

John Duns Scotus

Selected Writings on Ethics

Introduction

Topical guide to the translations

Acknowledgments

- 1 *Questions on Aristotle's Metaphysics IX*, q. 15
"Is the distinction Aristotle draws between rational and non-rational powers appropriate?"
- 2 *Ordinatio* prologue, part 5, qq. 1 and 2 (omitting nn. 270–313)
"Is theology a practical or a speculative science?"
"Is a science called practical per se because it is ordered to praxis as its end?"
- 3 *Ordinatio I*, d. 1, part 1, q. 1
"Is the object of enjoyment per se the ultimate end?"
- 4 *Ordinatio I*, d. 1, part 2, q. 1, nn. 65–73
"Is enjoyment an act elicited by the will or a passion received by the will?"
- 5 *Ordinatio I*, d. 1, part 2, q. 2 (omitting nn. 100–133)
"Does the will necessarily enjoy an end when it is apprehended by the intellect?"
- 6 *Ordinatio I*, d. 8, part 2, q. un., nn. 223–225, 269–274, 281–301
"Is God alone immutable?"
- 7 *Ordinatio I*, d. 17, part 1, qq. 1–2, nn. 55–67, 92–100
"Is a moral habit, as a virtue, in some way an active principle with respect to moral goodness in an act?"
- 8 *Ordinatio I*, d. 38, q. un.
"Is God's knowledge with respect to created things practical?"
- 9 *Reportatio IA*, dd. 39–40, qq. 1–3, nn. 24–59
The nature and cause of contingency
- 10 *Ordinatio I*, d. 44, q. un.
"Can God make things otherwise than as it is well-ordered for him to make them?"
- 11 *Ordinatio I*, d. 47, q. un.
"Is divine permission an act of the divine will?"

- 12 *Ordinatio* I, d. 48, q. un.
 “Is a created will morally good whenever it is in conformity with the uncreated will?”
- 13 *Ordinatio* II, d. 6, q. 1
 “Was the evil angel able to desire equality with God?”
- 14 *Ordinatio* II, d. 6, q. 2
 “Was the angel’s first sin formally pride?”
- 15 *Ordinatio* II, d. 7, q. un., nn. 28–39
 The levels of goodness
- 16 *Ordinatio* II, dd. 34–37, q. 2
 “Is sin per se a corruption of good?”
- 17 *Ordinatio* II, d. 38, q. un.
 “Is intention an act of the will alone?”
- 18 *Ordinatio* II, d. 39, qq. 1–2
 “Is synderesis in the will?”
 “Is conscience in the will?”
- 19 *Ordinatio* II, d. 40, q. un.
 “Is every act good in virtue of its end?”
- 20 *Ordinatio* II, d. 41, q. un.
 “Can any act of ours be indifferent?”
- 21 *Ordinatio* II, d. 42, q. un.
 “Are the capital sins distinct?”
- 22 *Ordinatio* II, d. 43, q. un.
 “Can a created will sin *ex malitia*?”
- 23 *Ordinatio* II, d. 44, q. un.
 “Is the power for sinning from God?”
- 24 *Ordinatio* III, d. 17, q. un.
 “Were there two wills in Christ?”
- 25 *Ordinatio* III, d. 27, q. un.
 “Is there a theological virtue that inclines one toward loving God above all else?”

- 26 *Ordinatio* III, d. 28, q. un.
 “Ought one to love one’s neighbor by the same habit by which one loves God?”
- 27 *Ordinatio* III, d. 29, q. un.
 “Is each person required to love himself the most, after God?”
- 28 *Ordinatio* III, d. 32, q. un. (omitting nn. 12–18)
 “Does God love all things equally through charity?”
- 29 *Ordinatio* III, d. 33, q. un.
 “Are the moral virtues in the will as in a subject?”
- 30 *Ordinatio* III, d. 34, q. un., nn. 1–5, 24–38, 45–83
 “Are the virtues, gifts, beatitudes, and fruits the same habits?”
- 31 *Ordinatio* III, d. 36, q. un.
 “Are the moral virtues connected?”
- 32 *Ordinatio* III, d. 37, q. un.
 “Do all the precepts of the Decalogue belong to the natural law?”
- 33 *Ordinatio* III, d. 38, q. un.
 “Is every lie a sin?”
- 34 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 15, q. 2, nn. 78–101
 The origin of private property
- 35 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 17, q. un., nn. 1–2, 17–33
 Sacramental confession and the natural law
- 36 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 21, q. 2
 “Is a confessor bound in every case to conceal a sin disclosed to him in confession?”
- 37 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 26, q. un., nn. 12–31
 The moral goodness of the marriage contract
- 38 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 29, q. un., nn. 11–28
 Coerced consent
- 39 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 33, q. 1
 “Was plural marriage ever licit?”

- 40 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 33, q. 3
“Was it licit under the Mosaic Law to divorce one’s wife?”
- 41 *Ordinatio* IV, d. 46, qq. 1–3
“Is there justice in God?”
“Is there mercy in God?”
“Are justice and mercy distinct in God?”
- 42 *Quodlibetal Questions* q. 18
“Does an exterior act add any goodness or badness to an interior act?”

References