

RE-ORIENTATION FOR MORAL UPRIGHT SOCIETY: AQUINAS EXAMPLE

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ABSTRACT

Living moral and upright life in a contemporary society seems to be a difficult task, these days. This is premised on different factors that plague man himself. But Thomas Aquinas presents us with a possible solution. The problem of moral upright living he asserts would be addressed by virtuous living hinged on prudence. Right reason with respect to human action involves good counsel, good judgment and command. The argument is that Aquinas virtue of prudence is a fundamental need in managing immoral behavior in an individual. Hence, the promotion of the re-orientation of the individuals within the society. Prudence seeks the good as realized in the very act of reasoning that perfects the practical activity of reason.

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