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Dear Sirs,

My wife and I wish to make a brief submission to the VAD Enquiry. We are completely opposed - in principle - to this concept & practice. The Lord our God is the Lord of life: He alone gives life, and He alone has the right to take it away. While we see from the Scriptures that the state has the right, and responsibility, to exact the death penalty (upon an obviously guilty murderer), no individual has the right to take that life - whether it be another's... by murder, or his own by suicide (here, aka so-called 'assisted dying'): in this latter case, the one assisting is guilty before God as an accessory to the crime.

This conviction of ours is an 'in-principle' one. We can find no valid caveats that militate against such (although, such no doubt will be furnished).

Yours faithfully,

Barry & Anne James.

