

***Euthanasia* in Christian Ethic-Theological Context: Pros And Cons**

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Abstract: Science and technology are undergoing rapid development and progress. It is due to the increasing number of modern inventions. Among the technological discoveries that are very important are in the medical field. With modern medical equipment, the suffering of a patient can be reduced. But in reality, there are still some patients who have severe suffering. Patients who experience prolonged illness invites empathy from the family. To relieve his suffering, the family who could not bear to see his condition asked the doctor to take actions that could shorten the patient's life, this kind of action in the medical world is known as euthanasia. This study aims to find out how the study of active euthanasia in the view of Christian law. This study is a literature review using an ethical-theological approach by studying books and scientific works related to the discussed problem.

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A. Introduction

Euthanasia is "the act of actively or passively causing the death of a person to prevent suffering." It is "the art of killing people suffering from an incurable condition or disease." The issue of euthanasia is one of the most difficult moral issues that arise in terminal medical care. It is happening with greater frequency and is much more challenging to complete due to advances in the arts and medical sciences. The issue of euthanasia is not merely a medical ethics issue but also bioethics and, therefore, interdisciplinary.¹ It even includes legal issues. Euthanasia is usually associated with suicide or suicide problems. In Criminal Law, the issue of suicide that needs to be discussed is whether someone who tries to commit suicide or helps others commit suicide can be punished, because they

¹ JE. Sahetapy dan Mardjono Reksodipuro, *Parados dalam Kriminologi* (Surabaya: Pusat Studi Kriminologi Fakultas Hukum Unair, 1976) 56.