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Thomas Aquinas Calm Sincence
Pope St. Pius said that "in one year, a man can derive more profit from the works of St. Thomas Aquinas than from a lifetime studying the works of others." If you don't have a year to study the more than 3,000 pages St. Thomas wrote, then turn to The One-Minute Aquinas, the fast-paced book that provides busy readers with simple, readable explanations of the truths that, for 750 years now, have caused the works of St. Thomas to be sought out by kings and popes, scholars and saints, as well as by ordinary souls like you -- hungry to know God and to love him more and more. In this book's lucid pages, author Kevin Vost gives you small, digestible portions of St. Thomas's life-giving wisdom that you can enjoy one minute at a time. Tables and graphics will help you grasp and remember St. Thomas's key ideas with a minimum of time and effort. Best of all, in The One-Minute Aquinas you'll find quick, sure refutations of the countless relativistic, secular, and pseudoscientific ideas that are so influential in our culture today -- and so shallow, contradictory, and wrong! Pope John Paul II declared that “the Church has been justified in consistently proposing St. Thomas as a master of thought and a model of the right way to do theology.” Now The One-Minute Aquinas enables even those with limited time and only a modest education to benefit from the wisdom of this great saint. Here, with minimal effort and among scores of other things, you'll finally come to know and understand: Why God permits evil
Heaven: what it is (and is not)
Five simple proofs that God exists
Why God became man
Why Jesus let himself be tempted
How you can grow quickly in virtue
Why all souls need the sacraments
Why Jesus let himself be crucified
The causes of lust
The natural law and the Commandments
The soul, free will, sin, and damnation
The angels, their ranks, and their powers
How God governs (and refrains from governing) God's power and its limits
The Bible: why didn't Jesus just write it himself?
The surprising qualities of our resurrected bodies
Many scientists and philosophers believe that you are no more than a machine. By their account there is no afterlife and you are no better than any other kind of animal. The existence of mankind, according to such thinkers, is purely the outcome of chance events. There never was any tendency, natural or supernatural, to produce life and the human mind. The universe is hostile or indifferent toward you, and you occupy no special place within it. At the heart of this story of mankind lies not science but a rarely expressed philosophical assumption that modern science, at least in principle, tells all there is to know about you and the world. With his unique blend of cogency, clarity, and charm, philosopher Michael Augros hauls that assumption out into the light and demolishes it. The Immortal in You demonstrates how an astute use of common sense and a study of common human experience reveal that there is more to you—much more—than science could possibly say. From the author of Who Designed the Designer?, this modern response to the ancient exhortation “Know thyself” delivers a wealth of fresh, powerful, and uplifting ideas about what it is to be human, which will engage thoughtful readers regardless of their beliefs.
Saint Thomas Aquinas has been admired throughout the ages for his philosophical brilliance and his theological sanity, but author and professor Peter Kreeft thinks the practical spiritual wisdom of Aquinas is just as amazing. In this book, Kreeft brings together 358 useful, everyday insights from Aquinas' masterpiece the Summa Theologicae. He pairs these easily digestible quotes from the Summa with his own delightfully written commentary in order to answer the kinds of questions real people ask their spiritual directors. These 358 passages from the Summa have helped Kreeft in his own struggles to grow closer to the Lord. His practical, personal, and livable advice is the fruit of his labors to apply the insights of Aquinas to his own quest for sanctity, happiness, and union with God. Brian Davies's book is the first to offer a modern, comprehensive presentation of the total thought of Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest Western...
philosophers, and one of the greatest Christian theologians. Judged by the Law of Freedom has received the Nihil Obstat and the Imprimatur from Bishop-elect David R. Choby, January 26, 2006. Judged by the Law of Freedom explores a paradox central to orthodox Christianity—the assertion that human beings are responsible for their own salvation yet inescapably dependent upon God for their deliverance. Christianity's attempt to maintain both these truths simultaneously has been a focal point of serious and recurrent tension throughout the Church's two thousand year history. Judged by the Law of Freedom proposes a resolution for this paradox founded upon the metaphysical apparatus offered by St. Thomas Aquinas. Divided into two parts, this book appeals to both the generalist and specialist. Part I offers a broad sense of the history of this paradox and the root metaphysical and theological issues at the heart of the conflict. Part II provides a more concentrated and detailed examination of the paradox by investigating selected texts from St. Thomas Aquinas. Bulzacchelli provides his own translations of these passages along with the original Latin versions, which are offered in the footnotes. Judged by the Law of Freedom is offered in service to the Church on matters of faith and morals and intended for upper-level college and graduate theology and philosophy students, as well as interested scholars and well-educated lay readers. 'Masking Hegemony' presents a critical evaluation of the language used in liberal political thought, tracing liberalism's use of two key binary concepts – public/private and religion/state – from the Protestant Reformation to the present. Whilst appearing to separate "religion" from "state" and "public" from "private", this language actually masks the influence of religious institutions on state policies and the inevitable circulation of power from the private to the public sphere in a liberal democracy. 'Masking Hegemony' uses the work of Gramsci, Foucault and Bourdieu to offer a fresh approach to liberal ideology that will be of interest to students and scholars of both politics and religion. This is the Leader's Guide to the CATHOLICISM Series study program. This volume brings you all of St. Thomas's known prayers and hymns in their Latin originals, along with new English translations. The translations render the originals with precision and soul-fortifying eloquence. "Contributors examine Thomas Aquinas's exegesis of the Book of Job in relation to his philosophy and theology"—Those interested in the concept of ecstasy would be forgiven for assuming that a sober scholastic like St. Thomas Aquinas had little place for the idea. Yet in this groundbreaking study, sure to refine our understanding of the Angelic Doctor, Peter Kwasniewski shows that St. Thomas contemplates the nature of ecstasy at key stages in the development of his thought and that it plays a crucial role in his doctrine of love. After a stimulating study of treatments of ecstasy in ancient philosophy, Sacred Scripture, and the medieval tradition prior to Aquinas, Kwasniewski finds that he can be seen as breathing new life into the concept. While his contemporary, St. Bonaventure, for example, tended to restrict ecstasy to the soul’s union with God, St. Thomas admitted the place of ecstasy in a variety of human activities. Furthermore, St. Thomas recognized that all love involves ecstatic transcendence, whether it be the creature’s self-oblation to the Creator, the reverence of an inferior for a superior, a superior’s generosity toward an inferior, or the mutual affection and help of equals joined in friendship. Love of persons for their own sake generates an ecstatic love in which the self is borne as a gift to another subject by sharing a common life aspiring to common goods. Kwasniewski also examines Aquinas on the question of whether or not God experiences ecstasy, and if so, in what ways. The Ecstasy of Love in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas makes a significant contribution to our understanding of the doctrine of love and to the interpretation of the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas. It is more than an analysis of key texts; it is an illuminating guide to the grammar of ecstasy. Learn how to communicate inside and out with calm, confidence, and self-love no matter the circumstances. Presenters and performers aren't the only ones who need calm and confidence in their everyday lives. After all, confidence is the fuel that drives us toward our ambitions, and calm eases the way. And when the two states combine, they form a magical and powerful combination. After years of struggling with communication in school, business, and public, Patricia Stark achieved this state of “Calmfidence” not through some single moment of revelation but through years of small insights, “aha” moments, and constant practice. Today, after helping thousands of students and clients find their own voices and abilities, Stark makes her methods available in Calmfidence—a comprehensive guide to improving communication skills in any social interaction. Calmfidence gathers a unique set of mental tools and experiential practices for quelling the self-sabotaging habits of the Inner Critic. With warmth and compassion, Stark guides you in how to identify and overcome your blockages to communication, how to react skillfully to strong emotions as they arise, and how to deal with setbacks in your Calmfidence journey without self-judgment. Here you will learn: • “Calmfidence boosters”—practices for shoring up your ease and resilience on the spot and in the moment • Positive daily habits to avoid burnout, exhaustion, and other drains on your Calmfidence • How to soothe negative inner beliefs around age, body type, unrealistic expectations, and more • The dos and don’ts of healthy, engaged eye contact • Why mindfulness of facial expressions and body language is imperative for effective communication • How to sidestep and eventually erase any fear of public speaking • Common verbal tics that disrupt public speaking, and how to wean yourself away from them • Advanced tips for transforming public
speaking engagements into memorable, inspiring occasions • Interview Calmfidence: how to navigate and eventually master one of the most nerve-wracking social exchanges • Natural, non-intoxicating remedies for soothing ambient stress and restoring balance You don’t need some rare talent to communicate well. When you engage with the exercises and encouragement in Calmfidence, you’ll learn how to stop surrendering to fear and become the calm and confident communicator who has always been waiting within.Edited, with an Introduction, by Anton C. Pegis with selections from SUMMA THEOLOGICA and SUMMA CONTRA GENTILESThis book introduces Thomas Aquinas's moral, economic, and political thought, differentiating between philosophy (justice) and theology (charity) within each of the three branches of Aquinas's theory of human living. It shows how Aquinas's thought offers an integrated vision for Christian participation in the world, equipping readers to apply their faith to the complex moral, economic, and political problems of contemporary society. Written in an accessible style by an experienced educator, the book is well-suited for use in a variety of undergraduate courses and provides a foundation for understanding Catholic social teaching. This is a study of the union of matter and the soul in the human being in the thought of the Dominican Thomas Aquinas. At first glance this issue might appear arcane, but it was at the centre of polemic with heresy in the thirteenth century and at the centre of the development of medieval thought more broadly. The book argues that theological issues, especially the need for an identical body to be resurrected at the end of time, but also considerations about Christ's crucifixion and saints' relics, were central to Aquinas's account of how human beings are constituted. The book explores in particular how theological questions and concerns shaped Aquinas's thought on individuality and personal and bodily identity over time, his embryology and understanding of heredity, his work on nutrition and bodily growth, and his fundamental conception of matter itself. It demonstrates, up-close, how Aquinas used his peripatetic sources, Aristotle and (especially) Averroes, to frame and further his own thinking in these areas. The book also indicates how Aquinas's thought on bodily identity became pivotal to university debates and relations between the rival mendicant orders in the late thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries, and that quarrels surrounding these issues persisted into the fifteenth century. Not only is this a study of the interface between theology, biology, and physics in Aquinas's mind; it also fundamentally revises the view of Aquinas that is generally accepted. Aquinas is famous for holding that the one and only substantial (or nature-determining) form in a human being is the soul, and most scholars have therefore thought that he located the identity of the individual in their soul. This book restores the body through a thorough and critical examination of the range of Aquinas's works. St. Dominic, who died in 1221, took to heart Jesus' charge to make disciples of all nations. He founded a religious community, the Order of Preachers, which differed from most orders of his day. Dominic trained preachers who traveled anywhere and everywhere to spread the gospel. The Dominicans, as members are known, continue to flourish today. The lives and writings of the men and women in this anthology show how dedicated Dominicans over eight centuries have been faithful to St. Dominic's vision. Each represents a different facet of the spirituality lived by thousands over the centuries. You will learn the core spiritual values that shaped their way of life. Mostly, you will come to realize that the spiritual legacy established by Dominic is as vibrant today as it was centuries ago. In Aquinas, Ethics, and Philosophy of Religion, Thomas Hibbs recovers the notion of practice to develop a more descriptive account of human action and knowing, grounded in the venerable vocabulary of virtue and vice. Drawing on Aquinas, who believed that all good works originate from virtue, Hibbs postulates how epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, and theology combine into a set of contemporary philosophical practices that remain open to metaphysics. Hibbs brings Aquinas into conversation with analytic and Continental philosophy and suggests how a more nuanced appreciation of his thought enriches contemporary debates. This book offers readers a new appreciation of Aquinas and articulates a metaphysics integrally related to ethical practice. What brings us real and lasting happiness? Although just about every marketing firm, self-help guru, and man on the street has an answer, very few, if any, understand true happiness. It doesn’t come from power, pleasure, popularity, or possessions. So what is happiness and how do we find it? In How to Be Happy, author Matt Fradd relies on the help of St. Thomas Aquinas to show what will—and what won’t—bring us happiness in this life. By making the thought of Aquinas utterly accessible for today, How to Be Happy is an invaluable guide to a good life. The specific concern in What We Hold in Trust comes to this: the Catholic university that sees its principal purpose in terms of the active life, of career, and of changing the world, undermines the contemplative and more deep-rooted purpose of the university. If a university adopts the language of technical and social change as its main and exclusive purpose, it will weaken the deeper roots of the university’s liberal arts and Catholic mission. The language of the activist, of changing the world through social justice, equality and inclusion, or of the technician through market-oriented incentives, plays an important role in university life. We need to change the world for the better and universities play an important role, but both the activist and technician will be co-opted by our age of hyper-activity and technocratic organizations if there is not first a contemplative outlook on the world that receives reality rather than constructs it. To address this
need for roots What We Hold in Trust unfolds in four chapters that will demonstrate how essential it is for the faculty, administrators, and trustees of Catholic universities to think philosophically and theologically (Chapter One), historically (Chapter Two) and institutionally (Chapters Three and Four). What we desperately need today are leaders in Catholic universities who understand the roots of the institutions they serve, who can wisely order the goods of the university, who know what is primary and what is secondary, and who can distinguish fads and slogans from authentic reform. We need leaders who are in touch with their history and have a love for tradition, and in particular for the Catholic tradition. Without this vision, our universities may grow in size, but shrink in purpose. They may be richer but not wiser.St. Thomas Aquinas enables the reader to appreciate both Thomas's continuity with earlier thought and his creative independence. After a useful account of the life and work of St. Thomas, McInerny shows how the thoughts of Aristotle, Boethius, and Augustine and Pseudo-Dionysius were assimilated into the personal wisdom of St. Thomas. He also offers a helpful study of the distinctive features of Aquinas's Christian theology. To explore and evaluate the current revival, this volume brings together many of the foremost scholars on natural law. They examine the relation between Thomistic natural law and the larger philosophical and theological tradition. Furthermore, they assess the contemporary relevance of St. Thomas's natural law doctrine to current legal and political philosophy. This volume begins with excerpts from Aquinas' commentary on De Anima, excerpts that proceed from a general consideration of soul as common to all living things to a consideration of the animal soul and, finally, to what is peculiar to the human soul. These are followed by the Treatise on Man, Aquinas' most famous discussion of human nature, but one whose organization is dictated by theological concerns and whose philosophical importance is thus best appreciated when seen as presented here: within the historical philosophical framework of which it constitutes a development. Aquinas' discussions of the will and the passions follow, providing fruitful points of comparison with other philosophers. Catholic themed notebook for anyone who wishes to write down their thoughts, prayers, reflections and/or notes. Because he was big and strong and sometimes slow to speak, Thomas Aquinas's schoolmates called him the Dumb Ox. Not long afterward, he came to be called Doctor (which means "teacher") because he could actually understand complicated things quickly and explain them well. Which is what he loved to do, preaching often and writing in the course of his lifetime no fewer than eighty-five works of philosophy and theology books that changed the Church and the world. Indeed, in 1320, less than fifty years after Thomas died, Thomas's biographer said that "throughout the entire world Thomas's teachings have spread among the faithful, and the whole Church is instructed by his voice." Today, the Church Herself calls Saint Thomas Aquinas the Angelic Doctor ("the teacher who is like an angel"): pure, strong, close to God, and truly a messenger of divine light. Scholar he was, but to those who knew him, Saint Thomas gave not only beautiful sermons and books, but also his heart, his devotion, and his love. Initially written for children, but a delight for grownups as well, these pages show the beauty and holiness that belonged especially to Saint Thomas Aquinas, the man of learning who was also a man of God: the patron saint of all those, young and old, who love the truth with their whole hearts, and who wish to know and serve it well. Entering the world with a burning desire for knowledge, Saint Thomas Aquinas is considered by many as the most brilliant light of the Catholic Church Aquinas and one of the greatest philosophers of the Western world. His hymns form a part of the Church's liturgy and he is honored as the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood. Here, Dr. Kevin Vost provides you with 12 essential life lessons, culled from the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas. Together these lessons will elevate your mind, enrich your spirit, and teach you how to participate fully in the universal vocation to holiness and happiness. Distilling Thomas's timeless and unparalleled spiritual wisdom, Vost shows you: --The things you must believe, know, and desire in order to be saved (and how to thoroughly attend to these in your daily life) --Why you must be religious and not merely "spiritual" --How sloth in particular can blind you to the highest meaning of life (and which virtues supply the antidote) --The surprising and dreadful effects of wrath in your life --How to recognize injustices you may be committing daily--and how to train yourself to fight those impulses --How to free yourself from the crushing yoke of envy --How and why you should be your own best friend --Which virtues you need so you can hate the sin while loving the sinner --Why you should care about angels --What you need to know about the saints in order to become one These 12 life lessons from St. Thomas Aquinas will help you cultivate a rich, robust faith life that will bring you into closer communion with God and beckon others to follow. With the help of Vost and Thomas, you'll soon find yourself confidently and happily living in imitation of Our Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all men. A survey of life on the nation's campuses offers detailed profiles of the best colleges and rankings of colleges in sixty-two different categories, along with a wealth of information and applications tips. Catholic Press Award Winner! An Italian priest of the 13th century, Aquinas is considered by many Roman Catholics to be the greatest theologian through the ages. He is less known as a deeply inspiring saint and spiritual master. Renowned Catholic theologian, international speaker, and author, Fr. Robert Barron, offers us one of the finest introductions to this hard-to-study,
major figure of Western history. A classic for everyone interested in Catholic faith and thought. The Enigmatic Academy is a provocative look at the purpose and practice of education in America. Authors Christian Churchill and Gerald Levy use three case studies—a liberal arts college, a boarding school, and a Job Corps center—to illustrate how class, bureaucratic, and secular-religious dimensions of education prepare youth for participation in American foreign and domestic policy at all levels. The authors describe how schools contribute to the formation of a bureaucratic character; how middle and upper class students are trained for leadership positions in corporations, government, and the military; and how the education of lower class students often serves more powerful classes and institutions. Exploring how youth and their educators encounter the complexities of ideology and bureaucracy in school, The Enigmatic Academy deepens our understanding of the flawed redemptive relationship between education and society in the United States. Paradoxically, these three studied schools all prepare students to participate in a society whose values they oppose. In the first book of lessons from the St. Thomas Aquinas for Everyone series, Dave Palmer provides 30 quick, fun and easy lessons for people of all ages who desire to learn how to find God in their everyday experiences using the timeless teachings of the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas. These thirty lessons are based on the first half of the first part of St. Thomas' masterpiece, the Summa Theologica. Through fun activities, outdoor adventures, quotes from the Summa and 'Awe and Wonder' sections, the reader learns to practice a 'spirituality of awareness' in his or her everyday life, which means becoming aware of the countless ways God makes Himself present in our daily activities. These lessons train the reader to make life an exciting and meaningful journey back to He who is constantly calling us to Himself. The purpose of this study is to investigate the legitimacy of the principle, "The per accidens necessarily implies the per se," as it is found in the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas. Special emphasis will be placed upon the function of this principle in the proofs for God's existence. The relevance of the principle in this latter context can be seen at once when it is observed that it is the key to the solution of the well known "prob lem of infinite regress. " The investigation of the principle in question will be divided into two Parts. A preliminary examination of the function of the principle will be made in Part I: Domains Other Than That of Creature-God. The domains to be considered in this Part are those of accident-substance, change, and knowledge. Employing what is learned of the function of the principle in these areas of application, Part II: The Domain of Creature-God will analyze the role of the principle in the proofs for God's existence. This latter Part will constitute the greater portion of the book, since the domain of creatures in their relation to God is the most significant application of the principle in the writings of St. Thomas. In the course of this investigation, relevant analyses by St. Thomas' commentators — both classical and contemporary — will be considered. Finally, in light of the insights offered by St.