

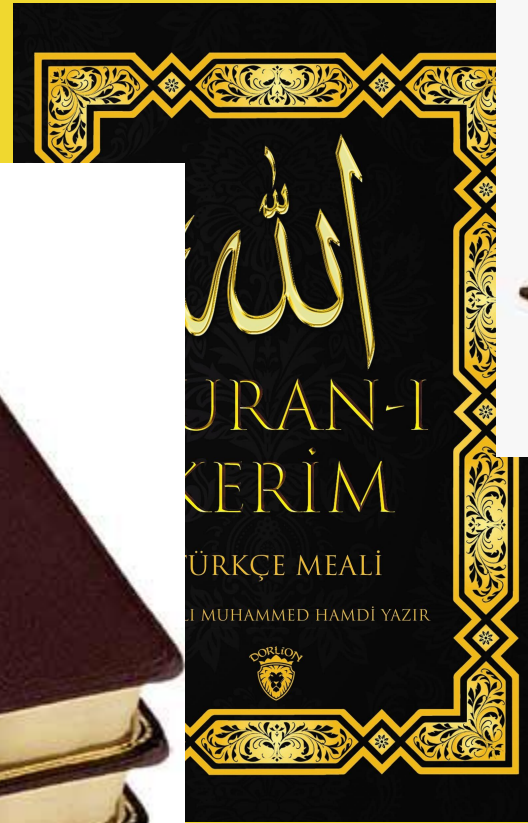
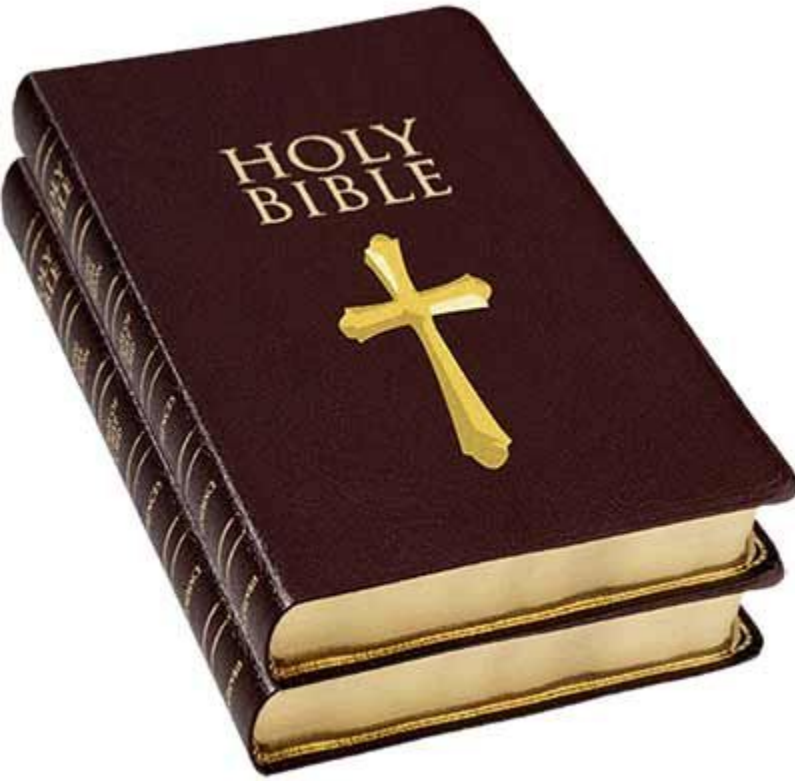


THOMAS

AQUINAS 1225-1274



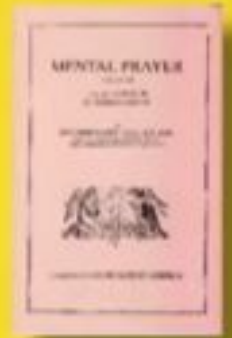
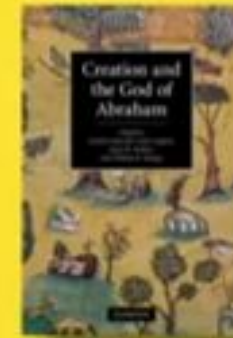
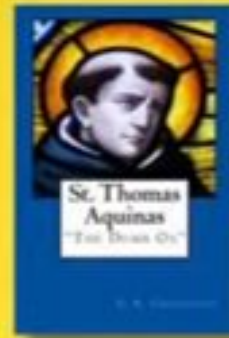
**AQUINAS STUDIED IN NAPOLES
AND WAS ACADEMIC IN PARIS**



AQUINAS: HOW TO RECONCILE RELIGION WITH SCIENCE, FAITH WITH REASON

REASON






Scholastics: Thomas Aquinas & Natural Law

- Lex aeterna: known only to God
- Lex divina: part of eternal law revealed through Holy Scriptures
- **Lex natura (natural law)**: part of divine law understood by men through reason
- Lex humana
 - Rulers must find specific solutions for specific problems in society
- Unjust human laws need not be obeyed... vs positivism

MORAL NATURAL LAW

A composite image with a space-themed background of stars and galaxies. On the left, a black and white photograph of a man in a suit stands next to a large sign. The sign has a white background and a brown border, with the text 'All humans have within them the Moral Natural Law' written in black. Below the sign, there is a black and white photograph of a person in a space suit. In the bottom right corner, there is a small yellow logo that reads 'THE SCHOOL OF LIFE'.

All humans have
within them the
Moral Natural Law



Moral Natural Law:

It is the law that contains all the obligations that come from human nature. Its essence can be recognized by the light of reason. Thus, this law encompasses all men.

THE BASIC GOODS



1. Life

2. Reproduction

3. Educate one's offspring

4. Seek God

5. Live in society

6. Avoid offense

7. Shun ignorance

AQUINAS: OUR INSTINCT SHOWS US THE
BASIC GOODS, AND REASON ALLOWS US
TO DERIVE THE NATURAL LAW FROM THEM.



MY LIFE IS VALUABLE



YOUR LIFE IS LIKE MY LIFE



YOUR LIFE IS VALUABLE



I SHOULDN'T KILL YOU



DO NOT KILL IS A NATURAL LAW



PROHIBITION

Do not kill

*Don't prevent
reproduction*

THE BASIC GOODS

Life

Reproduction

POSITIVE INJUNCTION

Promote life

Procreate



IF GOD CREATED US TO SEEK THE GOOD,
AND IF WE'RE BUILT WITH THE ABILITY TO
RECOGNIZE AND SEEK IT, THEN WHY DO PEOPLE
VIOLATE THE NATURAL LAW ALL THE TIME?!

2 reasons: Ignorance and Emotions

SOMETIMES, WE SEEK WHAT WE
THINK IS GOOD, BUT WE'RE WRONG,
BECAUSE WE'RE JUST IGNORANT.

WE SEE WHAT WE SHOULD DO, BUT EMOTION
OVERPOWERS OUR REASON, AND WE FAIL TO
DO THE THINGS WE KNOW WE SHOULD.

All agree
because of
Natural law

'Do unto others as you
would have them do unto you.'

– Jesus Christ

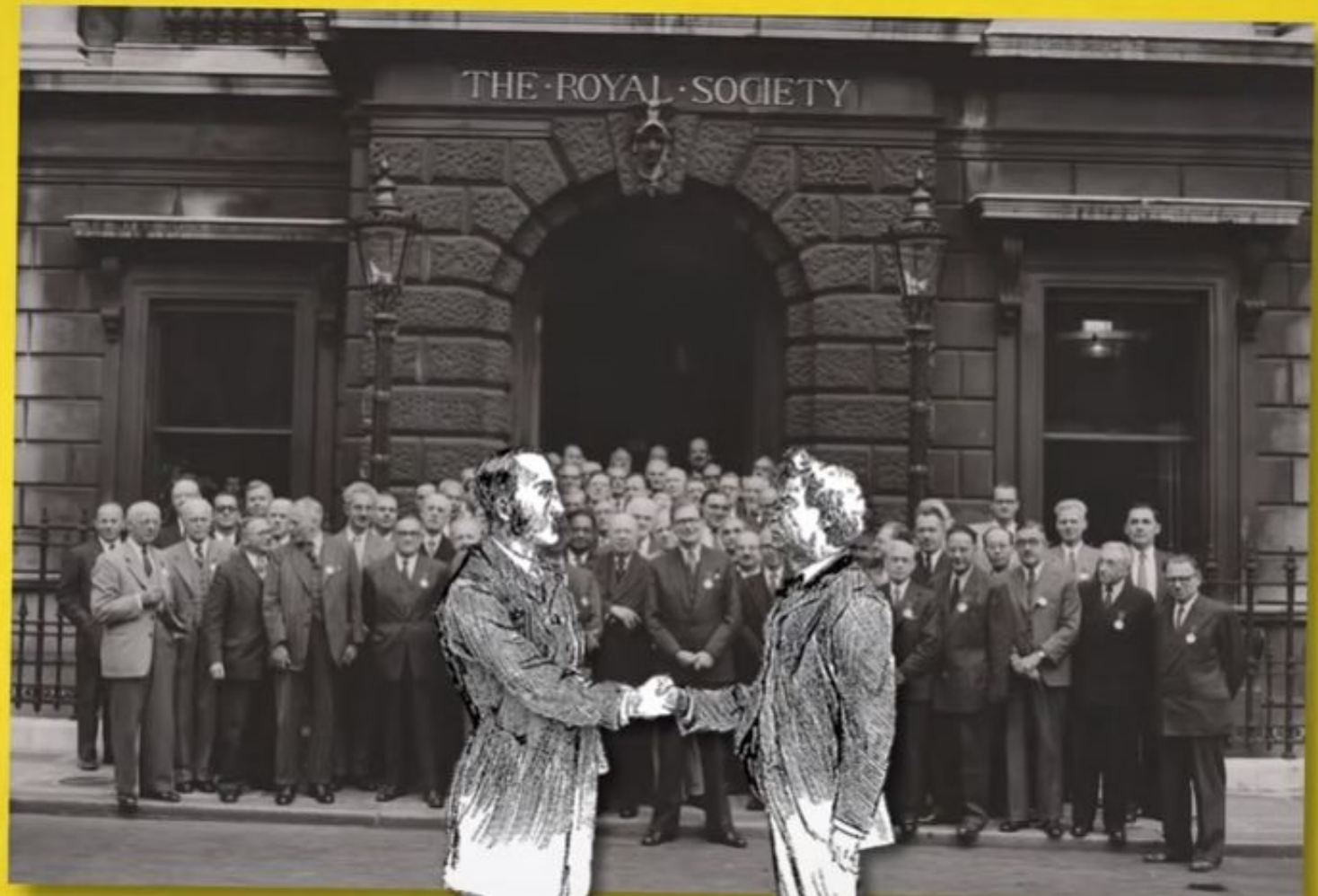




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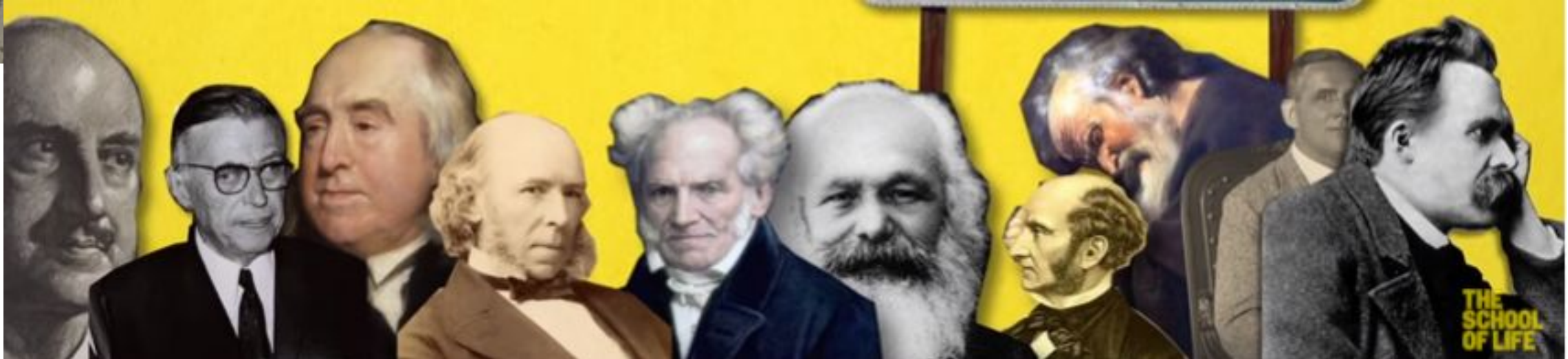
PHI-LOL-SOPHY!

*“Even though we’re rational,
we’re also emotional creatures”*



Based on Aristotle





Aristotle Eudaimonia through virtue



Augustine Eudaimonia
through Natual Law
and Reason

