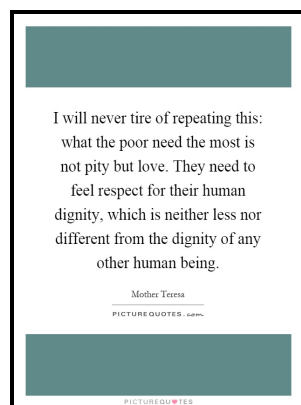


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### Neither Beast Nor God: The Dignity of the Human Person.

Tomorrow has never looked better. John Paul II, apparently by contrast, in discussing capital punishment in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, claims that not even a murderer loses his personal dignity. Is dignity something we all share equally, and therefore the reason we all ought to be treated as equals? *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.

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The same could be said with respect to the intellect of Einstein or the wisdom of Solomon not to mention that of my wife.

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In chapter 1, he sets down a distinction crucial to the book's analysis a distinction he finds latent in the writings of Kierkegaard. Thus, they try to conquer birth with artificial reproductive technologies, breeding with germ-line engineering, and death with cryogenics.

### Neither Beast Nor God: Gilbert Meilander on Personal Dignity

What notion of human dignity should inform our private judgments and our public life? From 2002-2009, he was a member of the Bush administration's President's Council on Bioethics PCBE. Meilaender notes that any inconsistency in the language of dignity may be due to the fact that the term does different work in ethical discourse. 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.

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