

A faith-based view of screening for genetic disorders

In a Christian blog, writer Ellen Painter Dollar responds to an article that accuses a doctor of being a eugenicist, after the doctor says he wants a married couple to get a genetic screening before having children. Dollar, who writes about parenthood, disability and ethics, acknowledges that she is troubled by the medical community's bias toward preventing babies with genetic disorders, but says that the author's view is too simplistic.

"By labeling his daughter's physician a eugenicist, I believe Burcham has gone far—too far—beyond telling his family's compelling story," Dollar writes. "He has drawn lines between the good guys and the bad guys."

"As Christians whose scriptures are a treasure trove of messy, complicated (that is, human) stories, we should know better than to cheapen our own stories by recasting them as morality tales, with radiant shafts of light revealing good and bad, right and wrong, hero and villain (or in this case, eugenicist)."

Read the original article here: [Bless Those Who Curse You \(& Don't Call Them Eugenicists, Moral Monsters, or Murderers\)](#)

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