

Meditation on mourning from the *ante mortem* perspective

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ABSTRACT

As commonly known the notion of mourning refers to the experience that occurs in a human's mind after the death of someone close to him/her. Meanwhile, in the light of the contemporary discourse the term of mourning gains a different perspective. The new look at the feeling of mourning shows that it can occur when someone loses an important value such as health, or a child of one's own. Each of the situations when someone

loses a person or thing important to him/her causes different constellation of feelings to arise and dictates new pace. However, within these differences some similarities can be picked out, which show a common denominator. That common denominator determines the curiosity of the feeling of mourning experienced during a lifetime, before the actual *hora mortis* comes.

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