



Topic: Euthanasia

Option:

Essential Richer Reading – you must read this for your lessons ☐

Recommended Richer Reading – advised as it would enhance your understanding further ☒

Further Richer Reading – widening your knowledge beyond A-levels ☐

Richer Reading title: Panpsycast – Euthanasia, Episode 14, Part 2

Type: podcast: [Episode 14, Euthanasia \(Part II\) \(thepanpsycast.com\)](https://thepanpsycast.com/episode-14-euthanasia-part-ii/)

Reading intention: (*importance of the text, what students will gain from it*)

- Gives a seminar type discussion about Euthanasia
- Important as it looks at numerous case studies and reflects on the morality of euthanasia
- Gain an insight of current and historical arguments surrounding euthanasia

Core content to take away:

- Different case studies surrounding euthanasia
- Explores intricacies of questions surrounding PVS
- Links to euthanasia, Natural Law and situation Ethics

Exam help...

- Will allow you to utilise specific terminology and embed it into your explanations
- Exploration of big questions could help you answer complex and subject specific questions in exam conditions.

Task for this reading:

Mind map style notes:

1. The case of Chantal Sebire

Include:

- Key facts about the case (include a quote from Chantal)
- Key terms applied to this
- The law in France
- Natural Moral Law applied to the case
- Situation Ethics applied to the case

2. The Case of Tony Bland

Include:

- Key facts about the case (include the impact on the Legal system)
- Key terms applied to this
- The law in the UK
- Natural Moral Law applied to the case
- Situation Ethics applied to the case

3. The Case of Craig Ewet

Include:

- Key facts about the case (and facts about Dignitas)
- Key terms applied to this
- The law in Switzerland
- Natural Moral Law applied to the case
- Situation Ethics applied to the case

Make notes on the following:

- a) Can we successfully apply Situation Ethics and Natural Moral Law to Euthanasia?
- b) Does the religious concept of sanctity of life have any meaning in 21st Century ethics?
- c) Should a person have complete autonomy over their own life?
- d) Is there a moral difference between medical intervention to end a patient's life and medical non-intervention to end a patient's life?

Questions:

- 1) Why does the sanctity of life not apply to animals in the same way as humans?
- 2) Should “not being a burden” be a reason for Euthanasia?
- 3) How is suffering linked to Telos for Natural Moral Law?
- 4) What’s the difference between PVS and brain dead?
- 5) What was the miraculous case in the USA? How does this relate?
- 6) How does Dignitas not break the law in Switzerland?
- 7) Why might it be the most loving thing to “wait?”
- 8) What medical advancement is happening in China that might have an impact?
- 9) What is the “slippery slope” argument against Euthanasia?
- 10) How did Nazi Germany “promote” Euthanasia?