

Helsinki, National Library, uncatalogued material, kaappi 6, Codex 4, an abridgement of Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*

Saec. XIV²/XV¹, Germany (Yläne)

Contents

An abridgement or selections from Thomas Aquinas, *Summa theologiae*, i^a-ii^{ae}, qq. 50–114; ii^a-ii^{ae}, qq. 2–189, iii^a, qq. 1–86. (defect). Front cover: ‘Responsiones siue conclusiones quaestionum tocius summe beati Thome de Aquino [compend]iose et efficaciter’. The text strongly modifies and abridges the original.

Fol. 1ra-38va: Prima secundae

Several folia missing before [1ra, questio 50] tum etiam quia ad visionem... [1rb] *Questio 51* De causa autem generationis habituum... [6vb, questio 60] pauce sunt virtutes | [questio 66] vel vitam pertinent quia est... [38va, questio 114] et gloriam deo qui est benedictus in secula seculorum amen.

Fol. 39ra-129ra: Secunda secundae

[39ra, questio 2] in ipsum ut in finem(?)... [65vb] *De mutilatione membrorum* (65) Circa mutilationem vero membrorum | [66ra, questio 66] -ium est per violentiam rapine... [129ra, questio 189] ...iugum xpi conferens requiem animarum per gratiam dei qui est benedictus in secula seculorum amen. (129rb-vb blank).

Fol. 130ra-161vb: Tertia

[130ra, iii^a, questio 1] Post considerationem de deo et operibus eius... [161vb, questio 86] ...et effectivum in hoc sacramento. Ex vi... (the quire containing questions 16-52 is bound in incorrect order, see below).

Structure

VI-6⁶ + VI-3¹⁵ + 4xVI⁶³ + VI-1⁷⁴ + 7xVI¹⁵⁸ + VI-9¹⁶¹. Paper 161 fols., 21 x 30 (15 (6,5 + 2 + 6,5) x 21,5). Two columns with c. 38 lines. The columns have been ruled in ink. Modern foliation with pencil in the upper right margin. Prickings visible in the upper, lower and outer margins. Lacunae before fol. 1, and after fols. 6, 38, 65, 161. A lingula is visible after fol. 28, but no text is missing. The lingula is probably what remains of a singleton that was added after fol. 38, but has since been lost. Quire signatures have been added on the last folium of a quire (lower-inner margin). The signature after the first quire is ‘5’. This means that four quires have been lost from the beginning of the book.

Quire with fols. 135-146 has been folded in the wrong way so that the inner leaves are now the outer leaves of the quire. This means that the text from fol. 134vb continues on fol. 141ra, the text on fol. 146vb on 135ra, and the text on 140vb on 147ra. This mix up has been marked by scribe who has written instructions in the margins on fol. 134v, 141r, and 147r. This mix-up suggests that the writing was done before the quires were folded.

Folia from c. fol. 73 onwards have been damaged in the upper-outer margin, possibly by fire.

Script

One scribe writing a well-practiced saec. XV gothic cursive. The script suggests Germany as the place of origin (Lehtinen 1995, 11). The same scribe has added headlines in the margins of some of the questions. Adding numbers to the questions is possibly the work of another scribe (or reader).

Decoration

Simple Lombard-initials in red. Capitula-signs, underlinings and letters emphasized in red. Letters on the top row often have been elongated. Occasional faces or other decorations (e.g. fol. 78v). In the first part, the title of the book is written in the upper margin and question numbers added with red ink.

Provenance

In the back cover, a note dated August 13th 1439: ‘Anno dominice incarnationis 1439 dominus Godfridus Vasoldi in die Ypoliti martiris exposuit pro domino Goschalko Schellin quintam mediam marcam pro expensis suis et fecit fidem vni pro sex marcis et vij s. et presentavit ei compendium philosophie pro iij marcis; in fidem illius restituit ei hunc librum suum, velle eorum etc.’ (edited in FMU 2297). On inner front cover: ‘Yläne Capell Kyrka tillhörig 1793. Jon. Enberg’. The manuscript is one of those appearing in the church inventories 1658, 1729, 1750 and 1782.

The manuscript was moved to the National Archives in 1863 (stamp of Archives is found on the inner front and back covers) and from there to the National Library in 1971.

Binding

Wood with dark brown leather covers. Blind stamped diamond-shapes on both covers. Two clasps were attached to the front cover, today only a part of the leather remains. Paper pastedowns on inner front and back covers. On the inner front cover, bits of a parchment leaf are visible below the paper pastedown. Pasted on the outer front cover, a piece of paper with the title ‘Responsiones siue conclusiones questionum tocius summe beati thome de aquino [compend]iose et efficaciter’.

History

The script and note on the inner back cover suggest that the manuscript has a German origin and early provenance. It contains an abridgment of Thomas Aquinas’s *Summa theologiae*. The manuscript shows little signs of having been used. The practiced script, quire signatures and binding one quire in the wrong order suggest commercial copying. There are four quires missing from the beginning. The manuscript has ended up in the Yläne church by 1658 where it appears as one of the “monk books” in the inventory. Since another university book written in Germany (Helsinki, National Library, D.II.46) also belonged to the Yläne church, it is possible they arrived together with a (Finnish) student or were inherited from one. From Yläne the manuscript was moved to the National Archives in 1863, and from there to the National Library in 1971.

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Literature

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