

Psalm 139

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The defiance of suicide [—of which different forms of ‘voluntary assisted dying’ should be considered species—] refuses God’s right as Creator to give and to take life, and seeks to control life on our terms. It represents a loss of faith in God’s grace as Redeemer to sustain perseverance and hope in the face of suffering and despair through the promise of life in Christ Jesus.

“Voluntary Assisted Dying in NSW: Pastoral Guidance and Theological Reflections for Sydney Anglican Diocesan Ministry Workers” (Sydney Anglican Diocese, n.d.).

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If in a hundred years Christians are identified as people who do not kill their children or the elderly, we will have done well in our pastoral care. We live in a culture where compassion is sometimes used as an excuse to be killers and liars. Words like care, love, and compassion can be self-deceptive when not disciplined and driven by our theological commitments.

**William H. Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas,
"The dangers of providing pastoral care", Christian Century, 27 July, 2021**

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4. No evil God won't condemn (vs. 19-24)