Weighing Life's Choices
Science & Technology Meet Spirituality
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Abstract of Presentation
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Orthodox Perspectives on Beginning and End of Life Issues

Most ethical reflections on technology determine that the technology itself is neither good nor bad, but the applications of it determine its appropriate and inappropriate uses. This is the case for most beginning-of-life technologies, including stem cell research, in vitro fertilization, gene editing, and others. Much depends on understanding the science behind these procedures; some approaches might be considered to be ethical, while others may not, depending HOW the work will be done. The same can be said about end-of-life technologies and even life-extension technologies. The goals of this presentation are (1) to provide an overview of science-religion considerations; (2) to reflect on some of these beginning and end-of-life technologies to discern approaches that might be considered appropriate; (3) to provide some perspectives on considerations for the future; and (4) to discuss the importance of continued dialogue on these issues in the Orthodox Church.

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