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Bernard of Trilia. *Quaestiones de cognitione animae separatae a corpore.* Edited by Stuart Martin. Studies and Texts 11. 1965; x, 427 pp. ISBN 0-88844-011-1 | 978-0-88844-011-2.

A critical edition of thirteen questions by one of the earliest Thomists, the French Dominican manster Bernard of Trilia who lived in the last half of the thirteenth century. Written about 1285, and surviving in all or in part in seven manuscripts, Bernard's questions address Thomas' doctrine of the singleness of the human soul as substantial form of the body, with all the ensuing implications including the difficulty about its status when parted from the body.

The topics addressed are:

1. Can a disembodied soul know anything at all?
2. Can it know particulars?
3. Can it know spiritual beings?
4. Does the separated soul remember knowledge acquired in life?
5. Can it be lifted by God's grace to see him face to face?
6. Is the *lumen gloriae* a necessary predisposition for this?
7. Or is natural power enough?
8. Is such a vision as complete for men as for angels?
9. Does it amount to comprehension?
10. And see everything?
11. Can the elevated soul cease?
12. Does it know God together with creatures?
13. Does it extend to infinities?