

## ABSTRACT OF THESIS

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Dying, death, euthenasia.

Our age has brought advances in medicine resulting in extended human life expectancy. This process, however, has forgotten that a natural part of human existence is dying and death. Such a taboo in society means that people are not usually prepared for it. It is therefore hard to die and difficult to live with the certainty of death in its last weeks and days. The process of dying and its circumstances is briefly described to convince readers that one human can help another in difficult life situations and it is better to be prepared for this. This thesis also deals with the differing views of Christians and atheists. These views often distinguish the approach to death of the attendant professionals.

## KEYWORDS

Death, dying, euthenasia, care professions, faith.