

A TAXONOMY OF THE APPLICATIONS OF BIOETHICS:

1. Beginning of Human Life

- In vitro fertilization
- Abortion
- Stem cell research
- Cloning
- Trait selection

2. Ending of Human Life

- Withdrawal of medical treatment
- Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide

3. Human Life Quality

- Poverty, wealth, and standards of living
- Disease
- Physical and cognitive disabilities
- The elderly

4. The Environment as Resource

- Energy
- Agriculture
- Domesticated animals
- Hunting and diet

5. Humans and Nature: Local Issues

- Tragedy of the commons
- Pollution and waste
- Property rights
- Conservation and preservation

6. Humans and Nature: Global Issues

- Invasive species
- Industrialization and the Third World
- International agreements
- Climate change

7. Nature in Itself

- Culture vs. nature
- Wilderness
- Loss of habitat
- Loss of species
- Kinds of environmental ethics