EUTHANASIA

Euthanasia is intentional termination of someone’s life in order to relieve them from pain or suffering or ending of life by a medical practitioner after getting the go ahead from the patient. It can include various acts such as taking them off oxygen support or stopping medication that was realty contributing to keeping them alive. Legalization of euthanasia has been a very controversial topic among many countries and religions. Most religions, especially Christianity and Islam greatly rebuke euthanasia as they believe that a higher being ie God or Allah is the sole giver of life and only Him can take it away.

There are different types of euthanasia; voluntary, non- voluntary and involuntary. Voluntary euthanasia is carried out after the patient has given consent .it has been legalized in a majority of countries such as Britain and the United States of America. Involuntary euthanasia is done without the patient’s approval and is considered a serious crime[murder].Non-voluntary euthanasia is done after the consent of the nearest family member of the patient

According to the deontological theory, an action is considered morally right if the motive behind it is for the greater good. Reducing a person’s suffering is an act of kindness. Other advantages of euthanasia including saving of money that would have been used been used to treat a patient who is not getting any better. Euthanasia, however diminishes faith as it obliterates the probability of any miracles of better health happening to the patient.