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For over three decades, the work of Gilbert Meilaender has been at the center of American theological and moral discussion. His writings have informed public policy, academic debate, and have gained a wide readership among non-specialists. Meilaender has made important contributions to contemporary debates about bioethics, human dignity, justice and the common good, and the place of religion in pluralistic societies. In the course of his work, he has been especially concerned about the nature and limits of moral reflection itself. Does human embodiment set limits on our understanding of what is right and good? How do religious beliefs about human destiny and the end of history set limits to our political aspirations and goals? Can ethics fully understand the deepest desires of the human heart?

To discuss these and other questions, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions is hosting a conference, cosponsored by the Berkeley Institute, on the thought of one of the leading ethicists of our time. It will bring together a distinguished group of theologians, philosophers, and ethicists to revisit leading themes in his work.
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Should the fact that human beings are embodied, that the body is the place of our personal presence, set limits on our understanding of what is right and good? If there are such limits, is a theological framework required to make sense of them?

Paul Lauritzen, Professor of Religious Ethics, John Carroll University
Gerald McKenny, Walter Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame
David H. Smith *67, Professor of Religious Studies, Emeritus, Indiana University, Bloomington
Chair: Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director, James Madison Program, Princeton University

1:30 - 3:15 p.m.
Does the grace of God, by which we are made whole, satisfy or uproot the deepest desire of our heart?

Jennifer Herdt *94, Gilbert L. Stark Professor of Christian Ethics, Yale University
Robert W. Jenson, Professor Emeritus of Religion, St. Olaf College
Matthew Rose, Director and Senior Fellow, The Berkeley Institute
Chair: Anna Bonta Moreland, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities, Villanova University

3:45 - 5:30 p.m.
How, if at all, do Christian beliefs about human destiny and the end of history set limits to our political aspirations and goals?

Eric Gregory, Professor of Religion, Princeton University
Edmund N. Santurri, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, St. Olaf College
William Werpehowski ’75, Professor of Theology, Georgetown University
Chair: Michael P. Moreland, Vice Dean and Professor of Law, Villanova University

5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
Closing Remarks by Gilbert Meilaender *76, Senior Research Professor, Valparaiso University, and Paul Ramsey Fellow, Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame
ABOUT THE JAMES MADISON PROGRAM
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