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HUMAN ACTION



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Words to know:

license (*permission to do something you want*), dialogue (*conversation between two or more parties*),
volition (*the act of willing or choosing something*)

Human beings are on a quest for _____ (the enjoyment of the highest _____).

God designed our nature to seek out _____ in the fullest sense.

Plants and animals seek out their full realization by _____.

Human beings think and _____ about what to do.

When acts are voluntary and come from just this kind of thinking and willing about what to do, they're called _____.

Human Agency:

We seek out _____ by _____ —the _____ we make in freedom.

ERRORS ABOUT FREEDOM	TRUE FREEDOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ability to _____ blindly for this or that option.• The ability to live according to _____ and whim.• We have a _____ to do anything we want.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The point of freedom is to choose one's way to _____.• The point of freedom is to choose the ways and means that will bring us to _____, lasting happiness.• This requires learning to see through the many _____ and deceptions regarding happiness.

Human Acts:

For Aquinas, deep within every human heart, there's a process of interaction, a kind of dialogue, between our _____ and our love, our intellect and our _____.

Human acts issue from out of this _____.





Stages of Human Action

Simple Volition:

Spontaneously _____ the goodness of something and _____ something.

Intention:

Making a _____ to _____ an end.

Deliberation (and Consent):

_____ after and approving/disapproving different _____.

Decision:

Act of the intellect _____ the best _____ by which to fulfill an _____.

Election:

Act of the will, _____ to pursue particular means.

Command:

_____ commands external act.

Use:

_____ executes external act.

Fruition:

The _____ and _____ of enjoyment in performing the act.

All of these little acts go on in our hearts and they go to make up the _____ of _____ . And the point of our free agency is to pursue what will really and truly make us _____ .

When we understand human acts and freedom this way, we realize the most fundamental thing a free agent needs is to know the _____ about what is _____ , what will really and truly satisfy.

The truth will set you _____ , free to _____ and enjoy the one true good that does not disappoint.

Comprehension question: So, what is that one true good? What are you living for?

