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Laylo JV (Slides 1 - 3)

Good Afternoon , Today we are going to discuss The Circular Relation of Acts and Character Understanding Moral Character, Actions, and Their Relationship

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Repetition of Action

Repeated actions influence character in three ways:

- Habit: When actions are repeated frequently, they become second nature. Example: A doctor writing prescriptions automatically.
- Skill: Through repetition, actions become skills, like a baker mastering kneading dough.
- Habitus: A disposition developed through actions, like a natural inclination to help others.

repeated actions can make behaviors automatic, improve our abilities, and shape our character.

Type of Action

Aquinas distinguishes between two types of actions:

- Acts of a Human Being: Involuntary actions like reflexes (e.g., yawning or blinking).
- Human Acts: Rational actions, chosen with intention, reflecting our moral choices. Example: Choosing to laugh at jokes vs. involuntary laughter.

some actions happen without thinking, while others are chosen with purpose and reflect our values.

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Intention and Responsibility

Actions are a reflection of intention and carry responsibility:

- Intention: The purpose behind an action is crucial. Without intention, actions can't be considered rational.
- Responsibility: Human beings own their actions and their consequences. Example: A doctor prescribing under pressure but consciously deciding to do so.

actions are meaningful when guided by intention, and we are responsible for the results of the choices we make.

Self-Possession and Governance

Humans are aware of themselves and their choices:

- Self-Possession: Being aware and in control of oneself.
- Governance: The ability to choose actions intentionally, leading to responsibility. Example: Deciding not to cross a flooded bridge due to understanding the risks.

We have the ability to know ourselves and make responsible choices based on that understanding.

Summary

- Repetition shapes habits and dispositions (habitus).
- Rational actions reflect character and intention.
- Self-possession and self-governance make humans accountable for their choices.

In summary, humans develop character through repeated actions, reflect their values through rational choices, and are accountable because of their self-awareness and intentional decision-making.