

SUICIDE – IS IT A MORAL CRIME?

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ABSTRACT

Suicide is voluntary, intentional and self inflicted death. It is called a disease in itself, 'sui geneses'. This paper is an attempt to describe the philosophical and psychological underpinning causes of suicide. There is a doubt whether the suicide is moral or immoral, ethical or non-ethical, criminal or not. The question is that can we designate suicide as a crime? The present study examines critically the views of philosophers and the other social scientists on the definition and ethical and moral justification of suicide. The present discourse also tries to examine the types and various causes there on. Suicide is common in all societies caused by multiple social or moral pathologies of society. The paper also tries to unveil the incidents of spatial variability of suicides from a socio-geographical standpoint, citing examples from India.

KEY WORDS: Suicide, Egoistic, Altruistic, Moral, Ethics.

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