

Thomas Aquinas on Moral Wrongdoing

Medieval thinkers were both puzzled and fascinated by the capacity of human beings to do what is morally wrong. In this book, Colleen McCluskey offers the first comprehensive examination of Thomas Aquinas's explanation for moral wrongdoing. Her discussion takes in Aquinas's theory of human nature and action and his explanation of wrong action in terms of defects in human capacities, including the intellect, the will, and the passions of the sensory appetite. She also looks at the notion of privation, which underlies Aquinas's account of wrongdoing, as well as his theory of the vices, which intersects with his basic account. The result is a thorough exploration of Aquinas's psychology that is both accessible and illuminating and will be of interest to a wide range of readers in Aquinas studies, medieval philosophy, the history of theology, and the history of ideas.

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In memoriam

John F. Kavanaugh, S.J. (1941–2012)

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For citations to *Summa theologiae*, I list the part, question, article, and the part of the article when citing anything other than the *respondeo*. For the disputed questions on truth and on evil, I cite question and article. For the disputed question on the virtues in general, I cite only the article. For the commentary on the *Nicomachean Ethics*, I cite the book, the lecture, and the line numbers as well as the Leonine volume, page, and line numbers. For the *Sentences* commentary, I cite the book, distinction, question, article, and the part of the article when citing anything other than Aquinas's response.

For the most part, I have consulted the online Corpus Thomisticum (www.corpusthomicum.org/inopera.html), produced by Enrique Alarcón at the Universidad de Navarra. Most of the texts I have consulted in the online source are drawn from the Leonine edition (*Opera Omnia*, ed. Leonine Commission [Rome: Vatican Polyglot Press, 1882–]) or from the Marietti edition (Taurini: Marietti, 1961–67), which itself reproduces the text from the Leonine edition. The one exception is the *Sentences* commentary, which is taken from the Parma (1856) edition. Because a worry has been raised over the reliability of the online source, all quotations have been confirmed with the print editions: Mandonnet's edition for the *Sentences* commentary and the Leonine for everything else. For quotations, where there was significant divergence between the two sources, the text found in the print editions has been adopted, and this has been noted in the citation. Because the divisions within the online edition of the commentary on *Nicomachean Ethics* diverged from the print Leonine edition, I chose to follow the print edition in my citations from that text. There are a few places where I cite other Latin editions of Aquinas's texts, most notably the Marietti edition. I have indicated these citations in the notes.¹ All translations from the Latin are my own unless otherwise noted.

¹ For more information on the Latin editions and modern language translations of Aquinas's text, see G. Emery, O.P., "Brief Catalogue of the Works of Saint Thomas

I have used the following abbreviations for Aquinas's texts:

<i>In Sent</i>	<i>Scriptum super libros Sententiarum</i>
<i>QDM</i>	<i>Quaestiones disputatae de malo</i>
<i>QDV</i>	<i>Quaestiones disputatae de veritate</i>
<i>QDVC</i>	<i>Quaestiones disputatae de virtutibus in communi</i>
<i>SCG</i>	<i>Summa contra gentiles</i>
<i>SLE</i>	<i>Sententia libri Ethicorum</i>
<i>ST</i>	<i>Summa theologiae</i>

Aquinas," in Jean-Pierre Torrell, O.P., *Saint Thomas Aquinas: The Person and His Work*, Robert Royal, trans. (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2005), 330–61.