

THE PROBLEM OF EUTHANASIA IN SECULAR AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Euthanasia is a complex social and philosophical , anthropological and medical problem. The human's right to death, as the question of the salvific meaning of suffering before death , remains a subject of intense debate among theologians, doctors, lawyers and human rights activists. Euthanasia in a totalitarian state often becomes a means of "social control". Christian ethics , referring to life as "God's gift ", a negative attitude to the practice of euthanasia, equating it to murder or suicide. The very idea of suffering in Christianity is endowed with traits of austerity and is inextricably linked with the idea of atonement. In Christian values martyr and anyone who experiences pain, considered a person noted above, chosen by God. At the same time one of the foundations of Christian teaching is preaching of compassion.

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