



## The Legality Of Euthanasia



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Originally, euthanasia meant the condition of a good, gentle and easy death. Later, it took on aspects of performativity; that is, helping someone die gently. Every human being is eager to live happily till death. No one wants to live an incomplete life. We know that, if a person takes his/her own life by his/her own act then we call it suicide but if a person ends a deceased person's life through his/her request then we call it euthanasia.

First of all, we all know that the sacred duty of every doctor is to protect, treat, and save the life of any patient. A doctor cannot be a killer. This is contractionary to the Hippocratic Oath. But is not euthanasia, called easy death, killing a person in the form of suicide with the help of a doctor?

Considering that the national religion of Bangladesh is Islam, Muslims are against euthanasia. They believe that all human life is sacred because it is given by Allah. Life is sacred. Euthanasia is not included among the reason allowed for killing in Islam. Here it is the best to give from the verses of the Holy Quran;

“When their time comes they cannot delay it for a single hour not can they bring it forward by a single hour.”

“And no person can ever die except by Allah's leave and at an appointed term.”

“Whoever kills a person for life or for causing mischief in the land, it is as if they have killed all people.”

All Muslims believe in the sanctity of human life and that the end of any human's life is fixed in advance only by our almighty Allah, the creator and the owner of all life. Death must come to an end naturally, as commanded by Allah, and without any intervention or decision of the person himself or herself or the help of a doctor. Because this life is given to us by Allah, the greatest trust is given to us. No one should have the intention to kill himself or herself, even with the assistance of somebody else. Another thing that Muslims believe in is that they believe in accepting all kinds of troubles and illnesses, and in being patient and tolerant. If this happens, Allah will reward them in the best way.

If we look at this issue from a humanitarian point as well as an Islamic point of view, euthanasia is a burden of conscience that the doctor should not bear, as well as a decision process that should not be burdened with the patient in difficult times. Even the existence of the euthanasia option offered to the patient may cause the patient to lose her belief that she will recover and his or her pain will be relieved. Pain is subjective and personal, so no matter how much pain we suffer, it cannot be judged that it is enough to die. Allowing euthanasia is giving up medical science. This holy life given to us by God should not end with medicine. This hardship and torment is atonement for the believer's sins. In addition, in rapidly developing medicine, there is always a possibility of a new treatment for the patient whose life is hopeless.

As a result, euthanasia is a form of suicide. Euthanasia cannot be normalized in the same way that suicide cannot be normalized. Kill the pain, not the patient!