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Introduction

- Scholastic Theology
- Plato & Aristotle
- Faith vs. Reason



Anselm of Canterbury

- “I believe in order to understand.”
- Platonic Influences and Understanding
- Psalm 53:1
  - o “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God...’”
- The Ontological Argument
  - o Criticism and Response

Thomas Aquinas

- Early Life and Family Ties
- Benedictines vs. Dominicans
- “Grace perfects Nature.”
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- Aquinas' Five Ways
  - o The Unmoved Mover
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  - o The Necessary Being
  - o The Gradient Standard
  - o The Designer



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Anselm and Aquinas Today

- Apologetics?
- Deepening our understanding of our God
- Grace perfecting nature