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Most books spend their thunder by the final chapter: not Neither Beast Nor God. If God can love each of us, whom He created, as if each and every single one of us was the only person in the universe, then we all stand in the same relation to God, at the same distance, no matter if we are part of the janitorial staff at Wal-Mart or if we are the Dalai Lama or anyone else in the world.

In Between the Angels and the Apes by Rev. Thomas V. Berg

The dignity of humanity and the dignity of the person, he argues, are distinct but deeply connected — and only by grasping them both can we find our way to a meaningful understanding of the human condition. With over a dozen books published in theological ethics, Meilaender has been a key voice for Christians in both the academy and the culture wars for a quarter-century. Although his prominence as a public intellectual elevated by his association with the PCBE, Meilaender is in the first place a theologian, a Christian ethicist.

Neither Beast nor God

Sirach 51:30 Be doers of the word and not hearers only.

Neither Beast Nor God: The Dignity of the Human Person by Gilbert Meilaender

It will sometimes be difficult to sort out the relation between these two concepts of dignity, and it is no shame to find ourselves sometimes puzzled and uncertain, but it is an effort that honors the human dignity we share. Neither Beast nor God proceeds along these two lines, then, exploring the way in which birth, breeding, and death offend our sense of human dignity and the ways in which human dignity must be maintained in those acts, and how human dignity and personal dignity relate to each other. Inherent in this view too is a rejection of the dualism that sees humans as selves or gods that happen to inhabit bodies or as beasts who are reducible to their physical dimension.

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