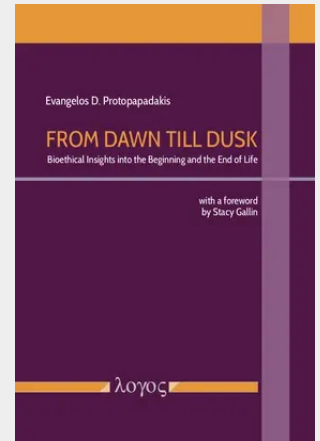


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Bioethical Insights into the Beginning and the End of Life

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