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Alternatives

Killing Trends: Decaying From Within

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THE KEVORKIAN ACQUITTAL IS/WAS A SHOCK TO MANY PERSONS, REARED TO BELIEVE THAT KILLING IS A SIN.

Murder in any form is still murder and should be treated as such. What has happened to certain truths (ie) 1) Suicide happens when a person takes his/her own life, by any method. 2) Murder occurs when a person's life is taken from him by another person using any method available; We were once a Nation of people whose fundamental moral, ethical and legal principles held our nation, based on religious beliefs, together. Are we such heathens as to believe that these actions of "mercy" are not affecting anyone but our family member or friend or acquaintance who has a desire to escape pain and suffering. Death is inevitable for everyone. Everyone must face death; (a fact, a truth) some sooner than others;

and the dying process was never meant to be dignified. Death is a curse, placed on mankind for his disobedience to God's command and no man has yet found the key that will cause the body to live eternally on this earth. You may face death bravely; but bravery is not dignity.

Death with dignity...is a sound-good phrase whose main thrust is to calm, soothe placate and satisfy the living. Assisted suicide is a misnomer, it is murder any way you look at it. Suicide is one person taking his/her own life; once assistance is given (helping a person take his/her own life) the act changes to include one or more persons, thereby, ceasing to be suicide. Since when has it been considered compassionate to take a person's life. This society's mental processes are in a sieve-like state, affected by influences other than compassion: Money not being the least of these influences, motivated by greedy desires of the living, which also includes no regard for

life; intolerance of the aging process which hinders living relatives or those concerned from living lifestyles to which they are accustomed or lifestyles to which they would like to become accustomed if the aged one were dead; selfishness which required giving very little to and for the comfort of another and a fatalistic view of all so-called terminal illnesses. When did any of us become the giver of life, that we can so high-handedly take it away, even if asked to do so by weak, unfocused, confused, faithless, hopeless creatures who have no anchor in God, the Creator or through pain has no comprehension of what the person is offering who wishes to assist in their death.

There is a vast difference in refusing heroic methods to stay alive and in attempts to hurry death along. There is no fine line between the two methods. One method of dying is an individual choice given by God; and the other method of dying is an abomination to

God, cursed by God, spawned by the devil, who is the author of hopelessness. Genesis 4:11.

The November 1993 Harris Poll shows how this country has decayed morally since the 1982 Poll which asked whether law should allow doctors to assist dying patients to have their life ended. Allowing the body to heal itself, using minor pain therapy or other agents for comfort, does not require the intervention of the law and does not compromise the doctor's oath; and does not necessarily mean or lead to certain death. Sometimes Patients Recover: My Mother Did. Diagnosis cancer of the lung, 1945. No heroic methods were used, other than pain relief, fluid balance, and good nursing and prayer. My mother passed away in 1982 and cancer was not the cause of

her death. On the other hand, injecting substances to hurry death or using other methods to assist suicide is legally and morally wrong, because it involves the decision of another person, creating a certain death situation...at the hands of a person or persons, known or unknown; requiring the law to investigate. How can we legislate death? Can we not see the harm done to families by present abortion laws or has God given us over totally to a reprobate mind? Whether assisted suicide becomes legal or whether it remains a clandestine, illegal act...It Is Murder, Plain And Simple, Shameful, Sinful: An Abomination To A Christian Nation.

If this nation ignores the legal-moral-ethical restrictions prohibiting assisted suicide, then the God-given Life

itself becomes at risk for other segments of the population. Once the Laws of God or ignored and the social barriers are lowered it is inevitable that this practice will spread to many more people than the man-diagnosed terminally ill...The powers of darkness will then include the lame, the drug babies, the blind; We will be as animals, killing the weak, so only the strong survive. Corruption begets corruption; life begets life. America must choose which road she will take; whether life is sacred or expendable. All Christians must unite forces for good and pray for the mind of God and the Spirit of God to change the minds of the people of this nation, lest we be lost and at the mercy of other nations whose God has never been our one and only Almighty God, The Father.

Theme Of Camp Is Families For A Peaceful World

The theme for the annual Parenting for Peace and Justice Family Camp is "Nurturing and Empowering Families for a just and Peaceful World." The camp will be held at the Aldersgate Conference Center near Turner, OR, June 30 through July 3, 1994. This family camp is designed to provide both education and practice in developing strategies for cultivating peacemaking skills in the family.

The presenters for this year's camp will be Jim and Kathy McGinnis, and Steve Sanchez. The McGinnis' are the founders and coordinators of the Parenting for Peace and Justice Network --an interfaith, interracial, international association of families seeking peace and justice. They are the authors of several books including Christian Parenting for Peace and Justice Program Guide, and Help-

ing Teens Care. Steve Sanchez is a professional Youth Minister, skilled in music and story telling.

The family camp will begin on Thursday, June 30, with an evening of music, stories, and campfire. Presentations for the weekend will include "Peace Begins at Home," involving family conflict resolution and decision making, and "Solidarity with the Poor," concerning family lifestyles.

The Camp is sponsored and supported by the Archdiocese of Portland Offices for Family Life, Hispanic Ministries, and Justice and Peace, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Metanoia Peace Community, Jack Estes and Colleen O'Callaghan, Peace with Justice Division: United Methodist Church Oregon and Idaho Annual Conference, Peacemaking Unit

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Space is limited and early registration, before June 8, is recommended. Child care is provided for children under three years old during the main presentations, and a pre-school program will be provided, with related themes, for children aged three to six. Children aged seven or older will participate in the main sessions. For information and registration contact the Archdiocesan Office of Justice and Peace in Portland (503) 233-8361.

Portland's Best

The Portland Mass Choir will be the featured musical guests at a fundraiser concert for The Your Bible Speaks community Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The concert will be held at The Central Lutheran Church, 2104 NE Hancock in Portland on Saturday, June 11 beginning at

5:00 P.M.

This fundraiser is the beginning of many efforts that your Bible Speaks Church will have toward raising monies to purchase their own church. The Your Bible Speaks Church family recently celebrated their third year anniversary in March, 1994.

Other local singers will also participate in this evening of praise.

Alphonso McCarthy is the Senior Pastor and Russell Fields is The Associate Pastor. Tickets are \$5 Per Person. For ticket information please call (503) 287-7649.

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New Pastor Of The Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church

Pastor Elect A. Bailey will be installed as Pastor of the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church on May 22nd at 3:00 p.m. 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

Pastor Elect A. Bailey is a native of Lowndes County, Mississippi. He has served as Pastor in Lowndes County and Portland, OR.

R. C. Jeffery, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Seattle, Washington will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited.



Pastor Elect A. Bailey

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