

To the Chair and Members of the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices,

As a resident of Western Australia, I am writing to express my concern about the possibility of assisted suicide and/or euthanasia becoming legalised in our state.

Euthanasia is a difficult subject because we see how humans suffer and we want to help them. But the problem is that it removes God from the equation. Only he can give life and only he can take it. When we decide for ourselves when life stops we then can no longer allow God to do his work in and for us. Others will question this post and say how God can allow suffering. Again this is a difficult question but we should remember that he is far far wiser than us and we need to leave certain things in his hands. There is a text in scripture from 1 Samuel 2 v s6 which reads, "**The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.**"

So scripture is clear that the time of one's birth and one's passing rests with God Alone.

I realize that not all people believe in God or even believe that he exists. But the fact of the matter is that he does exist and whether we like it or not we are ultimately all his creatures. The bible is his word to us and gives us instructions how we are to live and behave. To ignore him and his word will only result in his judgement and this we do at our peril.

From a human perspective opening the gates of Euthanasia will create all types of problems and it is a genie that will be nearly impossible to put back into the bottle. One other matter to consider is that the further we move away from the word of God and what he teaches the more laws will need to be made to protect society.

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