

La bioetica cristiana tra stranieri morali e amici morali: H.T. Engelhardt Jr.

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Abstract: In the Italian cultural panorama, H.T. Engelhardt jr. is renowned especially for his famous theses on *The Foundations of Bioethics*. The publication of *Viaggi in Italia* clearly shows how this American philosopher has, throughout the years, undertaken and, in a certain way, completed the path he started out on in his first book. Engelhardt's theoretical perspective can only be understood if we also take into consideration his theses in *The Foundations of Christian Bioethics*. While, in his first work, he addresses the question if a secular universal morality is possible in a post-Christian society, in his second, he discusses the possibility of substantive Christian bioethics in a neo-pagan society.

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