End of Life Assistant (Scotland) Bill Committee

T3. 60, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

1. Do you agree a person should be able to request end of life assistance from a registered medical practitioner?

I strongly disagree with the whole intention and tenor of this Bill. It is all part of a culture of death which is slowly invading our society and destroying our Christian ethic which is the very basis of our civilisation. In addition it shows an acute lack of respect for the medical profession and their standards. Among a doctor’s highest duties is that of honouring and preserving life. In any event, the medical practitioner, and any other professional person, involved or invited to be involved, must have the right to refuse without any prejudice whatsoever.

2. With regard to this and the three following questions please see answer to Question 6.

6. This whole matter is so serious, dealing as it does with matters of life and death, that there are no procedures which can be appropriate. Procedures, particularly bureaucratic procedures, are always subject to mistakes, carelessness and all kinds of human error.

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