Summa Theologica
Thomas Aquinas
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Study Questions

1. Using an outside source, define the following terms: *Theology* and *Christian Humanism.* Include an MLA citation for the source you choose.

2. Explain this sentence in your own words. "For things changing are on the way to realization, whereas things causing change are already realized: they are realizing something else's potential, and for that they must be real." (In the article, the sentence is on the bottom of page 307, first column).

3. Aquinas states there are five ways to prove there is a God:

   - **Change**
   - **Cause**
   - **What Must Be**
   - **Gradiation**
   - **Guidedness of Nature**

   In your own words (definitely more than one sentence apiece) explain what you think Aquinas means by each of these terms.

4. In the section, *The Genesis of Man* (the bottom of page 309, first column), Aquinas discusses the creation of man beginning with the Biblical quote, "It is not good for man to be alone; let us make him a help that is like himself." and concluding with: "Forming Eve from Adam's rib signified companionship not domination." What is his perception of creation? What is your response to his views?

5. Comment on the following statement: "Things in general resemble God in existing, some things also in being alive, and *some finally in intellectual discernment: the closest likeness to God in creation. Properly speaking then, only creatures with intellect are made in God's image.* And the point at which they most resemble God is when they imitate his self-understanding and love." (bottom of page 309, second column top of page 310, first column). Do you agree with St. Thomas Aquinas's belief that human intellect is the world's closest connection to God?

6. Personal Response: Choose a sentence from the reading that makes no sense to you (give the page number). Then explain why you think this sentence is so difficult for you to understand.