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Two small errors turned up in the hardcover edition of my *Commentary on Thomas Aquinas's Treatise on Law*. Although they were corrected in the paperback, a reader suggests that I post the corrections here too. Good idea.

The first error is rather funny: On the cover, the word *Commentary* was spelled with three M's. If you have one of those copies, better hold onto it: Odder things have become collectors' items.

The second error was on page 28, in the discussion of Question 90, Article 2, "Whether the Law is Always Something Directed to the Common Good?" St. Thomas's answer is "Yes," but the Article begins with three Objections - reasons why someone might think the answer "No." Right after the paragraph beginning with the words "More broadly," the text and paraphrase of Objection 1 were omitted. Here is what the Objector says:

<p><i>Objection 1. It would seem that the law is not always directed to the common good as to its end. For it belongs to law to command and to forbid. But commands are directed to certain individual goods. Therefore the end of the law is not always the common good.</i></p>	<p>Objection 1. Apparently, in order to be truly law, a thing need <i>not</i> always have as its purpose the good of the whole community. We stated earlier, in Article 1, that commanding and forbidding are functions of law. But a command always has as its purpose a particular good of a particular individual. Since the purpose of law is particular and individual, it is not general and common.</p>
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Everything else was where it should have been, including among other things my discussion of the Objection, St. Thomas's reply to the Objection, and my analysis of his reply.