



Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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Born in 1934 I am quite obviously getting to the end of my existence on this earth. Although it is possible that I live for another 25 years the reality is that it must come to an end, something that to me is not only natural but totally acceptable.

I have survived prostate cancer and subsequent radio therapy, and I am in excellent health except for suffering debilitating bladder problems which I am managing. I have had, and am still having and enjoying a wonderful life.

The thought of, at a future time, being dependent on others, to have to be kept clean by others, and for others to make decisions about me is unacceptable. To be a burden on others, whether family or society, is even more abhorrent.

It is for this reason that I believe that an individual should be able to choose, whenever he or she judges that time to be there, the path of their own destiny.

By this I mean that it should be possible for me, and for anyone else, to obtain the means to end one's life peacefully and happily, at a time and place of one's choice.

I believe that most people who think about these matters sensibly and intelligently would have to agree. I also believe that people opposed to this must be convinced they know better than others, are obviously selfish and oblivious to other peoples needs and beliefs.