

The Greatness of God

Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) was an Italian Dominican priest of the Catholic Church, and an immensely influential philosopher and theologian. He is held in the church to be the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood. The works for which he is best known are the *Summa Theologica* and the *Summa Contra Gentiles*.

His *Summa Theologica* is considered one of the greatest intellectual achievements of Western civilization. It is a massive work: 38 treatises, 3,000 articles, 10,000 objections. Thomas tried to gather into one coherent whole all of truth. What an undertaking: anthropology, science, ethics, psychology, political theory and theology, all under God.



On Dec. 6, 1273, Thomas abruptly stopped his work. While celebrating Mass in the Chapel of St. Thomas, he caught a glimpse of eternity, and suddenly he knew that all his efforts to describe God fell so far short that he decided never to write again.

When his secretary, Reginald, tried to encourage him to do more writing, he said, “Reginald, I can do no more. Such things have been revealed to me that all I have written seems as so much straw.”

Even the greatest human minds cannot fathom the greatness of God.

But not only is He a great God – creator of Earth and the universe – but He is a personal God. He loves you supremely, and He wants you to cast your burdens upon Him.

What amazing grace!

– Beecher Hunter

