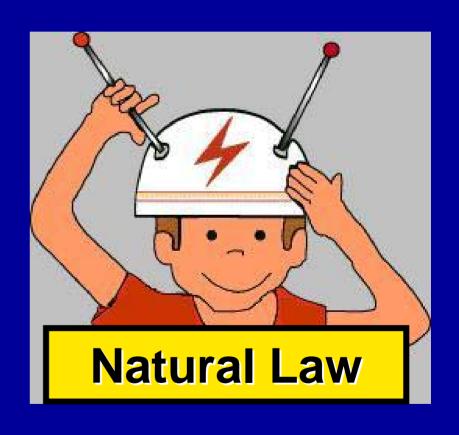
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Natural Law can teach scriptural morality to those who do not believe Scripture

Thomas on Sexuality



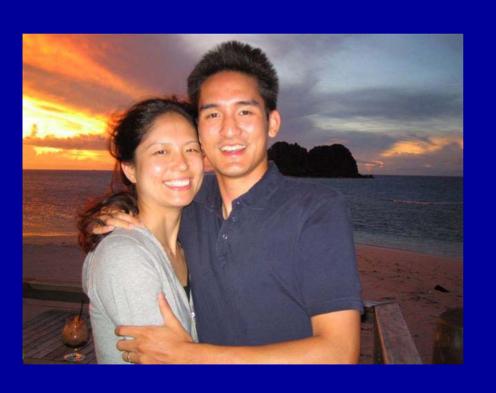
What is the "end" or "purpose" of sexuality?

3 Purposes of Sexuality



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3. Pleasure

Thomas on War

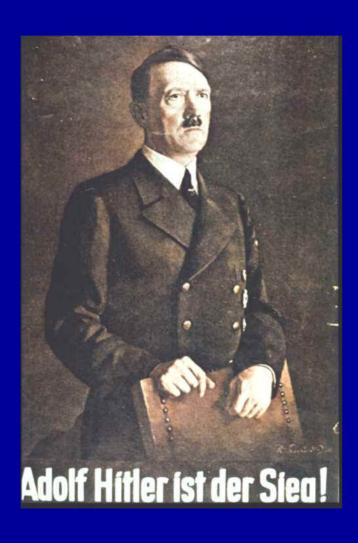
Thomas on War

Justice at War

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Justice in War



1. Just cause

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2. Declared by a just authority



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3. Just intent



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One Act





A good result



A good result

A bad result



A good result

A bad result

Thomas: "Intent" determines whether it is sin



A good result

A bad result

Thomas: The good to be achieved must outweigh the bad ("Discrimination")



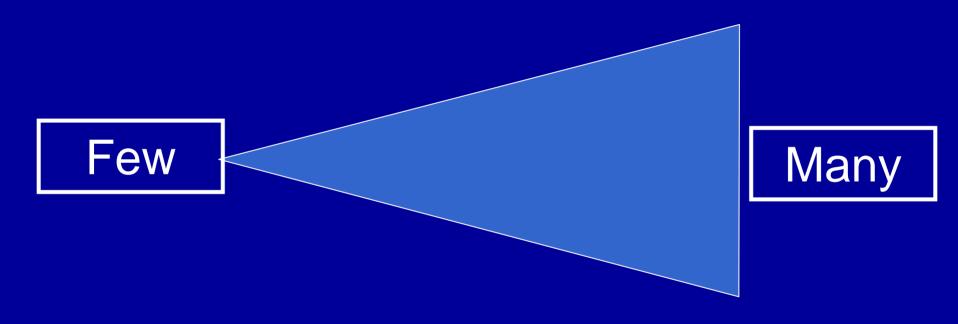
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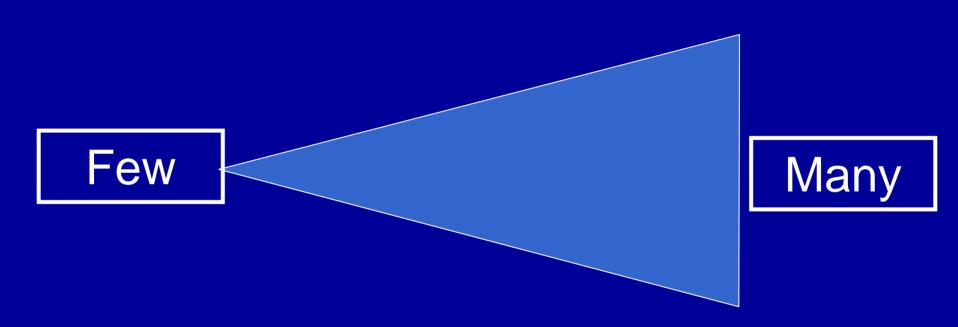
Thomas: The good to be achieved must outweigh the bad ("Proportionality")

Political Structures

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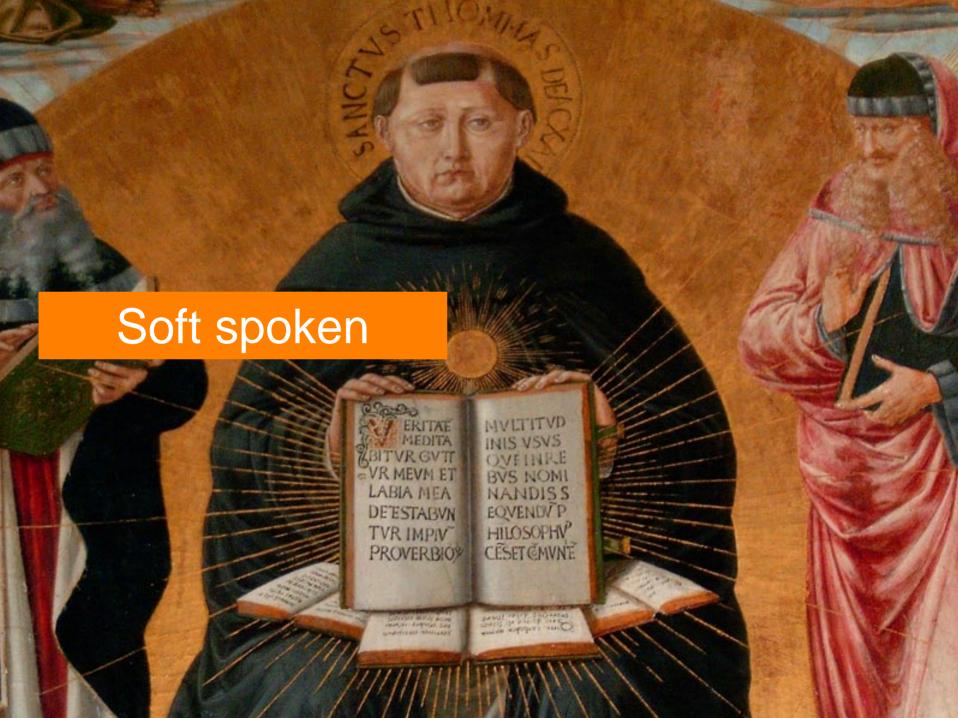


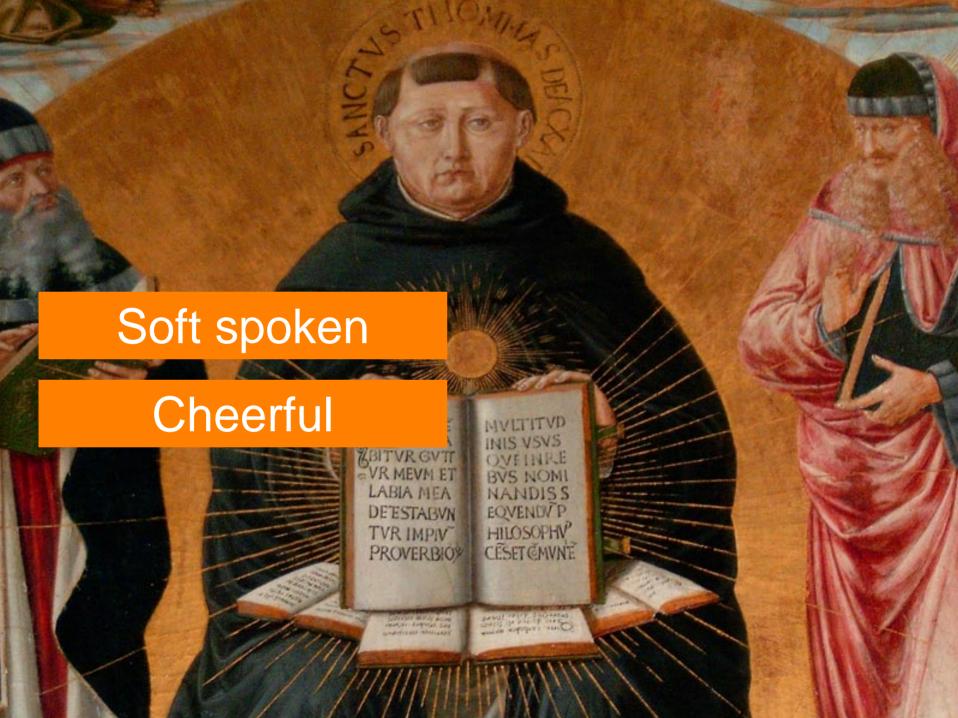
Thomas: "All should take some share in the government: for this form of government ensures peace among the people"

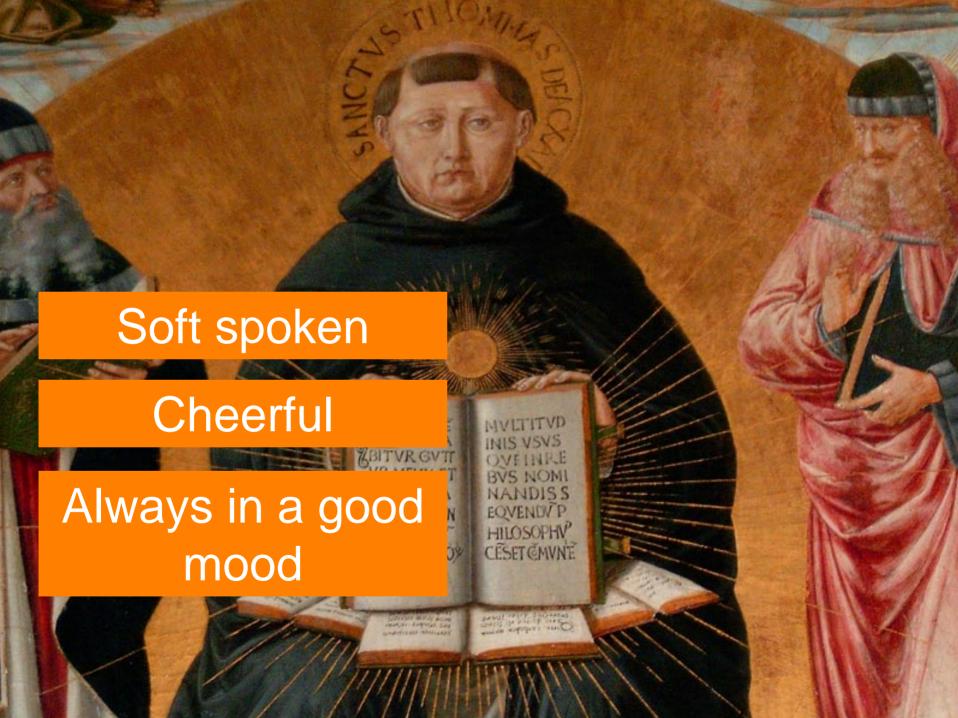
Thomas on much much more

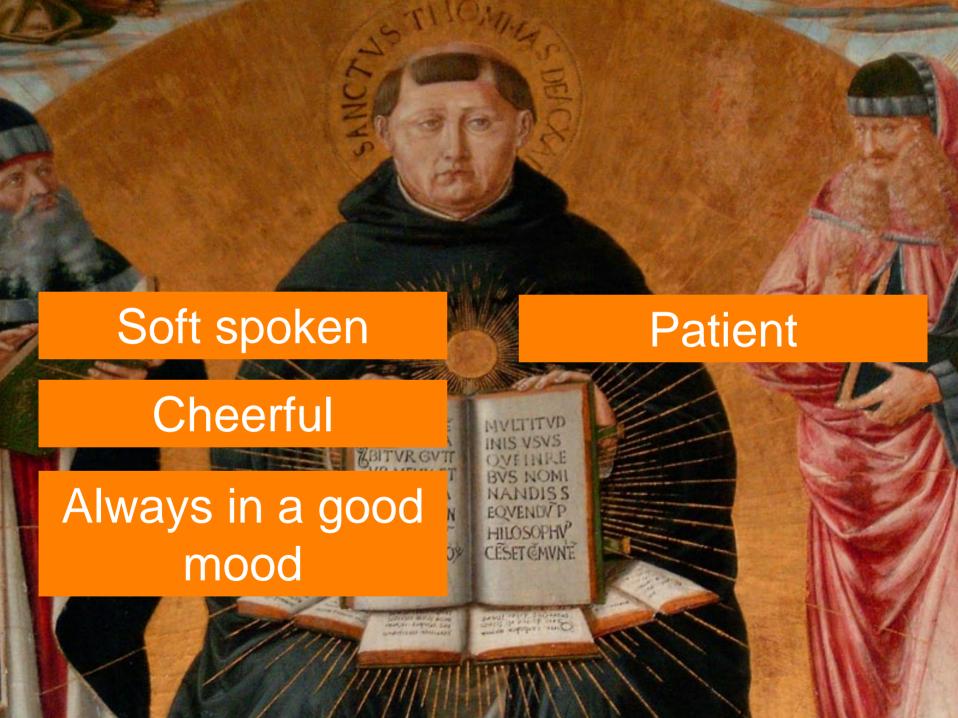


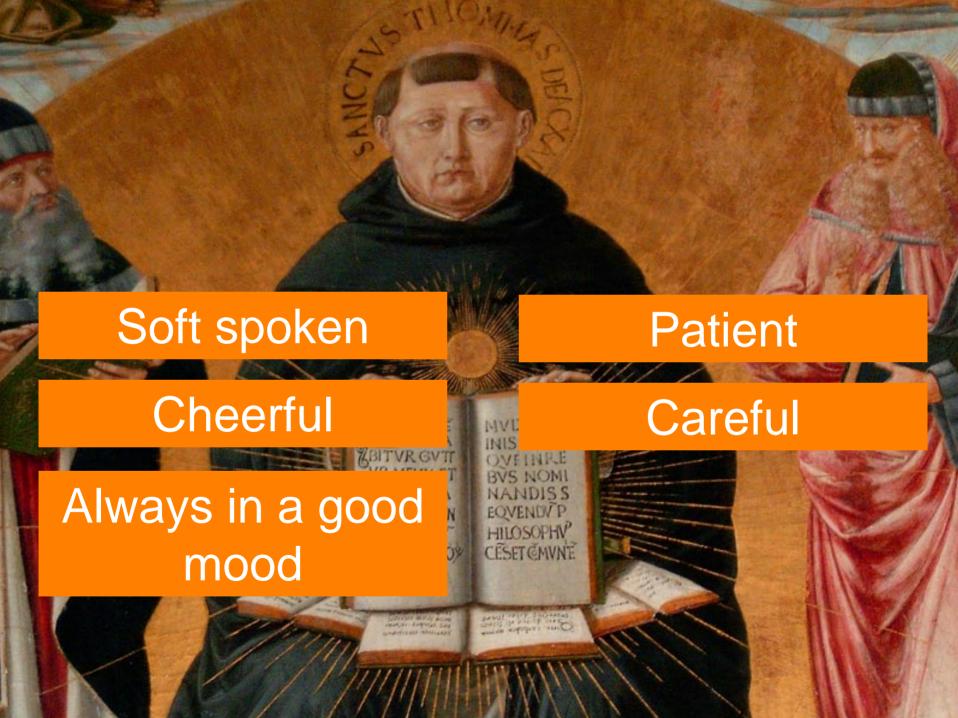


















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"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16)

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- "Incline our hearts to understanding...
 [we] cry for discernment [we] seek her as silver" (Proverbs 2:2-4)

3. God calls us to reason!

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• "Come now, let us reason together' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool' ... for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it." (Isaiah 1:18)

4. Knowing Jesus is the greatest truth

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- "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (John 17:3)