

DEATH AND DYING, EAST AND WEST

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Abstract: What determines how a society manages death and dying? Does it depend on the society's state of economic development – hunter-gatherer, agrarian, industrial, post-industrial? Or on national history, laws and culture? How important nowadays are global forces? Are there distinctive Eastern and Western ways of managing death?

I try to show how such factors interact and shape how people today die, create funeral rites, and mourn.

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