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Dying, Death, and Bereavement Lewis R. Aiken, 2001 This book is a brief but comprehensive survey of research writings and professional practices concerned with death and dying It is interdisciplinary and eclectic medical psychological religious philosophical artistic demographics bereavement and widowhood are all considered but with an emphasis on psychological aspects A variety of viewpoints and research findings on topics subsumed under thanatology receive thorough consideration Questions activities and projects at the end of each chapter enhance reflection and personalize the material This fourth edition features material on moral issues and court cases concerned with abortion and euthanasia the widespread problem of AIDS and other deadly diseases the tragedies occasioned by epidemics starvation and war and the resumption of capital punishment in many states The book s enhanced multicultural tone reflects the increased economic social and physical interdependency among the nations of the world Topics receiving increased attention in the fourth edition are terror management attitudes and practices concerning death cross cultural concepts of afterlife gallows humor out of body experiences spiritualism mass suicide pet and romantic death euthanasia right to die postbereavement depression firearm deaths in children children s understanding of death child adolescent adult and physician assisted suicide religious customs and death confronting death legal issues in death dying and bereavement death education death music creativity and death longevity broken heart phenomenon beliefs in life after death new definitions of death children's acceptance of a parent's death terminal illness and the politics of death and dying Contemplative Caregiving John Eric Baugher, 2019-04-16 Integrating two decades of hospice care and social science research this heartfelt book offers practical lessons on the transformative possibilities of end of life caregiving Contemplative Caregiving is an indispensable guide for end of life caregivers and for anyone seeking to transform experiences of caregiving and grief Rather than leading to burnout and despair caring for those who are suffering and dying can enrich our lives with meaning and further our own spiritual growth and resilience Whether you are caring for a loved one with cancer or dementia grieving a sudden traumatic loss or even serving time in prison Contemplative Caregiving offers encouragement for showing up to the fullness of life in whatever those circumstances may be Healing compassion and spiritual growth are available to us all in this lifetime right now Baugher's unique style of integrating social scientific research on caregiving and grief with teachings from Buddhist contemplative Christian and other wisdom traditions illuminates how we each can transform experiences of loss and

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