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Why the Church Needs Bioethics
John F. Kilner, ed. (Zondervan, 2011).

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Part 1: Better Birth

(See also the suggested readings in the general “Bioethics” section)

Beckwith, Francis. *Defending Life*. New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2007.
A defense of human equality and nondiscrimination that explains the shortcomings of various arguments that people have voiced in support of abortion.

Bevington, Linda K., et al. *Basic Questions on Genetics, Stem Cell Research, and Cloning*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Kregel, 2004.
Answers from a Christian perspective to the 40 most common questions people ask about these topics, in easily-understood language.

Covington, Sharon N., and Linda Hammer Burns. *Infertility Counseling: A Comprehensive Handbook for Clinicians*, 2d ed. New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2006.
A wide range of secular counseling resources to help infertile people, including attention to the relevant ethical issues in counseling.

George, Robert P., and Christopher Tollefson. *Embryo*. New York: Doubleday, 2008.
Numerous non-religious reasons why human embryos are persons due the same basic protections as other people.

Hall, Amy Laura. *Conceiving Parenthood: American Protestantism and the Spirit of Reproduction*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2008.
Investigates how materialistic culture has fostered families more inward-focused and insecure in their Christian identity, increasingly unengaged in helping others.

Hoffmeier, James K., ed. *Abortion: A Christian Understanding and Response*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 1987.

An Old Testament scholar presents a classic set of essays discussing abortion in various settings including the Bible and the Ancient Near East.

Hollinger, Dennis. *The Meaning of Sex: Christian Ethics and the Moral Life*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2009.

Biblically-based presentation of the whats, whys, and whens of sex, with implications for an array of reproductive technologies.

Hui, Edwin C. *At the Beginning of Life: Dilemmas in Theological Bioethics*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 2002.

Discusses in theological perspective what constitutes personhood and the implications for abortion and an array of reproductive and genetic technologies.

Jones, David A. *The Soul of the Embryo*. New York: Continuum, 2004.

An examination of what Christian tradition has taught about the human embryo through the ages, with implications for contemporary bioethics debates.

Kilner, John F., Paige C. Cunningham, and W. David Hager, eds. *The Reproductive Revolution: A Christian Appraisal of Sexuality, Reproductive Technologies, and the Family*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2000.

Essays from leading Christians in bioethics examining such issues as birth control pills, Viagra, IVF, surrogacy, cloning, and sexually transmitted diseases.

Klusendorf, Scott. *The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture*.

Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2009.

Helps laypeople and pastors to clarify debates over the life-related issues such as abortion, answer objections, and teach others.

Mundy, Liza. *Everything Conceivable: How the Science of Assisted Reproduction Is Changing Our World*. New York: Anchor, 2008.

A feature writer for the *Washington Post* describes in secular terms the amazing and disturbing array of reproductive technology options available today.

O'Donovan, Oliver. *Begotten or Made?* Oxford: Clarendon, 1984.

A theologian explores the differences between understanding childbearing in terms of human procreation and seeing it as a form of technological reproduction.

Rae, Scott B., and D. Joy Riley. *Outside the Womb: Moral Guidance for Assisted Reproduction*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2011.

This update of Christian ethicist Rae's *Brave New Families* argues for some limits on reproductive technologies such as requiring the use of husband+wife gametes.

Spar, Deborah. *The Baby Business: How Money, Science and Politics Drive the Commerce of Conception*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Business School Press, 2006.

A descriptive non-religious account of the enterprise of conceiving and bearing children, presenting it as a *business* first and foremost.

Stewart, Gary, et al. *Basic Questions on Sexuality and Reproductive Technology*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Kregel, 1998.

Answers from a Christian perspective to the 27 most common questions people ask about these topics, in easily-understood language.

Waters, Brent. *Reproductive Technology: Toward a Theology of Procreative Stewardship*. Cleveland: Pilgrim, 2001.

A Protestant view of assisted reproduction that advances an overriding principle of reproductive stewardship.

Wong, Kenman. *Medicine and the Marketplace*. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2000.

An examination of issues at the intersection of business and health care, comparing ways that incentives operate and health care delivery is structured.

Part 2: Better Life

(See also the suggested readings in the general “Bioethics” section)

Biebel, David B, James E. Dill, and Bobbie Dill. *Your Mind at Its Best: 40 Ways to Keep your Brain Sharp*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Revell, 2011.

The medical editor of *Today’s Christian Doctor* and a husband-wife Christian medical team offer practical advice for maintaining mental sharpness.

Cheshire, William P. Grey Matters. *Ethics & Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics*. Chicago, Ill.: The Bioethics Press, 2006 to present.

In an ongoing series of biblically sound articles, a Mayo Clinic neurologist explores questions of cognitive enhancement and other issues of neuroethics.

Colson, Charles W., and Nigel M. de S. Cameron, eds. *Human Dignity in the Biotech Century*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 2004.

A collection of essays by Christian leaders including Christopher Hook’s chapter on nanotechnology, cybernetics, transhumanism, and the remaking of humankind.

Elliott, Carl. *Better than Well: American Medicine Meets the American Dream*. New York: W. W. Norton, 2003.

A secular exploration of how the drive to self-fulfillment through personal enhancement is ultimately disappointing, leading to a “tyranny of happiness.”

Fukuyama, Francis. *Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution*. New York: Farrar, 2002.

Describes how drugs and other biotechnologies threaten to alter human nature, and offers nonreligious reasons to put limits on biotechnology.

Illes, Judy, ed. *Neuroethics: Defining the Issues in Theory, Practice, and Policy*. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 2006.

A multi-authored secular mapping of the ethical landscape of questions posed by new scientific knowledge of brain function, including a chapter on enhancement.

Kilner, John F., C. Christopher Hook, and Diann B. Uustal, eds. *Cutting-Edge Bioethics: A Christian Exploration of Technologies and Trends*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2002.

Ethicists, clinicians, and others appraise emerging developments in biomedicine, including the implications of artificial intelligence for notions of personhood.

Mitchell, C. Ben, Edmund D. Pellegrino, Jean Bethke Elshtain, John F. Kilner, and Scott B. Rae. *Biotechnology and the Human Good*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown Univ. Press, 2007.

A team of bioethicists analyze enhancement biotechnologies and outline a philosophical and theological framework for promoting a truly human future.

Monsma, Stephen, ed. *Responsible Technology: A Christian Perspective*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1986.

A multidisciplinary study of the values that shape modern technology.

O’Mathúna, Dónal P. *Nanoethics: Big Ethical Issues with Small Technology*. London: Continuum, 2009.

An explanation of how the use of nanotechnologies for human and “posthuman” enhancement may challenge values and beliefs concerning human dignity.

Peterson, Gregory R. *Minding God: Theology and the Cognitive Sciences*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2003.

How developments in the cognitive sciences, including attempts to modify intelligence, are reformulating theological questions in good ways.

President’s Council on Bioethics. *Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness*. Washington, DC, 2003, accessible at:

<http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/pcbe/reports/beyondtherapy>.

A public discussion of the ethical challenges of biotechnologies that have dual uses in treating the sick and in making the healthy perform or feel better.

Sandel, Michael J. *The Case against Perfection: Ethics in the Age of Genetic Engineering*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007.

A Harvard professor argues in secular terms that the quest for mastery and perfection of human nature endangers the view of human life as a gift.

Small, Gary, and Gigi Vorgan. *iBrain: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind*. New York: Harper Collins, 2008.

The impact of digital information overload on the brain and strategies for surviving technological immersion while avoiding “techno-brain burnout.”

Spitzer, Robert J. *Healing the Culture: A Commonsense Philosophy of Happiness, Freedom and the Life Issues*. San Francisco, Calif.: Ignatius Press, 2000.

The president of Gonzaga University considers how notions of personhood and the pursuit of happiness guide the quest for enhanced meaning and purpose in life.

Swenson, Richard A. *The Overload Syndrome: Learning to Live within Your Limits*. Colorado Springs, Colo.: NavPress, 1998.

A physician-futurist advocates for restoring margin to lives overloaded by the hurried activity, accelerated change, stress and fatigue of modern life.

Vanhoozer, Kevin J., Charles A. Anderson, and Michael J. Sleasman, eds. *Everyday Theology: How to Read Cultural Texts and Interpret Trends*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2007.

Major trends in contemporary culture, including transhumanist enhancement, that profoundly influence one's understanding of the world and the Christian faith.

Waters, Brent. *From Human to Posthuman: Christian Theology and Technology in a Postmodern World*. Burlington, Vt.: Ashgate, 2006.

An examination of the religious foundations underlying faith in technology and anticipated advances in biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and robotics.

Part 3: Better Death

(See also the suggested readings in the general “Bioethics” section)

Byock, Ira. *Dying Well: The Prospect for Growth at the End of Life*. New York: Riverhead Books, 1997.

A hospice and palliative care specialist writes from a secular point of view with inspiring case histories.

Carson, D.A. *How Long, O Lord?*, 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 2006.
Biblically grounded reflections on suffering and evil to help people deal with the difficulties of life.

Committee on Medical Ethics. *Toward a Good Christian Death*. Harrisburg, Penn: Morehouse Publishing, 1999.
An Episcopal group uses the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer to assist Christians in confronting the many bewildering choices at the end of life.

Dunlop, John. *Finishing Well to the Glory of God: Strategies from a Christian Physician*. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2011.
A physician practicing geriatrics presents biblically based strategies to preserve a godward focus as death approaches.

Dunn, Hank. *Hard Choices for Loving People*. Lansdowne, Va.: A&A, 2001.
A nursing home chaplain deals with the challenge of letting go when a loved one is dying, using non-religious language consistent with biblical principles.

Dyck, Arthur. *Life's Worth: The Case against Assisted Suicide*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2002.
A Harvard professor considers and refutes many arguments for assisted suicide from both a secular and a Christian perspective.

Feinberg, John. *Where Is God?: A Personal Story of Finding God in Grief and Suffering*. Nashville, Tenn.: Broadman and Hollman, 2004.
A short book drawn from a theology professor's longer *The Many Faces of Evil*, recounting his personal spiritual struggle with his wife's Huntington's disease.

Guroian, Vigen. *Life's Living toward Dying*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1996.
Encourages believers to approach life constantly mindful that death will come, taking Jesus as the model.

Hauerwas, Stanley. *God, Medicine, and Suffering*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1995.
Explores why people so fervently and fruitlessly seek explanations for suffering and evil, and the mistaken view of medicine as Deliverer.

Howard, Deborah. *Sunsets: Reflections for Life's Final Journey*. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2005.
A Christian hospice nurse follows the spiritual pilgrimage of a fictitious patient as the end of life draws near.

Kilner, John. *Life on the Line: Ethics, Aging, Ending Patients' Lives, and Allocating Vital Resources*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1992.
A bioethicist presents a biblically-grounded approach to the end of life that is God-centered, reality-bounded, and love-impelled.

Kilner, John, Arlene Miller and Edmond Pellegrino, eds. *Dignity and Dying: A Christian Appraisal*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1996.

An anthology of essays by Christian writers surveying many of the key ethical dilemmas that arise toward the end of life.

Kübler-Ross, Elizabeth. *On Death and Dying: What the Dying Have to Teach Doctors, Nurses, Clergy, and Their Own Families*. New York: Macmillan, 1969.

A seminal work in the field looking at the stages of dealing with death from a secular point of view.

Mitchell, C. Ben, Robert Orr, and Susan Salladay, eds. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2004.

A team of Christian authors address many ethical challenges involved in aging along with contemporary aspirations to avoid death.

Moll, Rob. *The Art of Dying: Living Well into the Life to Come*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 2010.

A Christian journalist uses medieval teaching on dying to demonstrate how the death of Jesus exemplifies what it means do come to the end of life well.

Oden, Thomas. *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1983.

A textbook for pastors with an especially good section presenting a biblical approach to the end of life.

Stewart, Gary, et al. *Basic Questions on End of Life Decisions* and *Basic Questions on Suicide and Euthanasia*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Kregel Publications, 1998.

This pair of short volumes provides answers from a Christian perspective to the questions people ask most about end-of-life issues, in easily-understood language.

Tada, Joni Eareckson, and Steve Estes. *When God Weeps: Why Our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1997.

Quadriplegic Joni and her pastor consider the difficulties of life from God's perspective.

Overall: Bioethics

(See also the suggested readings in sections 1, 2, and 3 above)

Cameron, Nigel. *The New Medicine*, 2nd ed. Chicago: Bioethics Press, 2001.

A discussion of Hippocratic medicine's protection of life from conception to death, and the dangers of abandoning that tradition, with theological implications.

Chia, Roland. *Biomedical Ethics and the Church*. Singapore: Armour, 2010.

A theologian from Asia explains theological foundations for bioethics, current issues in bioethics, and the role of the church.

Engelhardt, H. Tristram. *The Foundations of Christian Bioethics*. Lisse: Swets and Zeitlinger, 2000.

An academically rigorous analysis of Christian bioethics and the widening gulf between it and secular bioethics.

Feinberg, John S., and Paul D. Feinberg. *Ethics for a Brave New World*, 2nd ed. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2010.

A consideration of decision making and prominent ethical (including many bioethical) issues from a biblical-theological perspective.

Frame, John M. *Medical Ethics: Principles, Persons, and Problems*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1988.

An application of biblical principles to a range of issues in bioethics.

Kass, Leon R. *Life, Liberty and the Defense of Dignity: The Challenge for Bioethics*. San Francisco, Encounter Books, 2002.

An analysis of the impact of biotechnology on various bioethical challenges by a biblically-grounded Jewish scholar at the University of Chicago.

Kilner, John F., and C. Ben Mitchell. *Does God Need Our Help? Cloning, Assisted Suicide, & Other Challenges in Bioethics*. Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale, 2003.

A biblical-Christian overview of bioethics in easily-understood language, addressing right vs. wrong and issues in health care and biotechnology.

Lysaught, Therese, and Joseph Kotva, eds. *On Moral Medicine: Theological Perspectives in Medical Ethics* 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2011.

A thousand pages of article-length discussions of a wide range of bioethical issues and underlying theological perspectives.

Meilaender, Gilbert. *Bioethics: A Primer for Christians*, 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2005.

A short introduction to bioethics from a Christian perspective raising some cautions about various practices increasingly becoming commonplace options.

Orr, Robert D. *Medical Ethics and the Faith Factor*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2009.

A Christian medical ethicist analyzes well over 100 medical cases from his own medical practice—cases that deal with a wide range of bioethical challenges.

Panicola, Michael R., David M. Belde, John Paul Slosar, and Mark F. Repenshek. *An Introduction to Health Care Ethics: Theological Foundations, Contemporary Issues, and Controversial Cases*. Winona, Minn.: St. Mary's Press, 2007.
Catholic medical ethicists discuss Christian vs. other contemporary approaches to decision-making and various bioethical issues.

Rae, Scott, and Paul Cox. *Bioethics: A Christian Approach in a Pluralistic Age*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1999.

A critical assessment of various religious and secular approaches to bioethics, plus the development of a Christian approach for a secular culture.

Ramsey, Paul. *The Patient as Person*. New Haven, Conn.: Yale Univ. Press, 1970.

A Princeton ethicist helps launch the field of bioethics with this book showing the very concrete implications of Christian faith for issues of life and health.

Shuman, Joel, and Brian Volck. *Reclaiming the Body: Christians and the Faithful Use of Modern Medicine*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Brazos, 2006.

An ethicist and a physician reassess assumptions of modern medicine and consider theology's contribution to understanding the body and bioethical issues.

Sutton, Agneta. *Christian Bioethics: A Guide for the Perplexed*. London: T & T Clark, 2008.

A European bioethicist considers the challenges of bioethics with special attention to the European setting and what Christian perspective contributes.

Tada, Joni Eareckson, and Nigel M. de S. Cameron. *How to Be a Christian in a Brave New World*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2006.

A quadriplegic activist and a bioethicist explain many emerging biomedical technologies and why Christians need to pay attention to what's unfolding.

Thobaben, James. *Health Care Ethics: A Comprehensive Christian Resource*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2009.

A pastor, seminary professor, and former health care administrator explains what it looks like for evangelical Christians to address bioethical issues.

Vandrunen, David. *Bioethics and the Christian*. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2009.

A pastor, seminary professor, and attorney examines the foundations of bioethics and their implications for challenges at the beginning and end of life.

Verhey, Allen. *Reading the Bible in the Strange World of Medicine*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2003.

An exploration of what the resources of Christian community and biblical teaching contribute to an understanding of a number of medical-ethical issues.

Waters, Brent. *This Mortal Flesh: Incarnation and Bioethics*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Brazos, 2009.

A Christian critique of developments in biotechnology and the emerging posthuman denial of mortality, affirming instead being embodied, finite, mortal.

Wheeler, Sondra Ely. *Stewards of Life: Bioethics and Pastoral Care*. Nashville, Tenn.: Abingdon, 1996.

A compact discussion of the principles and issues of bioethics, in Christian perspective, with a special eye to assisting pastors in their ministry with patients.