

Did Aquinas Answer Cajetan's Question? Aquinas's Semantic Rules for Analogy and the Interpretation of *De Nominum Analogia*

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Abstract: Cajetan's analogy theory is usually evaluated in terms of its fidelity to the teachings of Aquinas. But what if Cajetan was trying to answer questions Aquinas himself did not raise, and so could not help to answer? Cajetan's *De Nominum Analogia* can be interpreted as intending to solve a particular semantic problem: to characterize the unity of the analogical concept, so as to defend the possibility of a non-univocal term's mediating syllogistic reasoning. Aquinas offers various semantic characterizations of analogy, saying it involves, for instance: signification *per prius et posterius*; or a *ratio propria* which is only found in one analogate; or diverse *modi significandi* with a common *res significata*. Examined in turn, it is clear that none of Aquinas's rules for analogy solve the semantic problem described. Cajetan thus cannot be reasonably expected to have intended his analogy treatise primarily as an interpretation or systematization of Aquinas's teaching on analogy.

1. Introduction: Interpreting *De Nominum Analogia*

The theory of analogy advanced by the Dominican Thomas de Vio Cajetan in his treatise *De Nominum Analogia* (1498) is usually interpreted and evaluated in light of what Aquinas wrote about analogy. Differences between Cajetan's systematic teaching on analogy and Aquinas's occasional remarks have always been noted, but typical interpretations in the first half of the twentieth century aimed at reconciliation, defending Cajetan's theory as an authentic formalization of Aquinas's views on analogy.¹ After a time, however, it became more common for scholars to point out that the differences between Cajetan and Aquinas were too great, and the trend through the second half of the twentieth century was to criticize Cajetan for getting Aquinas wrong.²

Both defenders and critics have shared the assumption that Cajetan intended to interpret and systematize what Aquinas said about analogy, to write the *ex professo*

treatise that Aquinas never wrote. But what if Cajetan was not trying to interpret Aquinas after all? What if he had his own agenda? What if Cajetan was addressing a philosophical problem that Aquinas had not answered, a problem that Cajetan knew Aquinas had not answered? If this were the case, however much Cajetan would have intended to remain in the spirit of Aquinas's thought, his concerns would have led him to propose a theory that could not be found explicitly in Aquinas's texts.

De Nominum Analogia strongly suggests what questions primarily preoccupied its author. The two most often noted features of Cajetan's analogy doctrine are its *classification* and *hierarchy* of modes of analogy. Cajetan distinguishes three modes or kinds of analogy: analogy of inequality, analogy of attribution, and analogy of proportionality; and he says that the last of these is analogy in its truest and most proper sense. Both of these aspects of Cajetan's theory have been criticized by those who argue that the theory departs from the teaching of Aquinas. But these positions indicate something about Cajetan's intent, for they serve as answers to two questions that seem to preoccupy Cajetan.

First, there is the question of how there can be a mean between univocation and equivocation. In univocation, a term signifies the same nature by means of the same concept: predicated of a man and a horse, the term 'animal' in each case signifies the nature *animality*, by means of the same intellectual act of conception of animality. In equivocation, a term signifies diverse natures by means of diverse concepts: predicated of a duck's bill and a bill of sale, the term 'bill' signifies different natures, by means of different acts of intellectual conception. Analogy is supposed to be a mean between univocation and equivocation. But how is such a mean possible? In particular, how is it psychologically, and so semantically, possible? How can there be a mean between one and multiple concepts?

The traditional way of solving this problem is to say that in analogy there are multiple concepts which are somehow related. This makes analogy not a true mean between univocation and equivocation, but a species of equivocation, deliberate equivocation or *aequivocatio a consilio*, to be contrasted with pure, accidental equivocation, *aequivocatio a casu*.³ But this only gives rise to a further problem, for some terms central to the sciences of theology and metaphysics are analogical, and sciences rely on deductive syllogisms.⁴ If analogy is a species of equivocation, how can an analogical term avoid causing the fallacy of equivocation when used in a syllogism?

These questions, which arise quite naturally from theoretical reflection on analogy, were given historical urgency by Scotus's objections to the analogy of being. Metaphysics is the science of being, and according to Scotus there can only be science of univocal terms. One concept, not two, must mediate a syllogistic inference, and "where there is one and the same concept, there is univocation."⁵ Scotus even went so far as to define univocity in terms of the capacity to sustain valid inference.⁶ This poses a semantic challenge to those who want to defend the traditional Thomistic understanding of analogy. Historically, we know that several Thomists after Scotus turned their attention to describing a non-univocal unity which characterizes the analogical concept,⁷ and Cajetan's teaching on analogy can be understood as an attempt to respond to this particular challenge. Cajetan's threefold division of modes

of analogy is presented as a three-fold answer to the question of how there can be a mean between univocation and equivocation; and analogy of proportionality is given primacy because, according to Cajetan, it involves a non-univocal term which does not precipitate the fallacy of equivocation.

My aim here is not to defend this interpretation of Cajetan's *De Nominum Analogia*. In lieu of the historical and textual study that would justify this interpretation,⁸ I offer this brief, primarily theoretical, exposition only to indicate the importance of these semantic questions, and suggest the fruitfulness of interpreting *De Nominum Analogia* in light of them. Assuming that these are the questions which concerned Cajetan, I want to raise here a further question, which is whether Cajetan could have found help in answering these semantic questions about analogy—help in solving the Scotist semantic challenge—in the writings of Aquinas. Does Aquinas offer enough semantic detail in characterizing the unity of the analogical concept to explain how a non-univocal concept or term could mediate a valid syllogistic inference?

2. Thomas's Semantic Specifications of Analogical Unity

Though Aquinas was not explicitly concerned with the question of the unity of the analogical concept, or the other attendant semantic questions which would come to occupy Thomists in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries,⁹ he did articulate some apparent semantic rules which touch on this concern. Moreover, he was interested to establish that analogical terms do not cause the fallacy of equivocation. In Aquinas's discussions of analogy he is always aware, at least implicitly, that some cases of analogical signification—especially the central cases of metaphysics and theology—must exhibit enough unity to allow valid inferences.¹⁰ Indeed, it would be difficult to ignore this requirement, since this is part of the reason why analogy is understood as a mean between univocation and equivocation: analogical signification is not so completely unified to count as univocation, and yet it has sufficient unity to distinguish it from pure equivocation. This is why many commentators have emphasized that analogy provides orthodox theology a safe path between the Scylla of anthropomorphism and the Charybdis of agnosticism; God must be "other" enough that words said of creatures are not univocally said of Him, and yet, if we are to avoid agnosticism, our language must apply to God somehow, so that we can legitimately reason from creatures to God.

But despite the essential requirement of (at least some) analogical terms that they do not cause the fallacy of equivocation like pure equivocals, and despite this requirement's central role in orthodox theology, in only a handful of passages does Aquinas explicitly address the issue of analogical terms in valid reasoning. In only two texts does Aquinas explicitly acknowledge the need for analogy to have sufficient unity to avoid the fallacy of equivocation. In *Summa Theologiae* Ia, q. 13, a. 5, he says that what is said of God and creatures cannot be predicated equivocally, because if it were, nothing could be known or demonstrated about God, for attempts to reason about him would commit the fallacy of equivocation.¹¹ In *De Potentia Dei*, bk. 3, q. 7, a. 7, he elaborates on the same point, saying that if words said of God and creatures are purely equivocal, then proofs about God would be sophisms; he

even gives an example of a good theological syllogism which would be a sophism if analogical terms caused the fallacy of equivocation.¹² A handful of other texts, while not explicitly mentioning the fallacy of equivocation, directly acknowledge that analogy must sustain valid inferences. In *Summa Contra Gentiles*, bk. 1, chap. 33, speaking of the possibility of gaining knowledge of God from creatures, Aquinas says that pure equivocation would not suffice for us to gain knowledge about God from our knowledge of creation; equivocal terms “break the continuity of argument.”¹³ In the disputed questions *De Veritate*, q. 2, a. 11, Aquinas again addresses the same difficulty in confronting the question of whether knowledge (*scientia*) is predicated equivocally or univocally of God and creatures.¹⁴ And in his commentary on Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*, bk. 4, lectio 3, Aquinas insists that ‘one’ and other central terms of metaphysics are, while not univocal, nonetheless unified enough to sustain a single science because of “reference to one.”¹⁵ Similarly, in his commentary on the *Sentences*, prol., q. 1, a. 2, obj. 2, Aquinas considers the objection that theology is not a science because God and creatures do not share a genus; he responds that it is enough that God and creatures have analogical community.¹⁶

While all of these passages acknowledge the possibility, indeed the necessity, of non-univocal terms mediating valid inferences, none of them address the semantic puzzle this presents. Aquinas only asserts, without explanation of how it is possible, that analogy *does* exhibit sufficient unity to sustain valid reasoning. An opportune occasion for explanation would have been his commentary on Aristotle’s brief mention of analogical middle terms in the *Posterior Analytics*, and yet there too Aquinas’s remarks are very limited.¹⁷ And in no other text does Aquinas explicitly set out to explain how different analogical uses of a term can be sufficiently unified to avoid the fallacy of equivocation.¹⁸

Nonetheless, neither this lack, nor the often-noted fact that Aquinas never presented a systematic, *ex professo* treatment of analogy,¹⁹ prevents us from looking in Aquinas’s writings for some further specificity about the semantics of analogy. What is needed is some account of the unity of the mediating concept(s) involved in analogy, an account which provides some specificity to the more general semantic characterization that the analogous concept(s) must be “partly the same and partly different.”²⁰ What kind of sameness, and what kind of difference? Further semantic detail, in the form of specific answers to these questions, is needed,²¹ and some more specific characterization is available in Aquinas. In several places, and in several different formulations, Aquinas offers what appear to be general and categorical descriptions of analogical signification, which give some of the necessary further semantic detail. It is not surprising that some of these formulations have been taken as universal “rules” for analogy by Aquinas’s readers, although Klubertanz, in collecting the relevant texts, has decisively shown that “not every discussion that appears to be a general description applicable to all analogies is such in actual fact . . . even when the description is couched in categorical language and no qualifications at all are explicitly made.”²² For present purposes, it does not matter whether the proposed “rules” are in fact applicable to all analogies. Indeed, the semantic detail we are looking for need not be a feature of all analogical terms, as only some analogical

terms need to exhibit sufficient unity to mediate reasoning which depends on different analogical senses of those terms. Whether they are applicable to all analogies or not, we will see that none of the rules succeed in explaining how an analogical term could avoid causing the fallacy of equivocation.

I will consider in turn three characterizations of analogy which are provided by Aquinas, each of which has been proposed as a semantic rule for analogy. They are the following: (1) analogy involves a term which signifies *per prius et posterius*; (2) in analogy the *ratio* of one analogate is posited in the definitions of the others; and (3) in analogy there is a "proper *ratio*" which is found only in one analogate—*ratio propria non invenitur nisi in uno*.

(1) *Analogy involves a term which signifies per prius et posterius.*

The first Thomistic proposal to consider as a semantic rule of analogy is that an analogical term signifies *per prius et posterius*. The phrase "*per prius et posterius*" ("according to priority and posteriority") is one of the most common descriptions of analogical signification in Aquinas.²³ Considered on its own, the phrase seems to offer some of the semantic detail that is required to explain how analogy can be a mean between univocation and equivocation. Apparently in analogy, different analogical senses are related according to an order of priority. This alone, however, does not address the issue of how the different senses display enough unity to sustain inferences from one sense to another.

Even if the order of priority is further specified, however, we still do not have the right kind of semantic detail to respond to the Scotist challenge. E. J. Ashworth has shown that Aquinas spelled out the notion of signification *per prius et posterius* in terms of the order of reality, the order of knowledge, and the order of the imposition of terms.²⁴ While distinguishing these different orders allows us to understand how analogical terms can be learned, and how there are different senses of priority which are especially important to keep in mind in discussions of religious language, they do not allow us to understand why an analogical term is sufficiently unified to sustain valid inferences.

In most of its occurrences, it is clear that the characterization of analogy in terms of "*per prius et posterius*" is meant primarily to distinguish analogy from univocation.²⁵ Aquinas will often introduce the phrase by noting first that univocal things are named equally, and then noting that, in contrast, things named analogically are not named equally but exhibit an ordering *per prius et posterius*.²⁶ Yet the kind of characterization we are presently looking for would not emphasize how analogy differs from univocation, but how it differs from pure equivocation. Specifically, it would emphasize how analogy so differs that it does not cause the fallacy of equivocation. Signifying "*per prius et posterius*" does answer this question partially, for the multiple significations of purely equivocal terms are not so ordered, but under this rule analogy is still just a special case of equivocation, exhibiting, like equivocation, multiple significations. Thus, as McInerney has put it, "The analogous name is a name of multiple signification, but the multiplicity has a unity of order, *secundum prius et posterius*."²⁷ While this does distinguish analogy from pure equivocation, it does

not do so in a way that would exempt analogy from the fallacy of equivocation. If signifying *per prius et posterius* is for Aquinas a rule of all analogical signification,²⁸ it is not the kind of rule which addresses with sufficient detail the semantic unity of analogical signification.²⁹

(2) *In analogy the ratio of one analogate is posited in the definitions of the others.*

At first glance, the rule that “the *ratio* of one analogate appears in the definitions of the others” appears more promising as a semantic rule which distinguishes analogy from pure equivocation. The primary textual basis of the rule is *Summa Theologiae* Ia, q. 13, a. 6, where Aquinas says: “in all names which are said analogously of many, it is necessary that all are said with respect to one; and therefore it is necessary that that one is posited in the definition of them all.”³⁰ Silvestro Mazzolini (1456–1527) regarded this passage as offering “the decisive rule” of Thomistic analogy³¹ and more famously Francis of Ferrara (a.k.a. Francesco Silvestri da Ferrara, 1474–1528) also regarded this passage as determinative.³² Authors continue to refer to it as giving Aquinas’s “rule” for analogy.³³ Actually, as a rule for all analogies, it is controversial; Aquinas himself denies the universality of the rule in *De Veritate*, q. 2, a. 11, ad 6. Klubertanz finds the rule rejected as often as accepted.³⁴ But we shall consider it in any case.

We can see from the quoted passage that the “one in the definition of the others” rule is connected to, and apparently derived from, the requirement that analogical signification involves a *relation* or *reference to one*. In this sense, it fits with other well-known descriptions of analogy, from Aristotle’s *pros hen* equivocation³⁵ to Owen’s “focal meaning”³⁶: analogy is a special kind of equivocation, where diverse significates are united by a single, “focal” significate to which all other significates are related. This “relation to one,” or *pros hen* equivocation, thus entails that the *ratio* of the “one” in question appears in the definition of the others, for they are only understood under the analogical term because of a relation to that *ratio*.

We know that this “relation to one” is, in Aquinas’s mind, important for analogy.³⁷ Moreover, we know that it is important for unifying terms under a single science, for in the passage from Aquinas’s *Metaphysics* commentary discussed above, it is “relation to one” which is supposed to make it possible for things not univocally named to be the subject of a single science. However, though Aquinas says *that* this does unify a science, it is not clear *why* it does. And upon inspection, the rule seems to apply best to the cases that are least relevant to our present semantic concern. This is why Ross, for instance, takes “one in the definition of the others” as a rule for only one kind of analogy, analogy of attribution.³⁸ Ross’s classification is indebted to Cajetan rather than to Thomas, but even Thomas saw that the rule works better for some cases of analogy than others. For instance, the rule seems to apply well to the classic example of an analogical term, ‘healthy’ but it does not seem to apply well to other analogical terms, for example ‘wisdom.’ The health of the animal appears in the definition of ‘healthy’ predicated of urine and food, because urine and food have a relation to (respectively *sign of* and *cause of*) the animal’s health. The animal’s health is obviously the one to which all the senses of ‘healthy’

are related. But such an analysis does not seem to work for 'wise.' Divine wisdom does not enter into the definition of human wisdom, nor does human wisdom enter into the definition of divine wisdom.³⁹ But, to stick with these examples, it is the term 'wise,' and not 'healthy,' for which we need sufficient unity to avoid the fallacy of equivocation.

It must be admitted that though the rule does not seem to hold for terms of theology,⁴⁰ it does appear to hold for at least some terms of metaphysics. For example, the term 'being' is said analogously of substance and accident, and 'being' as predicated of an accident implies a reference to, and is defined in terms of, the being of substance. (This is not the case for 'being' as said of creatures and God.⁴¹) Yet the rule still does not help us to see how such a term could sustain valid inferences free of the fallacy of equivocation. To say that the *ratio* of one appears in the definition of the others is, then, a rule insufficient to meet the Scotist semantic challenge.

(3) *In analogy there is a "proper ratio" which is found only in one analogate (ratio propria non invenitur nisi in uno).*

Another proposed rule for analogy is that it always involves a proper *ratio*, which is found only in one of the analogates—*ratio propria non invenitur nisi in uno*. The rule seems to be entailed by the previous one, but is in fact weaker than it.

One source of textual support for this rule is *Summa Theologiae* Ia, q. 16, a. 6: "When something is said analogically of many, it is found according to its proper *ratio* in only one of them, from which the others are denominated."⁴² As with the previous rule, it seems to work best for 'healthy' and other terms which exhibit the kind of analogy which has come to be called analogy of attribution; it is not clear how the rule relates to 'truth,' say, as it is found in both created intellects and the divine intellect—indeed, this is not even clear in *ST* Ia.16.6 where Thomas invokes the rule. In any case, what is important to note for our purposes is that this rule could not address the challenge with which Cajetan was concerned. It emphasizes the *difference* between analogates, saying that the *proper ratio* is found only in one. What we need to address Scotus's challenge is a rule which explains how the different analogates, or the different *rationes* by which those analogates are signified, are sufficiently *unified* to avoid the fallacy of equivocation. The current rule, *ratio propria non invenitur nisi in uno*, offers nothing in response to this, and in this sense is even less helpful than the previous rule, which told us that the different *rationes* would at least be unified inasmuch as the *ratio* of one would appear in all the rest.

Taken individually, then, none of the three Thomistic rules for analogy considered above is sufficient to address the particular semantic challenge with which Cajetan was concerned. But before dismissing them, it is worth considering whether taken collectively they provide detail which no individual rule provides. It is not difficult to consider them together. It is easy to see how (2) can be a clarification, or specification, of (1); indeed, this is already apparent in Aquinas, who says that "the prior is included in the definition of the posterior."⁴³ And we have already seen that (3) is an implication of (2). McInerny's interpretation of Thomistic analogy

provides a good example of how these rules can be related to each other. According to McInerny,

the analogous name signifies a plurality of *rationes* which are related *per prius et posterius*; that is, one *ratio* is primary and presupposed by the others, this being revealed by the fact that the first *ratio* enters into the others. These secondary *rationes* signify diverse *proportions* or *analogies* to the first; they are said *per respectum ad unum*.⁴⁴

And again:

Things are named analogously when they share a name that receives several accounts and one of them is controlling or primary, a sign of which is that it enters into the other accounts. The rule expressing this is that the proper meaning of the term, its *ratio*, is found in only one of the analogates and the others are named with reference to, by proportion or relation to, it.⁴⁵

In these and other⁴⁶ passages, it is clear that rule (1) can be clarified by rule (2) which in turn implies rule (3): a term signifies *per prius et posterius* in the sense that one *ratio* is primary and appears in the definitions of all the others, and this primary *ratio* is necessarily found properly only in the primary analogate.

But considering these three rules together does not add to the semantic detail that they provide when considered separately. The account of analogical signification that they provide may be true, but it is still not sufficient to explain how it is possible that an analogical term could support valid inferences from one of its analogous senses to another. Analogy is still a kind of equivocation, albeit an equivocation in which the different significates are related, but the characterization of that relation—that the *ratio* of one is included in the others—is not sufficient to make this kind of equivocation exempt from the fallacy of reasoning which is named for equivocation.

3. *Res Significata* and *Modi Significandi*

Lastly, let us consider a fourth rule for which several interpreters claim to find support in Aquinas. According to McInerny, for instance, the above rules can be further specified in terms of the logical distinction between *res significata* and *modus significandi*. In particular, says McInerny, the *ratio propria* of a term must be understood as not just *what* it signifies but this together with *how* it signifies. That is, the *ratio propria* includes not just the *res significata* but also the *modus significandi*.⁴⁷ Thus according to McInerny, an analogical term is a term which has one *res significata* and multiple *modi significandi*.⁴⁸

As a proposed Thomistic rule for analogy, this is controversial. Although McInerny treats this as Aquinas's express doctrine,⁴⁹ there is very little textual support for it as a general rule of analogy. Aquinas often appeals to the variation of *modi significandi* to explain how some terms can be common to God and creatures, but

outside of discussions of religious language it is not clear that Aquinas ever describes analogical signification as involving one *res significata* and diverse *modi significandi*. One of McNerny's best texts is from Aquinas's commentary on the *Sentences*,⁵⁰ though, as Ashworth has pointed out, the text speaks not of *modi significandi* but of *modi praedicandi*.⁵¹ Though other texts do explicitly mention *modi significandi*,⁵² according to Ashworth the distinction between *res significata* and *modus significandi* is "central to Aquinas's theory of religious language," but "it is in no way central to his theory of analogy (insofar as he has a general theory)"⁵³; for Aquinas, Ashworth says, "*modi significandi* have no role in analogy as such."⁵⁴

Whether or not Aquinas meant it as a general analysis of all analogical terms, it is still worth considering the rule that an analogical term has one *res significata* but diverse *modi significandi*. The interpretation is widely held,⁵⁵ and even if it was not Aquinas's view, Ashworth has pointed out that the rule could be attributed to another medieval figure, Peter of Spain.⁵⁶ Furthermore, even if the rule is not a general one for all analogical terms, but rather is specific to religious language, it is still worth considering, for theological reasoning is an example of just the kind of reasoning involving analogical terms which we wish to safeguard. Words said of God and creatures are better than, say, the stock example of 'healthy,' if we are looking for an account of the unity of the analogical concept which can overcome the Scotist challenge to the semantic possibility of a non-univocal term immune from the fallacy of equivocation.

However, a first indication that this is not a satisfactory semantic rule is that its primary recent defender takes it to apply to the word 'healthy.' According to McNerny, the analogical term 'healthy' can be understood as having a single *res significata* (the health that is manifested by a healthy living thing, say, the proportion of its humors), and the term is made analogical by its several *modi significandi*, i.e., the several ways that health is signified.⁵⁷ McNerny does not carry out such an analysis, but apparently the various analogous senses of the predicate '(is) healthy' exhibited by the sentences 'Socrates is healthy,' 'This food is healthy,' and 'This urine is healthy,' would be achieved by completing the *res significata*, the health of the animal, with the various respective *modi significandi*: "has . . .", "is a cause of . . .", and "is a sign of . . ."⁵⁸

Whether or not this analysis of 'healthy' is *ad mentem Thomae*, it clearly shows that understanding analogical terms in this manner does not help us secure the validity of syllogisms with certain analogical terms. For again, 'healthy' is not the kind of analogical term for which we are seeking a semantic rule. The different senses of 'healthy' are logically speaking equivocal in precisely the way that should cause a fallacy of equivocation if these different senses are interchanged in an inference. For example, in the syllogism: "Whatever is on your plate is healthy, and whatever is healthy is alive; therefore, whatever is on your plate is alive," the premises, insofar as they are plausibly true, contain the term 'healthy' in different analogical senses, and this is precisely the reason why the conclusion does not follow from these premises. Yet if these different senses can be analyzed in terms of a common *res significata* and diverse *modi significandi*, then the proposed rule that analogy involves a common *res*

significata and diverse *modi significandi* does not help us explain why some analogical terms can be used in syllogisms without causing the fallacy of equivocation.

4. Conclusion

On the basis of these considerations, I conclude that Aquinas does not offer a rule for the semantic unity of analogy sufficient to meet the Scotist semantic challenge. We concur with Lyttkens, who observed, "We have no direct evidence of St. Thomas's own attitude to the question of the unity of the concept in the analogy of proportionality."⁵⁹ Of this we should not be surprised, because, as Ashworth has shown, the question of the unity of the analogical concept was considered by Thomists in the contexts of philosophical developments after Aquinas.⁶⁰

If, as I have supposed, Cajetan's *De Nominum Analogia* was meant to address the Scotist semantic challenge, then Cajetan would have regarded this project as all the more urgent precisely because it had not been undertaken, and so had not been fulfilled, by Aquinas. A proper evaluation of Cajetan's analogy theory, then, cannot be made by seeing if the theory can be found already taught in Aquinas's texts, but by investigating the adequacy of the theory to answer questions which Aquinas never addressed.

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Notes

1. The most prominent defenses of the Thomism of Cajetan's analogy theory were M. T.-L. Penido, *Le Rôle de L'Analogie en Théologie Dogmatique* (Paris: Librairie Philosophique J. Vrin, 1931) and Aloys Goergen, *Kardinal Cajetans Lehre von der Analogie; ihr Verhältnis zu Thomas von Aquin* (Speyer a. Rh.: Pilger-Druckerei, 1938). Cajetan's teaching on analogy is also treated as authentically Thomistic in Gerald B. Phelan, *St. Thomas and Analogy* (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 1941); Yves Simon, "Order in Analogical Sets," *New Scholasticism* 34 (1960): 1-42; and in the writings of such influential Thomists as Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange and Jacques Maritain.

2. The most influential studies were Hampus Lyttkens, *The Analogy Between God and the World: An Investigation of its Background and Interpretation of its Use by Thomas of Aquino* (Uppsala: Almqvist and Wiksells Boktryckeri AB, 1952); George P. Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy: A Textual Analysis and Systematic Synthesis* (Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1960); Ralph McInerny, *The Logic of Analogy: An Interpretation of St. Thomas* (The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1961); and Bernard Montagnes, *La Doctrine de l'Analogie de L'Être d'après Saint Thomas d'Aquin* (Louvain/Paris: Publications Universitaires/Béatrice-Nauwelaerts, 1963). Criticism of Cajetan's departure from Aquinas was also central to David Burrell, *Analogy and Philosophical Language* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1973); James F. Ross, *Portraying Analogy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981); and Battista Mondin, *The Principle of Analogy in Protestant and Catholic Theology*, 2nd ed. (The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1968). Earlier in the twentieth century Descoqs had followed Suarez's criticisms of Cajetan. Several scholars also followed Gilson in criticizing Cajetan for theorizing about analogy in terms of *concepts* as opposed to *judgment*; for references and an account of this controversy see Joshua P. Hochschild, "Analogy, Semantics, and

Hermeneutics: The 'Concept vs. Judgment' Critique of Cajetan's *De Nominum Analogia*," forthcoming in *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*.

3. The distinction is traced back to Boethius, *In Categorias Aristotelis*, lib. I (*PL*, vol. 64, 166b–c); it is expressed in somewhat different terminology in Pseudo-Augustine, *Categoriae Decem*, §17 (*PL*, vol. 32, 1421–1422).

4. It is worth providing some examples of relevant syllogisms involving analogical terms. Aquinas gives as an example: Whatever is in potentiality is reduced to act by something actual; all things are brought into being by God; therefore, God is actual (*DPD* III.7.7, *corpus*). Cajetan offers: Every simple perfection is in God; wisdom is a simple perfection; therefore wisdom is in God (*De Nominum Analogia* [hereafter *DNA*] §105). Bochenski's example is: Every being is good; God is a being; therefore God is good (I. M. Bochenski, "On Analogy," *The Thomist* (1948), §16. Presumably all of these cases involve the use of a term whose signification is originally gained from, and so initially properly predicated of, created things; but the conclusion of each argument extends that term to be predicated of God.

5. Duns Scotus, *In Librum Praedicamentorum Quaestiones*, q. 1: "ubi est idem conceptus, ibi est univocatio." Cf. *In Libros Elenchorum Quaestiones*, 2 (Vives 1891, 20a–25a). For more references and discussion see Robert Prentice, "Univocity and Analogy According to Scotus's *Super Libros Elenchorum Aristotelis*," *Archives d'Histoire Doctrinale et Littéraire du Moyen Age* 35 (1968): 39–64.

6. "[C]onceptum univocum dico qui ita est unus, quod eius unitas sufficit ad contradictionem affirmando et negando ipsum de eodem: sufficit etiam pro medio syllogistico, ut extrema unita in medio sic uno sine fallacia aequivocationis concludantur inter se uniri." Duns Scotus, *Commentaria Oxoniensia*, I, d. 3, qq. 1&2, a. 4, ¶346 (ed. Garcia, Florence, 1912, 309).

7. Independently, E. J. Ashworth, Michael Tavuzzi, and Franco Riva have helped bring to light this important development in medieval philosophy. See especially E. J. Ashworth, "Analogical Concepts: The Fourteenth-Century Background to Cajetan," *Dialogue* 31 (1992): 399–413; Michael Tavuzzi, "Some Renaissance Thomist Divisions of Analogy," *Angelicum* 70 (1993): 93–121; and Franco Riva, *Analogia e univocità in Tommaso de Vio 'Gaetano'* (Milan: Vita e Pensiero, 1995).

8. This will be the business of a separate paper, in progress, entitled "What is *De Nominum Analogia* About? Reconstructing Cajetan's Question."

9. Ashworth, "Analogical Concepts," *Dialogue* 31 (1992): 399–413.

10. Several scholars have noted Aquinas's concern that analogy avoid the fallacy of equivocation: James F. Ross, "Analogy as a Rule of Meaning for Religious Language," in *Inquiries into Medieval Philosophy* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Publishing Co., 1971), 37; Hampus Lyttkens, *The Analogy Between God and the World: An Investigation of its Background and Interpretation of its Use by Thomas of Aquino* (Uppsala: Almqvist and Wiksells Boktryckeri AB, 1952), 204; Patrick J. Sherry, "Analogy Today," *Philosophy* 51 (1976), 443; Ralph McInerny, "Scotus and Univocity," in McInerny, *Being and Predication: Thomistic Interpretations* (Washington: The Catholic University of America Press, 1986), 161; Yves Simon, "Order in Analogical Sets," in *Philosopher at Work: Essays by Yves R. Simon*, ed. Anthony O. Simon (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999), 139; Vernon Bourke, "Cajetan, Cardinal," in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. P. Edwards (New York: Macmillan, 1967), vol. 2, 5–6. Cf. Michael P. Slattery, "Concerning Two Recent Studies of Analogy," *The New Scholasticism* 31 (1957): 238. Garrigou-Lagrange also recognizes the importance of analogical terms in

syllogisms, in *God: His Existence and Nature*, vol. 1, 224–227; he provides his own account of how this is possible in vol. 2, 203–221.

11. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* Ia.13.5.c: “Sed nec etiam [nomen de Deo et creaturis praedicatur] pure aequivoce, ut aliqui dixerunt. Quia secundum hoc ex creaturis nihil posset cognosci de Deo, nec demonstrari, sed semper incideret fallacia aequivocationis.”

12. Thomas Aquinas, *Quaestiones disputatae de potentia Dei*, III.7.7.c: “[C]um omnis cognitio nostra de Deo ex creaturis sumatur, si non erit convenientia nisi in nomine tantum, nihil de Deo sciremus nisi nomina tantum vana, quibus res non subesset. Sequeretur etiam quod omnes demonstrationes a philosophis datae de Deo, essent sophisticatae; verbi gratia, si dicatur, quod omne quod est in potentia, reducitur ad actum per ens actu, et ex hoc concluderetur quod Deus esset ens actu, cum per ipsum omnia in esse educantur; erit fallacia aequivocationis; et sic de omnibus aliis.”

13. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Contra Gentiles*, I.33: “Quando unum de pluribus, secundum puram aequivocationem, praedicatur, ex uno eorum non possumus duci in cognitionem alterius. Nam cognitio rerum non dependet ex vocibus, sed ex ratione nominis. Ex his autem, quae in rebus aliis inveniuntur, in divinorum cognitionem pervenimus, ut ex dictis (c. 30 et 31) patet. Non igitur secundum puram aequivocationem dicuntur huiusmodi attributa de Deo et aliis rebus.... Aequivocatio nominis processum argumentationis impedit. Si igitur nihil diceretur de Deo et creaturis, nisi pure aequivoce, nulla argumentatio fieri posset, procedendo de creaturis ad Deum.”

14. Thomas Aquinas, *Quaestiones disputatae de Veritate*, 2.11.c: “[N]ec tamen potest dici quod omnino aequivoce praedicatur quidquid de Deo et creatura dicitur; quia si non esset aliqua convenientia creaturae ad Deum secundum rem, sua essentia non esset creaturarum similitudo; et ita cognoscendo essentiam suam non cognosceret creaturas. Similiter etiam nec nos ex rebus creatis in cognitionem Dei pervenire possemus; nec nominum quae creaturis aptantur, unum magis de eo dicendum esset quam aliud; quia ex aequivocis non differt quodcumque nomen imponatur, ex quo nulla rei convenientia attenditur.”

15. Thomas Aquinas, *In duodecim libros Metaphysicorum expositio*, IV, lect. 3 (§568 Cathala): “Non enim sequitur, quod si aliquid dicitur multipliciter, quod propter hoc sit alterius scientiae vel diversae. Diversa enim significata si neque dicuntur «secundum unum», idest secundum unam rationem, scilicet univoce, nec ratione diversa referuntur ad unum, sicut est in analogicis: tunc sequitur, quod sit alterius, idest diversae scientiae de his considerare, vel ad minus unius per accidens. . . . Haec autem omni referuntur ad unum principium. Sicut enim quae significantur per hoc nomen Unum, licet sint diversa, reducuntur tamen in unum primum significatum; similiter est dicendum de his nominibus, idem, diversum, contrarium, et huiusmodi.”

16. Thomas Aquinas, *Scripta super libros Sententiarum*, prolog., q. 1, a. 2, obj. 2: “[U]na scientia est unius generis, sicut dicit Philosophus in I Posteriorum. Sed Deus et creatura, de quibus in divina doctrina tractatur, non reducuntur in unum genus, neque univoce, neque analogice. Ergo divina scientia non est una.”; *Ibid.*, ad. 2: “[D]icendum quod Creator et creatura reducuntur in unum, non communitate univocationis sed analogiae.”

17. Thomas Aquinas, *In Aristotelis Libros Peri Hermeneias et Posteriorum Analyticorum Exposito*, ed. Raymundi M. Spiazzi (Marietti, 1955), Book II, lectio 17, n. 4: “[O]stendit investigare propter quid reducendo ad aliquod commune analogum; et dicit quod alius modus investigandi propter quid est eligere commune secundum analogiam, idest proportionem. Contingit enim unum accipere analogum quod non est idem secundum speciem vel genus;

sicut os sepiarum, quod vocatur *sepion*, et spina piscium, et ossa animalium terrestrium. Omnia enim ista conveniunt secundum proportionem, quia eodem modo se habent spinae ad pisces sicut ossa ad terrestria animalia." Aristotle's example of the analogical relationship between bone, spine, and pounce will be invoked by Cajetan at *DNA* §§109, 117, and *De Conceptu Entis* §3, and Cajetan obviously finds it useful for answering questions about the role of analogical notions in scientific reasoning. Interestingly, Aquinas's comment on Aristotle quoted here is not among the texts collected by Klubertanz in *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy*, although Klubertanz's catalogue of texts does include another passage from later in the *Posterior Analytics* commentary (Book II, lectio 19, n. 3).

18. The work *De fallaciis*, for a time spuriously attributed to Aquinas, describes three species of the fallacy of equivocation, and briefly mentions analogy in connection with the second: "secunda species est quando unum nomen principaliter unum significat, et aliud metaphorice sive transumptive. . . . et ad hanc speciem reducitur multiplicitas nominum analogorum quae dicuntur de pluribus secundum prius et posterius." *De fallaciis*, c. 6.

19. James F. Anderson, *The Bond of Being: An Essay on Analogy and Existence* (St. Louis: B. Herder Book Co., 1949), ix; George P. Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy: A Textual Analysis and Systematic Synthesis* (Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1960), 3, 11; Robert E. Meagher, "Thomas Aquinas and Analogy: A Textual Analysis," *The Thomist* 31 (1970), 241; Ralph McInerny, *Aquinas and Analogy* (Washington: The Catholic University of America Press, 1996), 96; Wilks, "Aquinas and Analogy: The Distinction of Many-to-One and One-to-Another," *The Modern Schoolman* 75 (1997) 35.

20. *In Met.* IV, lect. 1, §535; XI, lect. 3, §2197; cf. Joseph Bobik, *Aquinas on Being and Essence: A Translation and Interpretation* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1965), 55–56, and Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy*, 38.

21. Cf. Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy*, 38: "Analogous intelligibles are neither exactly the same nor completely different; they are halfway between the two extremes. Though this is not an especially revealing description, it provides us with a minimum meaning which can be applied to all analogies."

22. *Ibid.*, 37.

23. There are 58 occurrences of the phrase in 21 works listed in Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy*, 301. Klubertanz also notes several occasions of other terminology which also expresses priority and posteriority, 65. Aquinas was not the first to describe analogy as signification *per prius et posterius*; for some citations from previous authors, cf. E. J. Ashworth, "Analogy and Equivocation in Thirteenth-Century Logic: Aquinas in Context," *Mediaeval Studies* 54 (1992), 107–108, and Libera, Alain de, "Les sources gréco-arabes de la théorie médiévale de l'analogie de l'être," *Les Études Philosophiques* (1989), 333.

24. Ashworth, "Analogy and Equivocation in Thirteenth-Century Logic: Aquinas in Context," *Mediaeval Studies* 54 (1992), 125, and Ashworth, "Signification and Modes of Signifying in Thirteenth-Century Logic: A Preface to Aquinas on Analogy," *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* 1 (1991), 50; cf. McInerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 70–74.

25. *SCGI*.32: "Quod praedicatur de aliquibus secundum prius et posterius, certum est univocum non praedicari."

26. E.g., *ST*I.5.6, ad 3.

27. Ralph McInerny, *The Logic of Analogy: An Interpretation of St. Thomas* (The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1961), 79. Cf. McInerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 98: an analogous term "signifies a plurality of *rationes* which are related *per prius et posterius*."

28. Klubertanz notes that Aquinas sometimes seems to deny that the *per prius et posterius* rule applies to analogy between God and creatures (Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy*, 29–30), yet later he discusses the rule as a “doctrinal constant” in Aquinas (64–69).

29. Yves Simon recognized the inadequacy of the “*per prius et posterius*” rule. Simon, “On Order in Analogical Sets,” 148.

30. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* Ia 13.6.c: “in omnibus nominibus quae de pluribus analogice dicuntur, necesse est quod omni dicantur per respectum ad unum; et ideo illud unum oportet quod ponatur in definitione omnium.” Cf. Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* Ia 13.10: “in analogicis vero oportet quod nomen secundum unam significationem acceptum ponatur in definitione ejusdem nominis secundum alias significationes accepti.” Cf. Aquinas, *Summa Contra Gentiles* I.32: “Quod praedicatur de aliquibus secundum prius et posterius, certum est univoce non praedicari: nam prius in definitione posterioris includitur.”

31. Silvestro Mazzolini, *Conflatum ex S. Thoma*: “regula decisiva totius quaestionis,” quoted in Michael Tavuzzi, “Some Renaissance Thomist Divisions of Analogy,” *Angelicum* 70 (1993), 110.

32. “[A]d mentem Sancti Thomae, quod in omni modo analogiae verum est quod prius ponitur in definitione posterioris, in quantum analogice consideratur et significatur” (from Silvestri’s commentary on *Summa Contra Gentiles*, quoted in Lyttkens, 226 n. 7). For discussion see Lyttkens, *The Analogy Between God and the World*, 225–228, and Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy*, 10–11.

33. E.g., McInerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 98; Joseph Bobik, *Aquinas on Being and Essence: A Translation and Interpretation* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1965), 53; Ian Wilks, “Aquinas on Analogy,” 37.

34. Klubertanz, *St. Thomas Aquinas on Analogy*, 32–34.

35. Cf. Joseph Owens, *The Doctrine of Being in the Aristotelian Metaphysics: A Study in the Greek Background of Medieval Thought*, 3rd ed. (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, 1978), 118–123.

36. G. E. L. Owen, “Logic and Metaphysics in Some Early Works of Aristotle,” in *Aristotle and Plato in Mid-Fourth Century*, ed. Ingemar Düring and G. E. L. Owen (Göteborg: Studia Graeca et Latina Gothoburgensia, 1960). Cf. McInerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 40: “What Owen calls focal meaning—a common predicate’s having different but connected definitions in its different uses, the connection being provided by its primary sense on which the others depend—answers to what Thomas Aquinas calls an analogous name.”

37. Cf. e.g., Aquinas, *De principiis naturae* 6: “Analogice dicitur praedicari quod praedicatur de pluribus, quorum rationes diversae sunt, sed attribuuntur alicui uni eidem.”

38. Ross, “Analogy as a Rule of Meaning for Religious Language,” 50. Yves Simon agrees, saying that in analogy of proper proportionality, “no first analogate needs to be included in the definition of the secondary analogates.” Simon, “On Order in Analogical Sets,” 138–139. Both Ross and Simon here are in agreement with Cajetan.

39. Aquinas himself raises this objection at *De Veritate* 2.11., obj. 6.

40. In a parallel case, Aquinas denies that “God is good” can be taken to mean only that “God is the cause of good things.” Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* I.13.2.c

41. Cajetan, *Commentaria in de ente et essentia* §21: “[A]nalogata primo modo [i.e. analogy of attribution] ita se habent, quod posterius secundum nomen analogum diffinitur per

suum prius: puta accidens, inquantum ens per substantiam. Analogata vero secundo modo [i.e. analogy of proportionality] non: creatura enim inquantum ens non diffinitur per Deum.”

42. Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* Ia, 16.6.c: “[Q]uando aliquid dicitur analogice de multis, illud invenitur secundum propriam rationem in uno eorum tantum, a quo alia denominantur.”

43. Aquinas, *Summa Contra Gentiles* I.32: “Nam prius in diffinitione posterioris includitur.” Cf. Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* I.13.6: “Et quia ratio quam significat nomen est definitio, ut dicitur, necesse est quod illud nomen per prius dicatur de eo quod ponitur in definitione aliorum, et per posterius de aliis, secundum ordinem quo appropinquant ad illud primum.”

44. McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 98.

45. McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 114.

46. E.g., McNerny, *The Logic of Analogy*, 78: “The analogous name names one thing primarily, and others insofar as they relate in some way to what it principally names. The *rationes* of the secondary analogates will express their reference to the thing which perfectly saves the *ratio propria* of the word.”

47. McNerny, *Studies in Analogy* (The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1968), 75; McNerny, “The Analogy of Names is a Logical Doctrine,” in McNerny, *Being and Predication*, 285; McNerny, “Scotus and Univocity,” 162; McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 99.

48. McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 99–100; McNerny, “Can God be Named by Us?” in McNerny, *Being and Predication*, 274–275; McNerny, “Scotus and Univocity,” 162–164.

49. McNerny, “The Analogy of Names is a Logical Doctrine,” 283: “St. Thomas will say that a term used analogously signifies the same *res significata* but has different *modi significandi*.”; McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 103–104: “In a pithy text, Thomas compares univocals, equivocals and analogously named things. . . . Univocal terms have the same *res significata* and the same way of signifying it in all relevant uses; equivocal terms have different *res significatae*; things are named analogously when their common name has the same *res significata*, which is signified in different ways in each of the accounts.”

50. *I Sent.*, 22.1.3 ad 2: “dicendum quod aliter dividitur aequivocum, analogum et univocum. Aequivocum enim dividitur secundum res significatas, univocum vero dividitur secundum diversas differentias; sed analogum dividitur secundum diversos modos. Unde cum ens praedicetur analogice de decem generibus, dividitur in ea secundum diversos modos. Unde unicuique generi debetur proprius modus praedicandi.”

51. Ashworth, “Signification and Modes of Signifying,” 60.

52. E.g., *I Sent.*, 25.1.2 c: “Dicendum quod persona dicitur de Deo et creaturis non univoce nec aequivoce sed secundum analogiam; et quantum ad rem significatam per prius est in Deo quam in creaturis, sed quantum ad modum significandi est e converso, sicut est etiam de omnibus aliis nominibus quae de Deo et creaturis analogice dicuntur.”

53. Ashworth, “Signification and Modes of Signifying,” 60.

54. Ashworth, “Analogy and Equivocation,” 122. Cf. Ashworth, review of McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, in *Speculum* 74 (1999), 216. Cf. also Irène Rosier, “*Res significata et modus significandi*: Les implications d’une distinction médiévale,” *Sprachtheorien in Spätantike und Mittelalter*, ed. Sten Ebbesen (Tübingen: Gunter Narr Verlag, 1995), 152–157.

55. In addition to McNerny, the view can be found in Mascall (*Analogy and Existence*, 100, 120), and is common in Copleston, although the latter’s comments are always made

in the context of a discussion of religious language. Cf. Fredrick Copleston, *A History of Medieval Philosophy* (New York: Harper and Row, 1972), 196–197; Copleston, *Aquinas* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1955), 129–135; and Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, vol. 2 (*Mediaeval Philosophy*), part 2 (*Albert the Great to Duns Scotus*) (Garden City: Image Books, 1962), 70. Before his more recent criticisms of the “classical” approach to analogy (in James F. Ross, *Portraying Analogy* [Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981]), Ross apparently agreed that having one *res significata* and multiple *modi significata* is a feature of analogy. Cf. Ross, *A Critical Analysis of the Theory of Analogy of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Ph. D. dissertation, Brown University, 1958), 102; Ross, review of McNerny, *The Logic of Analogy*, in *International Philosophical Quarterly* 2 (1962), 635; and Ross, “Analogy as a Rule of Meaning for Religious Language,” 55–57. But Ross regarded this as only a necessary, not a sufficient, condition for language about God; to it Ross added the stipulation that there be “proportional similarity” of properties (Ross, “Analogy as Rule of Meaning for Religious Language,” 62–63). Burrell appears to take a similar view, agreeing that the distinction between *res significata* and *modus significandi* is a part of Aquinas’s analysis of analogy, at least with respect to religious language, but adding that the distinction is insufficient without the further stipulation that all predicates said analogously of God and creatures must be perfections. Cf. David Burrell, *Analogy and Philosophical Language* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1973), 136. For that matter, McNerny also says that having a single *res significata* and diverse *modi significandi* is a necessary, but not a sufficient, condition of a term’s being analogous (McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 104). Lyttkens is also willing to consider the role of *res significata* and *modi significandi* in Aquinas’s understanding of analogy, though like Copleston, Ross, and Burrell he does so only in the context of discussion about predicates said analogously of God and creatures (Lyttkens, *The Analogy Between God and the World*, 374–382, 468–471).

56. Ashworth, “Signification and Modes of Signifying,” 56–57, 61.

57. McNerny, “Scotus and Univocity,” 163. Cf. McNerny, *Aquinas and Analogy*, 104.

58. In this sense McNerny’s analysis of analogy as involving one *res significata* and several *modi significandi* is probably not genuinely *ad mentem Thomae*, insofar as the example just given does not exhibit a Thomistic use of *modi significandi*. *Being a cause of something* or *being a sign of something* are not *modi significandi* in Thomas’s sense, and a Thomistic analysis of the various senses of “healthy” would rather assign a different *res significata* to each sense of healthy: *animal health*, *cause of animal health*, and *sign of animal health*.

59. Lyttkens, 471. Wilks frames the semantic issue felicitously: “For a word to retain the same meaning through successive uses is for it to remain linked to exactly the same *ratio* in each case. This is how univocity is to be understood; non-univocity will, conversely, involve successive uses with linkage to different *rationes*. Whether that non-univocity amounts to analogy or equivocation depends on the conceptual space that exists between the two *rationes*; the difference between them is capable of being greater or less, and if sufficiently less then the usage is said to be analogical.” Then, Wilks says, “Aquinas gives us no theoretically comprehensive way of explaining what constitutes closeness of *ratio*.” Of the rule that he considers, viz. “that in each case one *ratio* constitutes part of another,” Wilks admits, “we cannot get a rigorous semantic account of analogy from this.” Wilks, 37.

60. Ashworth, “Analogical Concepts”; Ashworth, “Analogy and Equivocation,” 126.