A final end is any human purpose whose attainment is not viewed as instrumental to any further purpose. This master class will be a focused study of the role that this concept plays in the philosophical writings of St. Thomas Aquinas and Immanuel Kant.

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