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Sommario/riassunto	Milton spoke of 'De Doctrina' as 'my best and most precious possession'. Through close reading of the Latin itself, John K. Hale assesses the work and its aim, its degrees of success and its by-products, as these reveal Milton at his 'personal best'. While to historians or methodologists of theology his best might not seem the very best ever, this work was unutterably precious to Milton, and close reading reveals the personal dimension of Milton's theology and the passion and energy of his mind in its acts of thought.