"THE GOOD DEATH" In the Context of Palliative Care Geraldine Tan FdCC

The origin of good death

1500 – 1700 Death bed was a spiritual drama...

"How people die remains in the memory of those who live on"

-Dame Cicely Saunders



Good death is multifaceted and individualised experience.

Conversation with my residents, above 85 who are aged and frail

To die at home

Long life but with health

No long suffering

No pain and not a burden



With children but must be around

Ability to enjoy food

Die before my wife and children

Conversation with my palliative care patients







Act Justly
Love Tenderly
Walk Humbly with
God.

-Micah 6:8

Aspire to Inspire before you Expire.

-Eugene Bells Jr.

Good death is different for each person as it depends on what matters to you most

Buddistism – Calm and peaceful.

Having reflection on previous
good deeds with religious thought

Hinduism – A good death is
suppose to happen when all action
is selfless without any thoughts
for the fruits.

Islam – A good death is when the passing was guided to keep away from anger and sins. To forcus on the goodness of God.

Christianity - A good death is

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Learn to learn and Learn to unlearn

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Is there any chances in your reflection of good death?

So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart...

Love your life,

Perfect your life,

Beautify all things in your life

Seek to make your life long

And to purpose in service of others.

Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great Divine.

When it comes your time to die...

Sing your death song

and die like a hero

Going Home.