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form composition of corporeal beings and their individuation Part Three explores Aquinas's philosophical discussion of divine being his denial that God's existence is self-evident and his presentation of arguments for the existence of God first in earlier writings and then in the Five Ways of his *Summa theologiae* A separate chapter is devoted to his views on quidditative and analogical knowledge of God The concluding chapter revisits certain issues concerning finite being under the assumption that God's existence has now been established John F Wippel professor of philosophy at The Catholic University of America was recently awarded the prestigious Aquinas Medal by the American Catholic Philosophical Association In addition to numerous articles and papers Wippel has coauthored or edited several other works including *Metaphysical Themes in Thomas Aquinas* and *The Metaphysical Thought of Godfrey of Fontaines* both published by CUA Press PRAISE FOR THE BOOK The quality of Wippel's historical research and interpretation and the detail of his argumentation make this a work that will have to be taken account of in any further studies of this topic John Boler International Studies in Philosophy A carefully and solidly argued presentation of Aquinas's metaphysics by a scholar of medieval philosophy and a superb metaphysician It should stand on the library shelf of every student of medieval philosophy sharing the stage with Wippel's other dependable works Prof Stephen F Brown Boston College In Wippel we have a master of medieval metaphysics who is at the height of his powers and who can bring to bear on this work of interpretation years of study not only of Aquinas but also of the whole context of medieval metaphysics in which Aquinas thought and wrote The result is a monumental work which will quickly become the definitive work on Aquinas's metaphysics Prof Eleonore Stump St Louis University Wippel proposes to set forth Thomas Aquinas's metaphysical thought based on his own texts in accord with the philosophical order This is a bold even audacious proposal but one that Wippel succeeds in realizing thanks to his expansive and detailed knowledge of a field in which he has worked for more than twenty years He has total command not only of the works of Thomas of his sources and of his earliest commentators but also of the secondary literature of this century in English Italian French German and Spanish Gregorianum A positively magisterial account of its subject **In the Shadow of Christ** Derek Joseph Wiertel, 2025-05-29 In the Shadow of Christ presents a fresh theological interpretation of nature's violent and suffering character as determined by God's self-interpretation in Jesus Christ Grounded in the rich spiritual tradition of premodern natural theology Wiertel retrieves a figural reading of nature that interprets the entire span of created existence through Scripture's symbolic landscape This restored vision of the two books rooted in God's creative and redemptive word establishes an interpretive framework that sees all of creation its beauty its strangeness and its tragedies through the creative dynamics of God's revelatory speech In this essay Wiertel critically embraces scriptural figuration with its profoundly Christocentric metaphysical orientation to offer a rich theological vision of creational suffering By engaging Scripture and the natural world figurally and in critical dialogue with contemporary philosophy ethics and biology Wiertel unfolds an expansive theological narrative He maps creation's suffering within the mystery of Jesus Christ inviting readers to

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