

Textual Analysis Essays

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Aquinas, Thomas. *Summa Theologiae*, I, qq. 75-100, “Treatise on Man.” (Dr. Christopher Lutz)

Aquinas, Thomas. *Summa Theologiae*, I-II, qq. 1-6, “Treatise on Happiness.” (Dr. Christopher Lutz)

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Aquinas, Thomas. *Summa Theologiae*, I-II, qq. 49-67, “Treatise on the Virtues.” (Dr. Christopher Lutz)

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