A presidential candidate recently made news with the statement: "Corporations are people, too." We do business with corporations, like people. We allow corporations to own property, like people. We expect corporations to obey rules, like people; and we convict corporations of crimes. What exactly do we mean, though, by treating a corporation as a legal "person"? What is the role, the limitation and the importance of such a word in human interaction? This is a topic deserving philosophical attention.

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