

Reading the *Summa Theologiae*

The *Summa* is divided into three main sections. The second section is, in turn, divided into two parts:

- The *Prima Pars* (first part)
- The *Prima Secundae* (first section of the second part)
- The *Secunda Secundae* (second section of the second part)
- The *Tertia Pars* (third part)

Each part is divided into questions which deal with a particular theological issue. Each question is divided into articles, each dealing with a specific aspect of the question.

Within each article, Aquinas considers, first of all, a set of possible answers to the question posed in the article. He will then offer an alternative view before his own reply.

Referencing the *Summa Theologiae*

A reference usually includes **Part, Question, Article**: e.g. 1a.93.3