

Wednesday digest

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- [Still dying badly: A Christian critique](#) by Allen Verhey: "The emphasis on patients' rights and autonomy has been a weak remedy for medicalized death." (subscription required)
- I'm [weary of David Brooks](#): Last week's The Conversation has some good material about policy compromises Brooks and Gail Collins would be willing to make with each other if they comprised Congress. But first you have to get through Brooks's jokes about Occupy Wall Street."
- Ryan Dueck [doesn't like hospitals](#): "How do we live and move inside these places? How do we pretend to have normal conversations about weather and sports and church and children's activities alongside a wild-eyed woman stumbling around with her dressing gown wide open, or a sad-faced old man who keeps wandering around blankly, pushing his walker into chairs?"
- "[Lexical reverie](#)," a poem by Brett Foster

In the news:

- [Pope appoints new ambassador to U.S.](#)
- [SBC leader cites Calvinism as top challenge](#)

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- [9-9-9 in one \(really long\) graph](#)
- [After Wall Street, occupy Wal-Mart](#)
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