

APPROACHING A CLINICAL ETHICS CASE WITH BIBLICAL WISDOM

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Construct a key ethical question given a scenario encountered in pharmacy practice.
- Employ all steps of the key ethical process to analyze an ethical question related to pharmacy practice.
- Demonstrate an ability to read and interpret key aspects of the Christian Bible and relate them to ethical scenarios in pharmacy practice.
- Create a solution to an ethical scenario faced in pharmacy practice using a defined process for ethical decision-making.

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HOW DO CHRISTIANS MAKE ETHICAL DECISIONS?



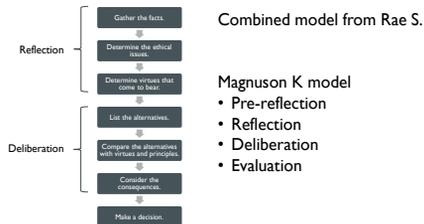
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MEANS OF CHRISTIAN ETHICAL DECISIONS



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MODELS FOR MORAL DECISIONS



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CLINICAL ETHICS ANALYSIS



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APPLICATION OF A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW TO A CLINICAL CASE

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APPROACHING THE BIBLE AS THE SOURCE FOR CHRISTIAN ETHICS

- Descriptive task** • What does the Bible actually say?
- Synthetic task** • What does the whole Bible say?
- Hermeneutical task** • How does the Bible relate to our situation?
- Pragmatic task** • What fruits are produced by our reading and actions?

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ETHICS AND REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

How do we discern which laws apply today?

- Old Testament Law
 - 600+ Jewish Laws in the Old Testament (moral, civic, and ceremonial)
 - Which of these are binding today?
- New Testament Fulfillment
 - Jer 31:31; Rom 10:4; Heb 8:6-13

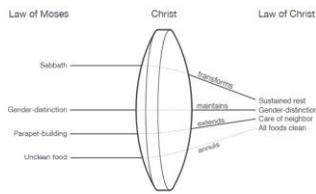


Fig. 12.3. The Law's Fulfillment through the "Lens" of Christ!

FOUR DIMENSIONS OF ACTIONS ACCORDING TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS



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CONSCIENCE AND MORAL COMPLICITY

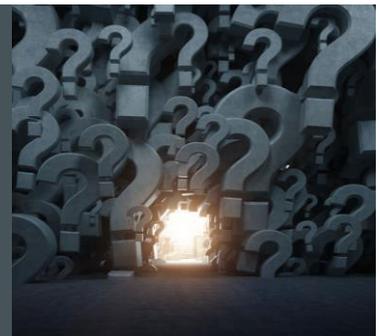
- Moral complicity – taint or moral guilt from becoming involved in or complicity to a moral wrong
 - Formal participation
 - Material participation
- Factors to consider:
 - Timing
 - Proximity
 - Certitude
 - Knowledge
 - Intent

<https://cbhd.org/content/addressing-issues-moral-complicity-when-where-why-and-other-questions>

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WILL I EVER HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE "LESSER OF TWO EVILS?"

"IMPOSSIBLE" MORAL CONFLICTS



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PATIENT CASES



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SUMMARY

- It is important to collect the facts and outline the key question when faced with an ethical dilemma in practice.
- Having a process can aid in properly answering ethical questions in pharmacy practice.
- The application of Christian ethics requires an ability to read and interpret key aspects of the Bible in light of redemptive history.
- As Christians, gray areas in practice should be approached prayerfully, carefully, and non-judgmentally.

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