

OTIS SPEAKS

SUICIDE

THE QUESTION THAT IS POSED TO ME: IS ONE WHO COMMIT SUICIDE A COWARD? FOR BRIEFNESS, LET US EXCLUDE THE MENTALLY ILL AND SUFFERING TERMINALLY ILL. BUT THAT STILL LEAVES A WIDE CATEGORY OF SUICIDE COMMITTING INDIVIDUALS.

IN TRUTH I CANNOT CATEGORICALLY SAY IT IS WRONG FOR ANYONE TO COMMIT SUICIDE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON. BEING IN MIND THERE IS NO UNIVERSAL RIGHT AND SIMILARLY THERE CAN BE NO UNIVERSAL WRONG. NO, IT IS NOT A COWARD WHO COMMIT SUICIDE TO AVOID THE PUNISHMENT OF DEATH BY YOUR ENEMIES. IN FACT IT IS A TERRORISTIC STRATEGY OF MANY MARTYRS TO DEPRIVE THE ENEMY OF THE PLEASURE, VINDICATION OR SATISFACTION TO KILL THEM.

ALL LIVING THINGS DIE, SO THE QUESTION ISN'T "IF," IT IS MERELY WHEN. THE TRUE COWARDS ARE THOSE WHO CONDEMN A PERSON WHO COMMIT SUICIDE - IN FEAR OF THEIR OWN MORTALITY - AS IF I GOT TO LIVE AND SUFFER THIS EXPERIMENT CALLED LIVING - SO SHOULD YOU - MISERY LOVES COMPANY.

RELIGIONS HAVE THE SAME/SIMILAR DOCTRINES - SUICIDE IS A SIN GANG MEMBERS, POLICE, MILITARY, SAME WITH A PIMP AND HIS HOS, BAD FOR MORALE. A LOVE ONE WOULD BE OPPOSE - BECAUSE "I LOVE YOU, I NEED YOU." OPERATIVE WORD IS "NEED". GUILT IS ANOTHER REASON IN OPPOSITION. LOGICALLY, THERE IS NO REASON TO OPPOSE ANOTHER'S SINCERE DESIRE TO COMMIT SUICIDE. AGAW, ITS EITHER DIE NOW OR DIE LATER.