

Death in Different Cultures

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Death is an important part of life. Burial and mourning processes are handled in different ways in different cultures. Some cultures handle it with reverence. Some people prefer to celebrate the person's life before they died. One thing that's generally agreed upon is that it determines the way we live.

Asian Cultures

- Family members wear white to that symbolize death.
- Males and females are allowed to show their grief.
- They can't get a mental illness from the death of a loved one because it's considered to be a disgrace to their family's name.

Latin Culture

- Their burial process is heavily influenced by the Catholic religion. Spirituality is important in life and death.
- Men aren't supposed to express emotions during the funeral but women are allowed to be hysterical.
- They tend to like to bury their loved ones instead of cremate. After they are buried they like to do mass for them the first year and then yearly.

African American Culture

- Funeral traditions are based upon religion and location.
- They have gatherings of family and friends. If they know the person is going to die they will get together for the days leading up to the death.
- They prefer to call a funeral by the name homeings because they are going home.
- They often view death as not a final place but rather they are waiting on the other side for them.
- This culture often celebrates the life of the person after they have passed.

Each culture has similar characteristics and huge differences in how they view death. What I found was that it's largely based on their religious beliefs and the way they were raised.

I chose this topic because it's has a huge impact on the way we grow up. People raise us on how they want us to live. How we live and die depends on the culture we were raised in.

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