

## Dominion

By Matthew Scully

### Questions to answer ahead of class in writing

1. Who is Matthew Scully? What jobs has he had of significance?
2. What is Scully's basic argument about animals used by humans?
3. How does he deal with the Utilitarian and Rights views of animal treatment?
4. What does he say about farm animals and their treatment?
  - a. Cite text in which he is anthropomorphic or sensational
  - b. Give examples of where he is factually incorrect
5. Do you agree or disagree with his interpretation of the Bible and animal treatment?

### Questions for in-class discussion

1. Compare the views of Peter Singer and Matthew Scully. Is Matthew Scully a Utilitarian? Does Matthew Scully believe in Animal Rights?
2. Compare the anthropomorphism in *The Jungle* with *Dominion*
3. What do you think was the reaction of senior staff at Smithfield Foods to publication of *Dominion*?
4. Scully states (p. 269): "Moral disengagement on this scale requires moral disengagement at every stage..." Do you agree with this statement? Are animal production companies morally engaged in animal welfare?
5. Scully talks a lot about individual animals and their wounds and sores and injuries. Are wounds and injuries an on-farm animal welfare problem?
6. Can people who manage farm animals day-to-day become callous to animal welfare?
7. What do you think of the move away from Husbandry (our department used to be called Animal Husbandry) and towards Science. Was this a good change? Are the terms mutually exclusive?