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<sup>1</sup> Ruth Macklin, “Dignity is a Useless Concept,” *BMJ* 327 (2003): 1419-1420, available online at [www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/327/7429/1419?etoc](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/327/7429/1419?etoc). Dieter Birnbacher, another skeptic on the usefulness of human dignity as a bioethical concept, acknowledges that there is a “nearly worldwide consensus that reproductive cloning is incompatible with human dignity and should be prohibited by law.” See his “Human cloning and human dignity,” *Reproductive BioMedicine Online* 10, Supplement 1 (2005): 50-55.

<sup>2</sup> The President’s Council on Bioethics, *Taking Care: Ethical Caregiving in Our Aging Society* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2005), chapter 4, pp. 154ff.

<sup>3</sup> The President’s Council on Bioethics, *Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2003), chapter 5, pp. 214ff.

<sup>4</sup> On the meaning of “in the image of God” in the Bible, see Leon R. Kass, *The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis* (New York: The Free Press, 2003), pp. 36-40, as well as the essays by Kass and by Robert P. Kraynak in this volume.

<sup>5</sup> Ruth Macklin, op. cit.

<sup>6</sup> Dieter Birnbacher, op. cit.

<sup>7</sup> See Teresa Iglesias, “Bedrock Truths and the Dignity of the Individual,” *Logos* 4 (2001): 114-134.

<sup>8</sup> See Shultziner’s helpful review article, “Human dignity—functions and meanings,” *Global Jurist Topics* 3 (2003): 1-21.

<sup>9</sup> See Francis Fukuyama, *Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution* (New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2002), chapter 9, “Human Dignity.”

<sup>10</sup> Ruth Macklin, op. cit.