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What is
your
submission
about?: Eligibility criteria to access VAD

Dear Committee, In this submission, I would like to address the Eligibility for VAD. The One, Triune God is the creator of Heaven and Earth (The Bible. Genesis 1:1). That means that His creation is to called to live by the rules and statues He has given - regardless of whether a person believes this to be so. People are among that creation. In fact, the nations are the ones to whom the Bible is directed. People are made in the image of God. (Genesis 1: 26-31) God has declared the death penalty for murder; for man was made in the image of God. (Genesis 9:6 among others.) Suicide is the murder of oneself. Assisted suicide is murder under a guise of righteousness. Both are evil and condemned by God. VAD is evil. It is contrary to God's law. VAD is rebellion to God dressed up as kindness in that it seeks to pretend it cares about the life of the person seeking suicide - hypocritically while working to end that very life. It is an attempt to make God seem the evil one by saying that He is the One in the wrong for allowing suffering. However, God is the righteous Judge, not man. As VAD is based upon the utter evil of murder, no person has the right to eligibility. It is forbidden. Please use your power to put an end to VAD and, instead, take up protection of life as is required of all people before God.

