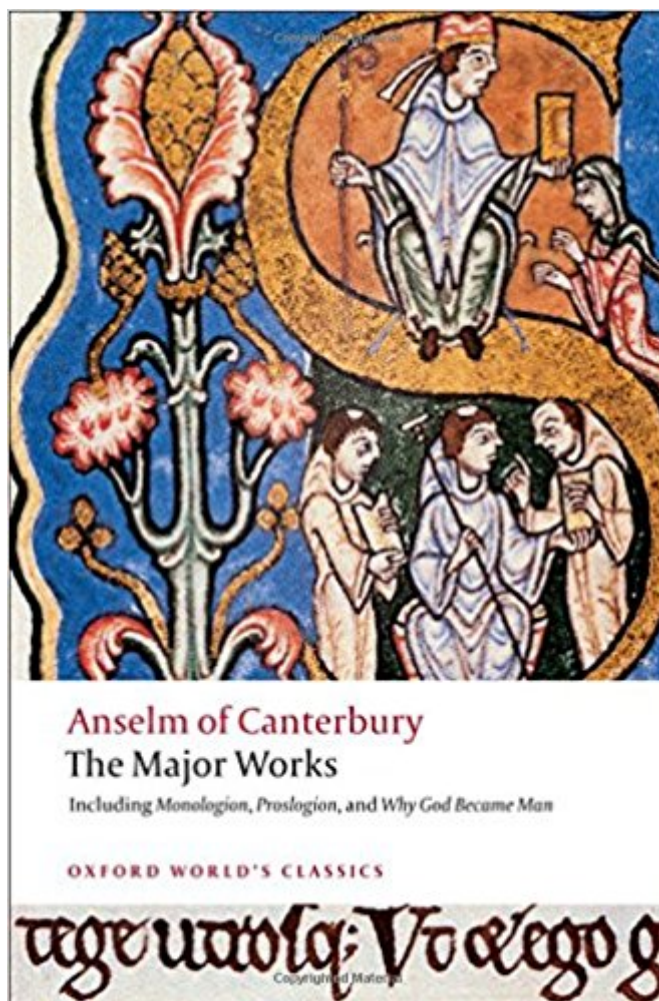


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There are numerous English translations and Latin originals of Anselm of Canterbury's major theological and philosophical works available for general reader consumption. However, this newest addition to the already-multitudinous amount of editions allows easy access to all the important writings Anselm produced in his career. In order to fully grasp the convenience of having the works of Anselm easily available to the English reader in one place, it must be pointed out that (to my knowledge) there is not a single volume that brings all his works together, like "Monologion", "Proslogion", "Cur Deus Homo" (don't let the Latin titles scare you; it's all in English), or some of his lesser known writings such as "On Truth", "On the Fall of the Devil", and "On the Procession of the Holy Spirit", and more. Those interested in reading the full spectrum of Anselm's thought have usually been compelled to look for multiple volumes, since a single publication may only contain one or two of the most important of Anselm's works. But now there is a single text (i.e., this one) that enables readers to look at one compendium for Anselm's theological and philosophical speculations in good English translation. Perhaps a plus in the volume is the fact that two excellent scholars, G.R. Evans and Brian Davies, OP, co-edited the compilation of these works into the volume published by Oxford University Press. G.R. Evans lectures and researches at Oxford University, and is well known for work in Medieval Christian philosophy and theology. Brian Davies earned his Ph.D. from King's College in London, and is a reputable expert on Medieval philosophy; he works at Fordham University in New York. Both are very capable and rigorous academicians, having equally contributed to the very informative (but not longwinded) introduction to the life of Anselm and the basic content and arguments in his individual works included in this monograph. Similarly, they have included notes on different translations and the original Latin text of Anselm to help the reader and/or scholar. Oxford World's Classics' "Anselm of Canterbury: The Major Works" is a fitting addition to any private or public theological, philosophical, patristics, medieval, or British history library. Instructors of college or graduate-level courses on theology, philosophy, medieval studies, or Anselmian studies would greatly benefit from assigning this text in their courses; it is a fairly inexpensive volume (especially in its paperback edition), but allows students to handle the works of Anselm from one source instead of requiring them to seek them out among a vast amount of translations and publications.

I did not realize that I already have a copy of this in my private library, but now I can put the other in the church garage sale just to see if there are any readers of theology lurking in the recesses of the

city.

I bought this to read St. Anselm's treatise "Cur Deus Homo" (Why God Became Man) on the recommendation of Fr. Lucas, of the St. John Society. I enjoyed his clear and concise style so much that I quickly went on to read "On the Virgin Conception and Original Sin", followed by "On the Procession of the Holy Spirit". I intend to return to this volume as time permits and read his other treatises. Anselm obviously a scholar, with a facile and questioning mind!

An excellent translation and presentation of one of the most influential but oft-forgotten minds in medieval philosophy and theology. Containing the origins of some of the most fundamental arguments in philosophy (not the least of which is the ontological argument of the Proslogion), Anselm is necessary reading for any student of philosophy and theology.

fabulous reading of a very important genre of literature from a very important time in our history and world development

Right on target for research I am working on that includes the thought of Anselm.

Anselm of Canterbury is 100's of years ahead of his time. I was blown away by his logical approach to religion and Christianity.

Brilliant thinker who models thinking Christianity.

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