

## Death

- What causes death?
- Are "Living Wills" available where you live?
- Are there special rites or ceremonies performed when a person dies?
- Are you afraid of death?
- Do you believe in life after death?
- Do you often think of death?
- Do you think that there is anything worth dying for?
- Do you want to know the date of your death? Why or why not?
- How do you cope with the death of someone special?
- Is organ donation or transplants an option where you live?
- Is physician assisted suicide an option in your country?
- Would you consider physician assisted suicide if you were suffering a painful dying experience?
- Is the death of a loved one considered a joyful or a sorrowful occasion?
- Is there any person you would die for in order to save? Who is it?
- What are some ways which you can help a family which has just experienced the death of a family member.
- What should you say to someone who has lost a loved one?
- What are your beliefs pertaining to a person's soul once they have died?
- What do you think of suicide?
- What do you think would happen if there were no death for human beings?
  - What do you think would happen if people never died?
- What happens to a person's remains after death? Cremation? Burial? Etc.
- What is the mourning process?
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- Where do we go when we die?
- Would you want your cremated remains to be part of a fireworks show?
- Who do you think would mourn for you after your death?
- If you were on death row, what would you request for your last meal?
  - Who would you want to watch you be executed?
- If you could choose how you were going to die, what would you choose your death to be?
- What do you think of cryogenics?
  - Would you like to have your body frozen, so that you could be thawed out and brought back to life sometime in the future?
  - Do you think it will ever be possible?
- If you had the option of freezing your body in hopes that science would some day be able to bring you back to life, would you do it?

- Why are so many people afraid of death, when it is unavoidable?
- What would happen if you died?
- On account of your beliefs or some other reason, do you look forward to dying?
- Have you ever had to put a pet to sleep?
- Do you believe that you will be born again?
- Why is facing death a difficult experience?
- How does a person cope with death of a friend or loved one?
- What are some reactions to death of a friend?
- How do your national customs surrounding death reflect the values of your country?
- What should you say or not say to a friend who is facing death?
  - What should you say or not say to a friend who has lost a friend?
- What are funerals like in your country?
  - What are some funeral customs in your country?
- What is the suicide hotline in your community?
- Is there a suicide hotline in the area where you live?
- Do you know someone who has died from a traffic accident?
- Do you know someone who has died from a from disease?
  - What was your reaction?
  - How did you feel?
- When have you visited a hospital? Who did you visit?
  - What sights, smells, sounds did you notice when you visited the hospital?
- How did you feel about your visit?
  - How can you help someone who is dying?
  - How do you tell someone that someone they know has died?
  - What are some useful euphemisms for telling someone that someone they know has died?
- What are some other words for death? An example is "passed away".
  - Do you believe in God?
  - Do you think people should be cremated or buried?
  - Has anyone close to you ever passed away?
  - What is grief?
  - Do you think the grieving process is different for different ages?
  - Have you known someone who had an extended sickness before death?
  - Have you ever lost someone close to you?
  - Have known anyone who has committed suicide?
- What would be your reaction?
- What would you say to that person's friends?
  - What is hospice?
- Do you have hospice services in your country?
- How quickly is someone buried or cremated after death?

- What expenses are involved in burying or cremating someone?
- What measures are taken in your country to ensure that no stigma is associated with the burial of poor people?
  - Are coffins displayed on the street entrance to funeral parlors in your country?
  - Is it appropriate for funeral directors to advertise their services?
- How can this be done?
  - If you were given the chance to have someone die with you, who would that person be?
- How would you want to die?
  - Have you ever thought you'd like to die?
  - How does it feel when your loved one dies and you were unable to see them for the last time?
  - Have you ever been to a funeral where a family member of the deceased sung a song, read a letter or read a poem?
- Have you ever done something like that at someone's funeral?
  - Would you want to know if you were dying and if so, would you want to know how long you had to live?
- Would you want to know the exact day of your death?
  - If there were five of your friends drowning, which one would you save first?
  - If you are married or have a life partner would you expect them to move on after you die.
- If so how long should they wait?
  - Do you have hospice services in your country?
  - Do you know anyone who died for a few seconds or minutes but came to life again?
- What do you think about the stories these people tell?
  - Who has died that you know?
  - Have you had a pet die?
  - What is the worst way of dying?
  - What is the ideal way to die?
  - Do you believe in out-of-body experiences?
  - Are you afraid of losing one of your relatives all of a sudden?
  - Would you like it if someone sung you a song or read a poem about you, or a letter to you, at your funeral?
  - What kind of funeral arrangements would you make for yourself if you knew you were dying?
  - How long do you expect you spouse or life partner to wait before they move on after your death?