

## **DEATH**

### **BELIEFS**

- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH?
- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE DEATH MEANS?
- HOW WOULD YOU SAY YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT DEATH INFLUENCE HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE?
- WHEN DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL DIE?
- HAS RELIGION PLAYED ANY ROLE IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH?
- WHEN WAS A TIME YOU BELIEVED YOU MIGHT DIE?
- DO YOU BELIEVE THAT NOT KNOWING THE MOMENT OF DEATH ENHANCES LIFE AT ALL?
- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE HAPPENS AT DEATH?
- DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE SHORTNESS OF LIFE ENHANCES OUR LIVES IN SOME WAY?
- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE WORST POSSIBLE WAY TO DIE?
- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO DIE?
- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT EUTHANASIA?
- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT HELPING A TERMINALLY ILL PERSON COMMIT SUICIDE? WOULD YOU EVER ENGAGE IN THIS?
- DO YOU BELIEVE LIFE IS TO BE PROTECTED BY ALL MEANS FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION?
- DO YOU BELIEVE HUMAN BEINGS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE AT WHAT POINT LIFE BECOMES MEANINGLESS?
- DO YOU BELIEVE A TERMINALLY ILL PERSON SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE HOW LONG THEIR LIFE WILL BE PROLONGED?
- DO YOU BELIEVE THAT LIFE IS A GIFT FROM THE CREATOR AND NO PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE TO TERMINATE IT?
- WHAT AGE GROUP DO YOU BELIEVE IS MOST AFRAID TO DIE?
- DO YOU BELIEVE A PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW OF THEIR TERMINAL ILLNESS?

### **EXPERIENCES**

- HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PERSON DIE?
- WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO KILL IN SELF-DEFENSE?
- WOULD YOU EVER BE PART OF A MERCY KILLING?
- WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR OWN DEATH HOW DO YOU FEEL?
- HAS ANYONE CLOSE TO YOU EVER DIED?
- IS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU LIVE THAT COULD DETERMINE HOW YOU DIE? WHAT?
- WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIE?
- WHAT IS YOUR DOMINANT APPROACH TO DEATH?- FEAR?, ANGER?, AVOIDANCE?, ACCEPTANCE?, ANTICIPATION?, CURIOSITY?
- IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW DYING NOW?
- WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT DIED THE WHAT YOU EXPECTED THEM TO?
- HOW DO YOU MOST OFTEN SEE YOURSELF DYING?
- WHEN DID YOU LAST ATTEND A FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?
- WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG HOW WAS DEATH SPOKEN OF AND DEALT WITH IN YOUR FAMILY?
- DO YOU FEAR DEATH?-WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR ABOUT DEATH? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO LESSEN IT?
- WHAT DO YOU IMAGINE IT LIKE TO BE DEAD?
- IF YOU DIED RIGHT NOW WHAT WOULD YOU REGRET NOT HAVING DONE?
- WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU REACTED TO THE DEATHS OF LOVED ONES?- ANGER?, RELIEF?, SORROW?, FEAR?, FRUSTRATION?
- WHO WOULD CARE THE MOST IF YOU DIED? WHAT WOULD THEY DO?
- IF YOU COULD CHOOSE THE WAY YOU WOULD DIE; WOULD YOU? WHAT KIND OF DEATH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?- TRAGIC VIOLENT?, SUICIDE?, DEATH AFTER GREAT ACHIEVEMENT?, QUIET DIGNIFIED DEATH?, DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY?, MURDER VICTIM? SUDDEN BUT NOT VIOLENT?, FOLLOWING LONG SICKNESS?

- WHEN DID YOU FEEL THE MOST DEAD?
- WHAT DO YOU DREAD MOST ABOUT DYING?
- WHEN WAS THE CLOSEST YOU'VE BEEN TO DEATH?
- IS THERE ANYONE OR ANYTHING YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR?
- IF YOU WERE AT DEATH'S DOOR WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU LEAVE BEHIND FOR THOSE TO COME?
- WOULD YOU PREFER TO DIE NATURALLY IN A HOSPITAL WITH GOOD CARE?, PROLONGED WITH LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS?, OR AT HOME WITHOUT MEDICAL CARE?
- HOW MUCH DIFFICULTY DO YOU HAVE LOOKING AT YOUR FEARS OF DEATH?
- AS A CHILD HOW DID YOU VIEW DEATH?
- DO YOU FEAR THE PROCESS OF DYING? WHAT ABOUT IT SCARES YOU?-PAIN?, INDIGNITY?, BEING A BURDEN? DYING ALONE?
- DO YOU FEAR THE LOSS OF LIFE? WHAT ABOUT IT SCARES YOU MOST?- LOSS OF LOVED ONES? INCOMPLETENESS? SENILITY? CORROSION OF THE BODY?
- DO YOU FEAR WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?
- WHAT ABOUT DEATH ARE YOU LEAST AFRAID OF? WHY?
- WERE YOU EVER IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU THOUGHT YOU MIGHT DIE?
- WHAT WAS AN EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU LOST A LOVED ONE?
- DO YOU TEND TO MAKE TOO MUCH OR TOO LITTLE OF YOUR OWN DEATH?
- HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR OWN DEATH?
- DO YOU TEND TO DENY DEATH?
- WHEN WAS AN EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU MOURNED THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?
- HOW WILLING ARE YOU TO TALK ABOUT DEATH?
- IN YOUR WILL DO YOU PLAN TO LEAVE THE MOST TO BENEFIT HUMANITY OR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY?
- WOULD YOU WANT TO KNOW IF YOU HAD A TERMINAL ILLNESS?
- WOULD YOU WANT TO KNOW THE EXACT TIME OF YOUR DEATH? DO YOU THINK IT WOULD HELP YOU PLAN YOUR LIFE?
- WOULD YOU WANT TO KNOW THE EXACT MEANS OF YOUR DEATH?
- ARE YOU MORE AFRAID OF DYING OR LIVING?
- HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO KILL SOMEONE OR WISHED THEM DEAD?
- OF ALL THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO YOU NOW, WHOSE DEATH WOULD HURT YOU THE MOST?
- DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL DIE PEACEFULLY IN YOUR SLEEP, VIOLENTLY, OR AFTER SUFFERING LONG ILLNESS?
- HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A DEAD BODY?
- HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONE KILLED?
- IF YOU COULD CHOOSE THE MOMENT OF YOUR DEATH WOULD YOU? IF SO WHEN WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
- IF YOU KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO DIE IN A YEAR, WOULD YOU START LIVING ANY DIFFERENTLY?
- DO YOU EVER VISUALIZE YOUR FUNERAL? WHO WOULD YOU HOPE TO BE THERE?
- WHEN YOU DIE HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED BY YOUR LOVED ONES?
- HAVE YOU EVER TALKED ABOUT DEATH BEFORE? WITH WHOM?
- WOULD YOU PUT A PET TO SLEEP BECAUSE OF SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OR DISEASE?
- DO YOU EVER DREAM OF DYING A HERO'S OR MARTYR'S DEATH ?
- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WRITTEN ON YOUR TOMBSTONE? WHAT DO YOU THINK THOSE YOU LEAVE BEHIND WILL CHOOSE?
- WOULD YOU EVER ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE FROZEN IN HOPES OF BEING REAWAKENED AND CURED IN THE FUTURE?
- HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED SUICIDE? IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT SO MUCH THAT SUICIDE WOULD BE AN OPTION? WHAT?
- AFTER DEATH DOES IT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE TO YOU WHAT THEY DO WITH YOUR BODY? DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR BURIAL OR CREMATION? HAVE YOU MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS? WHAT ARE THEY?
- AFTER DYING WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DONATE YOUR BODY OR BODY ORGANS TO SCIENCE?

- IF YOU KNEW YOU HAD ONLY A FEW DAYS TO LIVE, WHAT REGRETS WOULD YOU HAVE?
- WOULD YOU PREFER TO OUTLIVE THOSE YOU LOVE MOST OR TO DIE FIRST?
- WHAT DO YOU IMAGINE IT WILL BE LIKE ON YOUR DEATHBED? WHAT WILL YOU BE THINKING, FEELING, EXPERIENCING?
- DO YOU THINK DOCTORS SHOULD TALK ABOUT DEATH WITH THEIR PATIENTS?
- IF YOU HAS A CHOICE BETWEEN DYING TOMORROW AND BEING IN SEVERE PAIN FOR A YEAR BUT THEN MAKING A FULL RECOVERY, WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
- IF YOU HAS A CHOICE BETWEEN DYING TOMORROW AND BEING BEDRIDDEN FOR THREE YEARS MAKING A FULL RECOVERY, WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
- IF YOU KNEW SOMEONE WAS DYING AND THEY DIDN'T; WOULD YOU TELL THEM?
- WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR OBITUARY TO SAY?
- IF YOU WERE TOLD YOU HAD A TERMINAL DISEASE AND A VERY LIMITED TIME TO LIVE, HOW WOULD YOU WANT TO SPEND YOUR TIME TILL YOU DIED?
- WHAT HAS INFLUENCED THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT DEATH?
- IF YOU COULD CHOOSE, WHEN WOULD YOU SELECT TO DIE?- YOUTH? PRIME OF LIFE? OLD AGE?
- TO THE BEST OF YOUR MEMORY WHEN WERE YOU FIRST AWARE OF DEATH?
- DO YOU MOURN YOUR LOSSES AS THEY HAPPEN OR TEND TO PUT THEM OFF?
- WHO WILL MOURN YOU WHEN YOU DIE?
- WHAT IS YOUR BELIEF ABOUT FUNERALS OR OTHER GRIEVING TRADITIONS?

### **RITUALS**

- WHAT KIND OF FUNERAL SERVICE DO YOU WANT? WHO DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND?-ONLY CLOSE FAMILY OR GENERAL PUBLIC? WHERE WILL IT BE HELD?
- WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHT AND FEELINGS ABOUT FUNERALS?
- HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT LEAVING A WILL? -DO YOU HAVE A WILL? IF SO, TO WHOM WILL YOU LEAVE WHAT?
- HOW MANY DECISIONS REGARDING YOUR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE YOU COMFORTABLE LEAVING TO YOUR SURVIVING FAMILY?
- WHAT TYPE OF WAKE OR CALLING HOURS DO YOU WANT?
- DO YOU WANT TO BE BURIED? IN THE EARTH OR MAUSOLEUM?
- DO YOU WANT TO BE CREMATED? IF SO HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR ASHES DISPOSED OF?
- DO YOU WANT A NY SPECIAL GRAVE SIDE RITUAL?
- DO YOU WANT ANY KIND OF MONUMENT, GRAVESTONE OR MEMORIAL?
- ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS YOU WANT?
- HOW EXPENSIVE SHOULD THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS BE?
- WHO DO YOU WANT TO CONDUCT THE FUNERAL SERVICE?
- WHO DO YOU WANT TO DELIVER THE EULOGY?
- WHAT MUSIC AND SONGS DO YOU WANT AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE?
- ARE THERE ANY FAVORITE POEMS OR READINGS YOU WANT READ?
- SHOULD FRIENDS SEND FLOWERS OR DONATE TO A CHARITY?