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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 Tollefsen. *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*. Landsdowne, 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 to 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.