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Concerning the meanings of QOL

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Abstract

QOL (quality of life) is generally considered in opposition to SOL (sanctity of life) in Bioethics. But this solid dichotomy is dangerous in the arguments about INOCHI (LIFE). In an age when technologies of life operation are developing rapidly, qualitative distinction of life should be more framed by the sanctity of INOCHI.

In this paper I have characterized QOL as the movement of self-awareness of INOCHI. Furthermore I have emphasized the necessity of the cognitive way from objective life to the sanctity of INOCHI, i.e. SOL, restoring the aspects of I = thou relations.