Appendix A

The Structure of the 1559 *Institutes*:
I. Knowledge of God the Creator (God)
II. Knowledge of God the Redeemer (Christ)
III. Way in Which We Receive the Grace of Christ (Holy Spirit)
IV. External Means or Aids by Which God Invites Us into the Society of Christ and Holds Us Therein (Church)

Outline

I. The Knowledge of God the Creator (Book 1)
   A. Natural revelation: creation, providence (1, 1–5)
   B. Special revelation: Bible (1, 6–9)
      1. God (1, 10–13)
      2. Creation (1, 14 & 15)
      3. Providence (1, 16–18)

II. The Knowledge of God the Redeemer in Christ
    First disclosed to the fathers under the law, and then to us in the Gospel (Book 2)
    A. Guilt and depravity of mankind (2, 1–5)
    B. Salvation through Christ (2, 6)
       1. Old Testament (2, 7 & 8)
       2. New Testament (2, 9)
       3. Old and New Testaments: similarity and difference (2, 10 & 11)
    C. Christ
       1. Person (2, 12–14)
       2. Work (2, 15–17)

III. The Way in Which we Receive the Grace of Christ; What benefits come to us from it, and what effects follow (Book 3)
    A. Holy Spirit (3, 1)
    B. Faith (3, 2)
    C. Repentance/ Sanctification (3, 3–10)
    D. Justification (3, 11–19)
    E. Prayer (3, 20)
    F. Election (3, 21–24)
    G. Resurrection (3, 25)

IV. The External Means or Aids by Which God Invites us into the Society of Christ and Holds us Therein (Book 4)
    A. Church (4, 1–13)
    B. Sacraments (4, 14)
       1. Baptism (4, 15 & 16)
       2. Lord’s Supper (4, 17 & 18)
       3. False sacraments (4, 19)
    C. Civil government (4, 20)