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I am writing as a nurse. Many times I have encountered healthy people who have a great fear of one day becoming ill and being left in a state of suffering with unrelieved pain. They have also been misinformed that they will lose 'their dignity' through illness, old age, or the process of dying. I believe that these fears are the result of a great deal of fear mongering on the part of euthanasia advocates.

As a nurse, I have not observed patients who have not been treated with dignity or left with uncontrolled pain.

When a previously healthy patient receives a diagnosis of an illness there are always social and emotional adjustments to be made. In my experience, with adequate explanation and support, patients do not request euthanasia, but rather, hope that their life will be extended beyond the given prognosis.

'While there is life, there is hope', is a good maxim, and is also the motivation for research into cures rather than killing the patient.

I oppose any proposal for legalised patient killing, especially for utilitarian or economic reasons; or whether it is so called 'voluntary' or involuntary.

Yours faithfully,

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