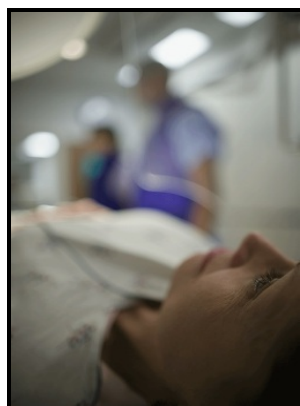


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## Gilbert Meilaender, Neither Beast nor God: The Dignity of the Human Person

. Essentially, human dignity is what any given person possesses as a member of the human race, as a self-aware animal with a soul, so that ideally, we are balanced between body and soul.

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In Neither Beast Nor God, Gilbert Meilaender elaborates the philosophical, social, theological, and political implications of the question of dignity, and suggests a path through the thicket. He incisively cuts through some of the common confusions that cloud our thinking on key moral questions.

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Meilaender places great emphasis on the human imperative of honoring our peculiar in-between state, lest we end up thinking ourselves only spirit or only body or succumb to an utterly dualistic understanding of human nature. What notion of human dignity should inform our private judgments and our public life? Are there truths embedded in our being that help explain us, that illuminate paths to fulfillment, and that witness against the temptation to radically alter what we are? In this way, the book challenges us to think more deeply and respectfully of our Jewish and Christian heritage, so easily dismissed by those in the academy who think they have risen above it. Meilaender's work was forged in response to the conversations he had during his time on the controversial Presidents Council on Bioethics.

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He thinks the confusion is clarified by distinguishing between human and personal dignity. The first is human dignity, which is characteristic of our status in between God and beasts: Not simply body, but also not simply mind or spirit; rather, the place where body and spirit meet and are united and reconciled? He established a name for himself in bioethics with the publication of his *Bioethics: A Primer for Christians* 1996; 2nd ed. We live in an age of unprecedented human mastery — over birth and death, body and mind, nature and human nature.

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