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Death and killing: the quality and value of life

Questions to stimulate reflection

Does believing that euthanasia is *morally* permissible entail believing that euthanasia should be *legally* permissible;

Are there deontologists who do not accept that 'do not kill' is a moral absolute?

Are utilitarians committed to believing euthanasia should be legalised?

What is the difference between decriminalising something and legalising it?

Are the doctrines of act versus omission and double-effect merely devices for allowing a deontologist to escape the consequences of his absolutist beliefs?

Is it hypocritical of a society effectively to turn a blind eye to euthanasia whilst maintaining its illegality?

Is there any way of eliminating the possibility of abusing laws permitting euthanasia without introducing stringent regulation?

Would a virtue ethicist legalise euthanasia?