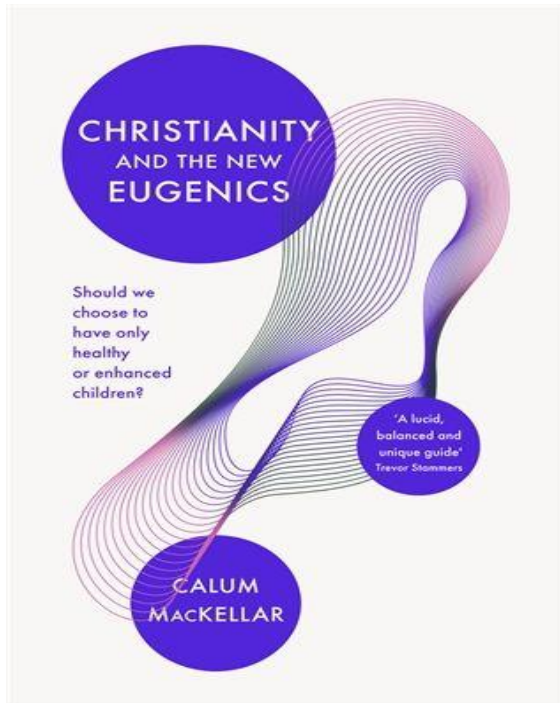




Christianity and the New Eugenics

Should We Choose To Have Only Healthy Or Enhanced Children?

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Summary:

As the science of selection develops in the context of human reproduction, features such as the genetic improvement of health, athletic prowess or intelligence may become accepted grounds for choosing future children. Thus, the biological enhancement of the human race, so central to the discredited eugenic regimes of the 20th century, may now be resurfacing under a new guise. But as yet no study has reviewed and discussed all the different ethical aspects of the new eugenics from a Christian perspective. This book, therefore, fills a major gap in the Christian landscape.

Unnerving similarities between earlier eugenic selection programmes and those now being proposed in the context of 21st century human reproduction, with the development of procedures such as genome editing, suggest that a more 'sanitised' era of a new eugenics has dawned. There is, therefore, an urgent need to consider and evaluate both current and future selection practices.

The manuscript is unique in two ways. Firstly, it is truly inter-disciplinary blending a discussion from science, history, and Christian theology. In so doing, the book constructs a thorough picture of the procedures emerging from today's cutting-edge laboratories. This approach allows a clear analysis enabling readers to develop an informed opinion about the topics encountered.

Secondly, the book is broadly accessible with a rigorous Christian argumentation concerning all the relevant aspects of eugenics. Lay readers will find the conversational style engaging in its presentation of an issue which is certain to become one of the 21st century's hottest topics. All readers, regardless of background, will profit from the book's frequent case studies which serve as a poignant reminder that, to some degree, all members of society are affected by new scientific developments.