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On the other hand, most Western countries have abolished the death penalty, even for the worst crimes. Life is precious - a gift - and we, as individuals or nation, haven't the right to take life away, except in the case of war or self-defence.

Most people (including members of hospital ethics committees) have a very sensible and humane guiding principle: give medicines that alleviate pain, even if by doing so, death may be hastened; but do not administer anything that would intentionally cause death.

I certainly will let my children know my intentions in this regard well before the time comes.

Yours faithfully
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