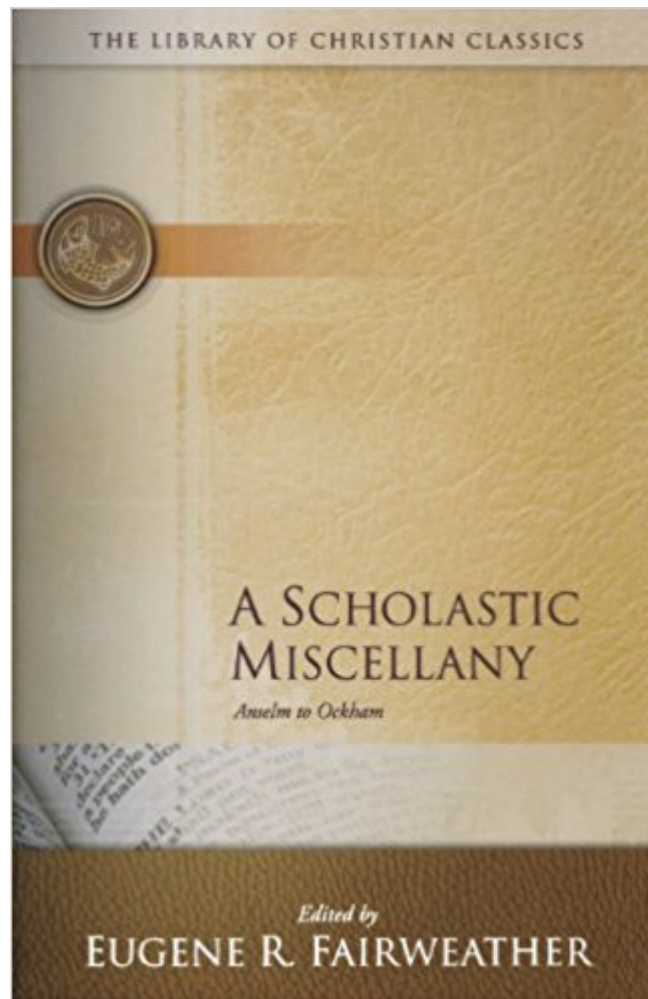


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This anthology, originally compiled in the 1950s by Eugene Fairweather, contains many of the most important primary-source documents from the philosophers and theologians of the middle ages. Anselm's writings alone warrant approximately 150 pages. In addition, shorter excerpts from Eadmer, Ivo of Chartres, Gratian, Abelard, Hugh of St. Victor, Richard of St. Victor, Peter Lombard, Stephen Langton, Bonaventure, Duns Scotus, and William of Ockham, among others, are included. I was initially perplexed as to why Aquinas was missing from this number, until I discovered that his writings are collected in a separate volume. So, someone looking for a collection of all the essential writings of the Middle Ages will also want to purchase Volume XI of this series (The Library of Christian Classics). Otherwise, the collection is one of the best at bringing under one cover the most important writings from approximately 1000-1400 AD in Western Europe.

A very thought provoking book. The writings of Anselm especially moved me as he argued the case for God and how He is alive working in this world. A true treat as you look into the minds of early Christians scholars in the 12th and 13th century.

As this book is a collection of previous works, the presentation is objective, which I deem necessary. I would recommend it to anyone looking to read the classics. I used it for a research paper on Anselm's Cur Deus Homo. I am now contemplating buying the rest of this series simply for fulfilling my desire to read all this series contains. The series itself is a marvelous collection of works that every serious reader of Christianity should own. Therefore, if you do not already own them all, purchase this series immediately and set to studying it. It can only help you, your church, and all who come in contact with you or your church.

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I was skeptical of this material when I first purchased it, figuring it was merely a selection of raw material taken from various church fathers. What I discovered was a focused and well-commented set of materials designed to provide the reader with a source-based picture into the development of early church ecclesiology. The author selects 4 Latin writers (Tertullian, Cyprian, Ambrose, and Jerome) and provides a brief biography of each. Then chooses a set of source materials that highlight their conception of church government. Prior to each material, the author thoroughly describes the historical occasion which precipitates the source document. In all, the reader is left with a good impression of the ecclesiology of each of these foundational theologians.

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