# Contemporary Moral Problems

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* Rachel’s Continued
  + Killing vs. Letting Die

1. The morally relevant difference (MRD) between passive euthanasia and active euthanasia depends upon the MRD between letting die and killing
2. There is no MRD between letting die and killing
3. Therefore there is no MRD between passive euthanasia and active euthanasia
   * + Smith/Jones Case
       - Both stand to gain something, motive is the same.
       - Smith killed the 6 year old by drowning him
       - Jones let the kid die by drowning
     + Rachel believes there is no morally relevant difference
   * Death as a ‘Great Evil’
     + Reason why doctors may not want to be the cause of death
     + Rachels’ reply
       - There are some cases in which the continuation of life is as great an evil.