Not Whether, But How
A Civics Lens on Compassionate Care

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david bowie
(1947-2016)
Change

society

workforce

policy

infrastructure
suffering

EXISTENTIAL

SPIRITUAL

LOGISTICAL

social

intellectual

emotional

physical
systems brief:

from a *disease*-centered to *human*-centered healthcare system
IMPORTANCE OF ISSUES AT EOL

Rating factor: “Extremely Important”

- Family Financial Burden: 67%
- Free of Pain: 66%
- Spiritual Peace: 61%
- Loved Ones Present: 60%
- Decision Making Burden: 60%
- Payment for Care: 58%
- Medical Choices Respected: 57%
- Cultural Beliefs Understood: 44%
- Living Longer: 36%
- Being at Home: 33%

http://www.chcf.org/publications/2012/02/final-chapter-death-dying
acute / chronic
proportionality
intervening / supporting
curing / healing
quality of health / quality of life
less horrid / more wonderful
(tyranny of) choice
illness, suffering, disability, aging, and dying are.... normal
ATTENTION
we are “the dying”
self / other
friggin words
!&&%^$@#$%&#$!!
doing / being
being a burden...
meaninglessness
purposelessness
for its own sakeness
flesh
quickening

animation

enlivenment

“the free play of our cognitive powers”

life

to live

to be alive
ART AS
EXPERIENCE

The greatest of American philosophers rounds out his philosophy of experience with a notable and epoch-making statement on the place of art in the life of man.

JOHN DEWEY

TO ALBERT C. BARNES
IN GRATITUDE
“intensifies the sense of immediate living”
The Monster Demands a Mate!

KARLOFF

The Bride of Frankenstein

Colin Clive
Valerie Hobson
Elsa Lanchester

Directed by
JAMES WHALE

A Universal Picture

Ace Drummond

By Captain Eddie Rickenbacker

CALL EVERYBODY. ACE DRUMMOND HAS TROOPS OFF THE AIR PATROL. THEY ARE FLYING BOMBING PLANES!

LET'S GET GOING!

Ace Drummond is flying to meet the air patrol. He knows one of our boys fixed his plane to crash in this desert.

Some snake cut the gasoline tank. We have to bail out.

Stick 'em up - hurray!
discernment v. judgment
NOTES ON NURSING:
WHAT IT IS, AND WHAT IT IS NOT.

BY

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

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BOOKSELLER TO THE QUEEN.
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