

There are two aspects to the issue, and it is a matter of no little importance to keep them distinct. On the one hand, both Anselm and Aquinas attempted to work out logically coherent accounts of the trinitarian analogy proposed by St. Augustine. On the other hand, there are many indications that Anselm thought he was demonstrating mystery, and there are a number of explicit statements to exclude the opinion that Aquinas thought he was demonstrating mystery.

To understand the meaning of the second condition, one must be technically competent in Aristotelian and Thomist thought. Towards a revival of such competence the second study on verbum is deo