

PHL 308  
Elementary  
Ethics

Lecture Eighteen  
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# The Margo Questions

- ◆ Is post-dementia Margo the same person as person as pre-dementia Margo?
- ◆ Is post-dementia Margo still a person?
- ◆ Should Margo's advanced directive be honored?
- ◆ The threshold of autonomy
- ◆ Why these questions matter to me

# Conditions of Personhood

- ◆ Personhood and humanity
- ◆ Moral personhood
- ◆ Six themes
  - ◆ Rational beings
  - ◆ Consciousness
  - ◆ Attitude toward
  - ◆ Reciprocating attitude
  - ◆ Verbal communication
  - ◆ Self-consciousness

# Logic of Personhood

- ◆ Necessary conditions
- ◆ Jointly sufficient conditions
- ◆ Dennett's themes as necessary conditions
- ◆ Dennett's themes as jointly sufficient conditions?

# Margo's Personhood

- ◆ Is she rational?
- ◆ Is she conscious?
- ◆ What is our attitude toward her?
- ◆ Can she reciprocate?
- ◆ Can she communicate verbally?
- ◆ Is she self-conscious?