

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910811854003321
Autore	Anastaplo George <1925->
Titolo	Reflections on life, death, and the constitution / / George Anastaplo
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Lexington, Ky., : University Press of Kentucky, c2009
ISBN	0-8131-9230-7 0-8131-3524-9 1-283-23344-4 9786613233448 0-8131-7327-2
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (313 p.)
Disciplina	340/.112
Soggetti	Law - Philosophy Constitutional law - United States Law and ethics Right to die - Law and legislation - United States Capital punishment - United States Abortion - Law and legislation - United States
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (p. 280-284) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Front cover; Copyright; Contents; Preface; 1. On Understanding the Others; 2. Life and Not-Life in Thucydides' Funeral Orations; 3. Death and Resurrection in Euripides' Bacchae; 4. Resurrection and Death in Everyman; 5. John Milton and the Limits of the Garden of Edene; 6. Human Mortality and the Declaration of Independence; 7. Time and the Constitution; 8. Fyodor Dostoyevsky and the Modern Project; 9. Public Health and Private Consciences; 10. The Flag Salute Cases (1940, 1943); 11. Conscientious Objectors and Military Conscription 12. Obliteration Bombing, Civilian Casualties, and the Laws of War 13. Do All Somehow Aim at the Good?; 1. Shakespeare's Hamlet and the Elusiveness of the Good; 2. Unconventional Religious Duties and the Good Life; 3. Griswold v. Connecticut (1965) and the Prevention of Conception; 4. Roe v. Wade (1973) and the Law of Abortion; 5. Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992) and the Persistence of the Abortion Issue;

6. Capital Punishment and the United States Supreme Court; 7. Capital Punishment Reconsidered; 8. Nancy Cruzan and "The Right to Die" 9. Washington v. Glucksberg (1997) and Assisted Suicide 10. The Legislation of Morality and the Problem of Pain; 11. Evolution and the Law; 12. Life and Death in Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; 13. The Unseemly Fearfulness of Our Time; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C; Appendix D; Appendix E; Appendix F; Appendix G; Appendix H; Appendix I; Appendix J; Index

---

## Sommario/riassunto

The role of law in government has been increasingly scrutinized as courts struggle with controversial topics such as assisted suicide, euthanasia, abortion, capital punishment, and torture. Reflections on Life, Death, and the Constitution explores such issues by using classical standards of morality as a starting point for understanding them. Drawing on works of literature and philosophy, and on U.S. Supreme Court decisions, George Anastaplo examines the intimate relationship between human nature and constitutional law.

---