Death in the Midst of Life: Social and Cultural Influences on Death, Grief, and Mourning

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health occupations educators interested in the social and cultural influences on death, grief, and mourning. The book begins by examining social values related to death and how Americans view death. It provides an overview of hospitals, nursing homes, and hospices as settings for dying people and examines health care professionals and their attitudes toward death. For example, nurses usually are found to see a more positive meaning in death than physicians. One chapter focuses on children and death as a difficult tragedy in American society. There is a discussion of grief, bereavement, and mourning. This article is about death in the different cultures around the world as well as ethical issues relating to death, such as martyrdom, suicide and euthanasia. Death refers to the permanent termination of life-sustaining processes in an organism, i.e. when all biological systems of a human being cease to operate. Death and its spiritual ramifications are debated in every manner all over the world. Most civilizations dispose of their dead with rituals developed through spiritual traditions. Subject Catalog. Humanities & Social Sciences. Anthropology. Art. Communication, Film & Theatre Catalog. Mass Communication / Public Relations / Film. Speech Communication. Theatre.