

Structure of a book/thesis/paper (by Eleonore Stump)

- I. The topic of the book, the reason it is important, the others who are currently discussing it or who have been prominent in the discussion in the past, and the reasons for being dissatisfied with their views, briefly stated, and finally the view you hope to defend successfully in this book.
- II. A detailed examination of the views of two or at most three of the prominent scholars whose views you mention in the previous chapter, and a detailed discussion of the problems with those views.
- III. A presentation in detail of the views of Aquinas (the views you want to present and defend) that you think are better than the views discussed in the previous chapter, and a defense of those views against possible objection.
- IV. A detailed explanation of why the views of Aquinas (the views you want to present and defend) can solve the problems that the views of the scholars discussed in chapter II cannot solve.