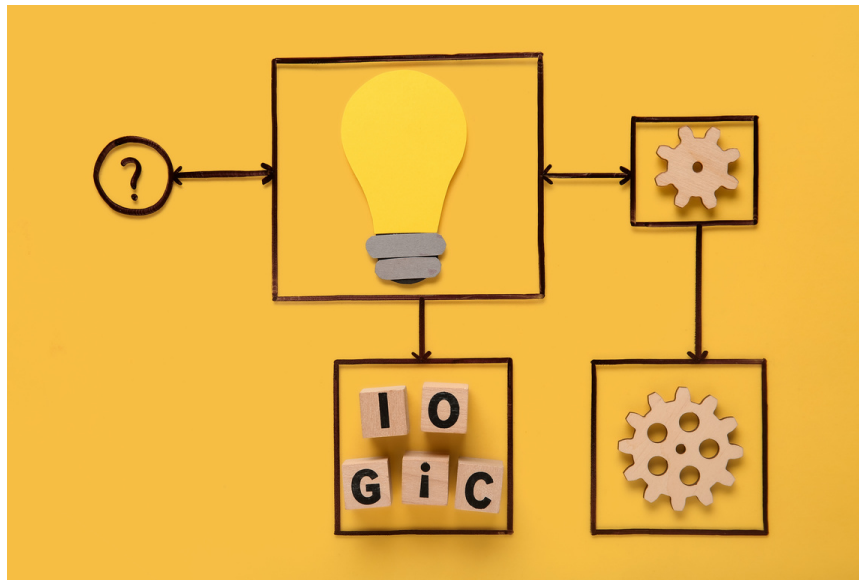




Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Wednesday 28th January
Logic



*Scripture: **Wisdom 7: 7-10***

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to sceptres and thrones,
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.
Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.
I loved her more than health and beauty,
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her radiance never ceases.

Reflection

Today is the day that the Scottish Episcopal Church remembers St Thomas Aquinas. His logic became a cornerstone of medieval Scholasticism, which combines Aristotelian deductive reasoning with Christian theology to demonstrate that faith and reason are compatible. Aquinas used strict logical structures to prove God's existence by moving from observed effects in the world to their necessary uncaused cause. Aquinas believed that foundational truths about reality and God can be understood through rational, empirical inquiry. What things in the world point to the existence of God for you?

To Listen

Adoro Te Devote by Cecilia McDowell, based on a text believed to be by Aquinas