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Dear Colleagues

I am deeply saddened by the euthanasia legislation before Parliament. If people want to commit suicide then that's up to them but to institutionalise killing by the State is a completely different matter and one that will lead to so many murders.

The laws around the world where euthanasia has been legalised have gone from stringent restrictions around euthanasia to less & less restrictions to a duty to die. If a person has 12 months to live they may access euthanasia but then it moves to 6 months. And next it leads to euthanasia being a solution to "mental anguish & suffering". Next it is open to adults but why not children? Family members aren't involved in the decision making process. Indeed some only know after their loved one has actually been murdered.

Murder is indeed the intended killing of another human & indeed this is what euthanasia is. It involves a third party into the killing process & it doesn't just rest with the individual concerned.

It is wrong to mandate euthanasia legislation upon all & sundry forbidding conscious objection. All people have the right to believe what they want but this does not mean they have a right to foist that opinion upon others. The marriage debate centred around this - where love was love & who was anybody to tell someone any different? What about "No man has greater love than this, than he lay down his life for his friends"?

You do not have a right to tell us what love is and you certainly do not have a right to force people to murder others. If someone has a problem with performing euthanasia upon others it is their right to object without penalty. But that's not the case with this legislation. They will be penalised for breaking the law.

I'm reminded of Plato's words, - "Indifference/apathy to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men".

Indeed that was the case in Nazi Germany - something that we as a country with our allies fought against. Everything Hitler did was legal - it didn't make it right.

Let it not be said of our time that we are ruled by evil men. Euthanasia is evil. The killing of another human being reverses the Hippocratic oath of first do no harm to a patient. The pagan Greeks believed this! How much more so do we who are called to Cherish Life?! "I have come that you may have life & have it in abundance".

The medical profession should be for the betterment of society. It is wrong that medical professionals are drawn into the killing of patients against their own free will. The flood gates will open and there will be a huge spike in deaths and seen in other countries - in Europe in particular. Victoria saw this when euthanasia was legalised. And now they're debating whether children should be able to access euthanasia for mental anguish.

You will rue the day euthanasia is made legal & that man has made himself to be god. Only evil, sadness and heartache will come of it.

Regards

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