

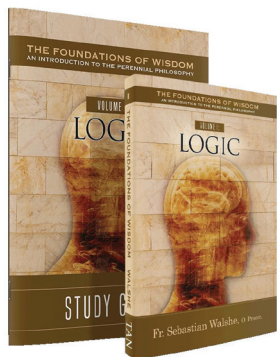


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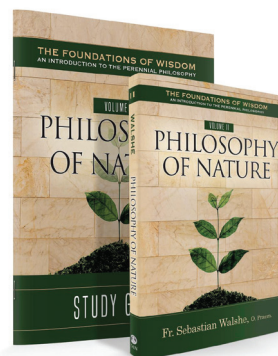
1st Volume: Logic

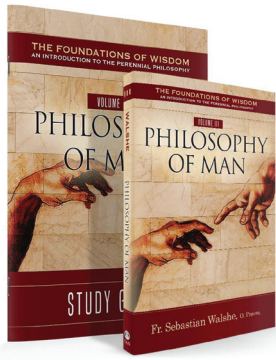
Logic is the art of thinking well. In a world where questionable decisions and ill-founded thinking prevail, logic is needed now more than ever before. With this short, succinct, and concise primer on this elementary skill, TAN Books is pleased to present to those beginning their journey in philosophy with this text on the basis of all reasoning: logic. Intended to give the basics on this art that produces clarity, sanity, and defense against irrational arguments, *Logic* guides the student through the principles needed in clear-thinking to encounter and work through difficulties in an increasingly complex world. Having the tool of logic is the way to prime the intellect in pursuit of truth and enable the soul to live as one who is truly free.



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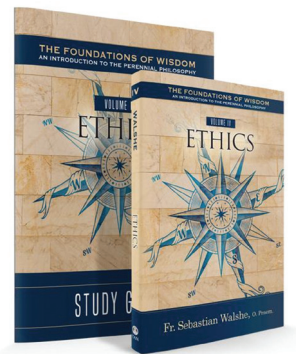
3rd Volume: Philosophy of Man

All of our Faith's truths apply to the human soul. Following upon the previous volumes in the series, *Philosophy of Man* seeks to help the beginner in philosophy understand the maxim of the Greeks: "Know thyself." The study of the soul is of great use in our pursuit of wisdom because knowledge of the soul assists us in every other branch of knowledge—for it is by means of the soul that we know. Therefore, knowing more about the soul will help us better understand each of the things we know. Following the philosophical system of Saint Thomas, *Philosophy of Man* will guide the student in how to view his soul and to see the order that God has created. Every philosophical and theological error of modernity culminates in a misunderstanding of who the human person

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