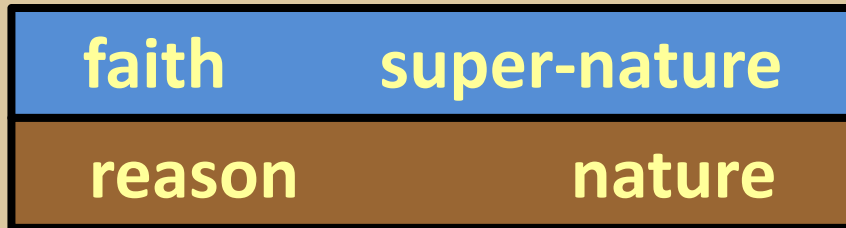


The Theology of Knowing God

God



Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

reason and faith

Summa Theologica

Aristotle (384-322 BC)



Anselm (1033-1109)

faith before reason

"credo ut intelligam"

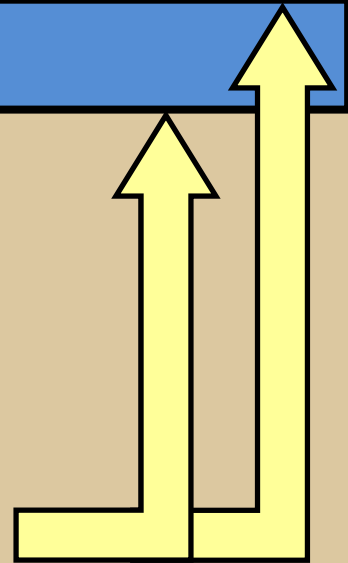
*"I believe in order that
I may understand"*



1st inspiration



2nd illumination



revelation

Christian World View

The Canon of Scripture

The Canon of Scripture

the Preservation of Scripture

God

truth from the mind of God to the mind of man
transforming heart and life of man
to the glory of God

revelation

incarnation

inspiration

**Jesus
Christ**

illumination

preservation



The Canon of Scripture the Bible

Latin: “manuscriptus” = “manu” by hand + “scriptum” = written

- 1 **the original manuscripts** • none in existence today
- 2 **the copies** • some copy errors / variant readings
- 3 **the formation of the canon** • OT “39” / NT “27” books
- 4 **the collections** • original language OT and NT
- 5 **the translations** • the language of the people

Greek: βιβλία = “books” → Bible

The Canon of Scripture the Old Testament



TaNaKh · Hebrew Bible

Ta = TORAH · teachings

Na = NEVIIN · prophets

Kh = KETUVIM · writings

original manuscripts

Moses to Malachi

BC 1450-417

1 prophetic

Was it written by a prophet of the LORD God?

2 orthodox

Is it true to the LORD God?

3 accurate

Is it true in time? Has it been fulfilled?

The Canon of Scripture

the Old Testament

1 the Septuagint

Greek Old Testament BC 300-100
early fragments · 2nd century BC complete text · 4th century AD

2 the Dead Sea Scrolls

Hebrew · Aramaic · Greek BC 150 – AD 70
40% Old Testament 30% second Temple period 30% secular

3 the Latin Vulgate

Latin Bible AD 404
39 Old Testament books 16 Apocryphal “*hidden, secret*” books

4 the Masoretic Text

Hebrew Bible AD 600-800
the authoritative text added accents and vowel pointings