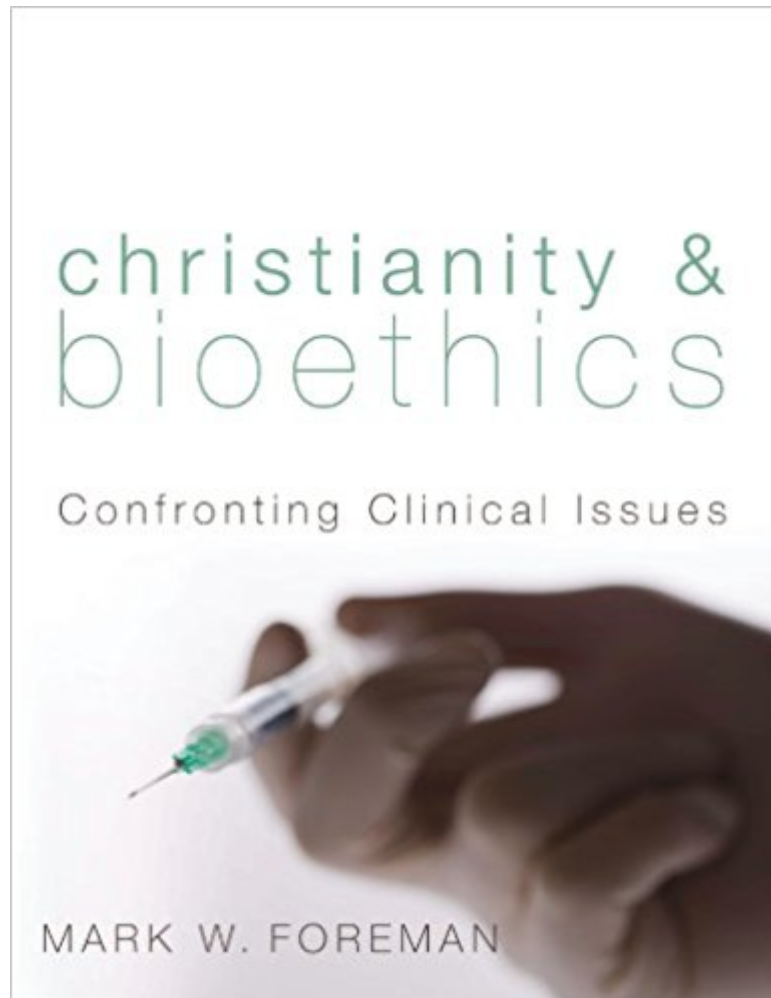




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# **Christianity & Bioethics: Confronting Clinical Issues**



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Medical technology and new treatments are being discovered and promoted at a much faster rate than our ability to reflect on their ethical, social, legal, and religious implications. As a result, people are often unprepared to answer the difficult questions that confront them today:- Is abortion ever justifiable?- If a loved one is suffering, can we take action that might relieve their suffering but will hasten their death?- Should doctors be allowed to help patients who wish to end their lives?- If a child is severely impaired, can we allow her to die rather than face a life of suffering?- Should we use genetic therapy to enhance the human race?- Should we seriously consider cloning human beings? The way we answer these questions is indicative of who we are and what kind of world we want for ourselves and our children.

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This book is fairly well-written and does a nice job providing a bio-ethical survey of the most commonly encountered ethical dilemmas in healthcare. The book is well referenced and covers a range of topics from abortion euthanasia physician-assisted suicide in peril newborns and genetic ethics. It is lacking on addressing themes of social justice, patients with mental illness, force-feeding i.e. a healthcare provider who works in a forensic setting with obviously divided loyalties etc. The book does provide also a historical context as to how we arrived at the present position that is commonly held in secular and Christian society. The glossary is also very helpful. If you're looking for a bioethics survey text and this book is for you. It is very accessible, a fast nonfiction summer read, a good book to have on your shelf to springboard future articles. It is also a good book to use in a

discussion group.

Foreman presents a balanced and clearly-presented analysis of modern bioethical issues and their implications for Christians. The work is very approachable but not simplistic. I appreciated his ability to explain philosophical concepts in a way that makes them understandable to the uninitiated. His even-handedness is very evident in the section entitled "Moral Arguments for and against Abortion." He is not pejorative toward particular philosophies or viewpoints but guides the reader in a reasoned approach to the topic.

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