

## **Rich Mullins**

# **"Intro To Higher Education And The Book Of Love"**

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What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to  
be human? I cannot  
help but suspect that at one time in the history of  
thinking that people  
believed that it meant that we were spiritual and that  
we could make  
choices and were capable of aspiring to higher ideals...  
like maybe  
loyalty or maybe faith... or maybe even love. But now  
we told by people  
who think they know, that we vary from amoeba only in  
the complexity of  
our makeup and not in what we essentially are. They  
would have us think  
as Dysart said that we are forever bound up in certain  
genetic reigns -  
that we are merely products of the way things are and  
not free - not  
free to be the people who make them that way. They  
would have us see  
ourselves as products so that we could believe that we  
were something to  
be made - something to be used and then something  
to be disposed of.  
Used in their wars - used for their gains and then set  
aside when we get  
in their way. Well, who are they? They are the few who  
sit at the top of  
the heap - dung heap though it is - and who say it is  
better to reign in  
Hell than to serve in Heaven. Well, I do not know that  
we can have a  
Heaven here on earth, but I am sure we need not have  
a Hell either. What  
does it mean to be human? I cannot help but believe  
that it means we are  
spiritual - that we are responsible and that we are free -  
that we are  
responsible to be free.

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