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Aquinas on Theology and God's Existence

The First Two Questions of the Summa Theologiae Newly Translated and Carefully Explained



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