

The notion that prisoners on death row when ill should get euthanasia as capital punishment

The Bible officially approves of the death penalty and absolutely forbids euthanasia. Pope John Paul II only allowed capital punishment in very exceptional circumstances which is against the tradition of the Church which allowed it liberally. The law and the Bible system is allowed to kill you for a crime but it is not allowed to kill you to end your unbearable suffering even if you have been a murderer yourself. Vengeance is made more important than helping. Then the Church tells you to kill yourself by neglecting contraception even if it means you will get AIDS or if a pregnancy will kill you. The Church allows sports like boxing and motor-racing which are not worth the death and suffering they cause despite the fact that they thrive on the instincts of anger and competitiveness which the Church sees as sinful. You may be risking your life every time you cross the road but that is not the same as risking it in the cause of entertainment.

What about a murderer who has motor-neurone disease? He will die slowly and horribly and no one can imagine what it will be like for him. If he has free will, he deserves to die for his murders. He should be put to death especially if he requests it for it is the kindest thing to do. He should be put to death by having euthanasia administered to him. That would be a case where capital punishment would be the right thing to mete out and if it is wrong then capital punishment is always wrong. To refuse a gentle execution to such a man would show great inhumanity.

Nobody likes the suggestion that you should be afforded euthanasia for being on death row! They clearly see it as a good thing after all and too good for you!

Suppose euthanasia was right. Suppose capital punishment is wrong. You cannot really strongly oppose the latter for death is death. It would be hypocritical to be strongly against it. We are not saying you should not be against it - just you should not be too against it. What if you started to say that dangerous criminals who are terminally ill but still capable of killing should be afforded priority of being euthanised?