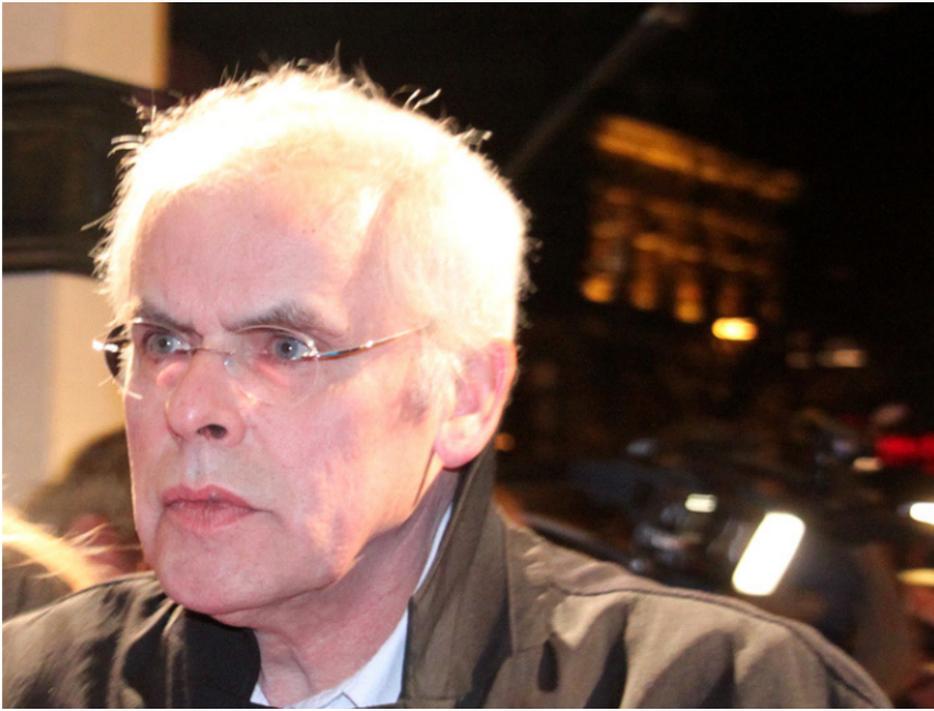


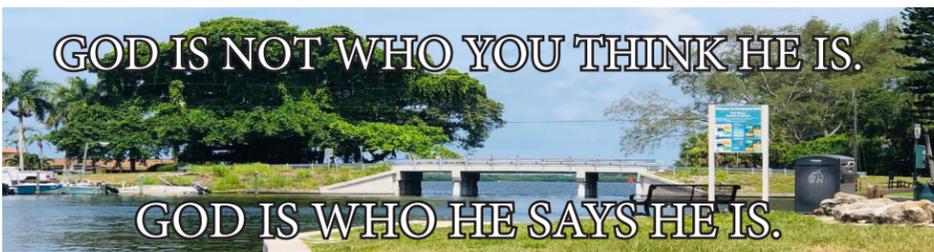
# Doctor Who Euthanized Patients Now Warns Against Legalizing Assisted Suicide

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Until his death in 2011, Dr. Bernard Nathanson was a champion of the pro-life movement. His 1979 movie "The Silent Scream" helped dispel the idea that the fetus was only a clump of cells and his pioneering work with ultrasound technology paved the way for its widespread use by the pro-life movement. Part of his authority came from his personal history. A co-founder of NARAL, Nathanson had worked alongside people like Betty Freidan to liberalize abortion laws. His eventual change of heart was big news. A new Bernard Nathanson may have just stepped onto the world stage. Dutch physician Bert Keizer was euthanizing patients nearly 20 years before it became legal in the Netherlands. In fact, he played a significant role in its legalization. As Al Jazeera put it, "When somebody wants to die in the Netherlands, Bert Keizer is often the man they call." Like Nathanson, Keizer seems to be having second thoughts about the deadly system he helped create. He is especially alarmed at the developments in Great Britain, where Conservative member of parliament Andrew Mitchell predicted that euthanasia could be legal there by 2025. Mitchell, who chairs an "all-party" commission looking into the issue, told Sky News that he wasn't talking about "a massive change," but, instead, "very, very tight reform." The law he would propose, says Mitchell, would contain "very strong safeguards," such as limiting euthanasia to those with less than six months to live. Patients would also have to get permission from a high court judge and two doctors before proceeding. Of course, everywhere euthanasia has been legalized also had "very strong safeguards," which are eventually ignored, violated, or even discarded. Dr. Bert Keizer, having witnessed this up close and personal, is now warning British lawmakers to think twice before legalizing assisted suicide. Writing in the Dutch Medical Association Journal, Keizer admitted that his British colleagues were correct two decades ago when they warned that countries like the Netherlands, "who embark on euthanasia, venture down a slippery slope along which you irrevocably slide down to the random killing of defenseless sick people." Far from being confined to the terminally ill, Keizer admits that the practice, for the Dutch, has expanded to include older people who "find that their life no longer has content." Eventually, Keizer predicts, the Dutch will expand euthanasia to include disabled children and prisoners serving life sentences. In his own words about his own country, "every time a line was drawn, it was also pushed back." The same lines have also

been eliminated in Belgium. In Canada, doctors have advocated expanding that country's "Medical Assistance in Dying" law to include children, even without parental consent. At least eight U.S. states have some form of so-called "death with dignity" laws, and abuses, like in Oregon, are well documented. Inevitably, what starts as legalized suicide ends in legalized homicide. Dr. Bernard Nathanson's change of heart about abortion eventually led him to become a Christian. Perhaps God has something similar in store for Bert Keizer. Let's pray He does. In the meantime, however, let's pray his warnings are heeded. The honesty Keizer brings to the discussion about euthanasia is scandalously lacking in the debate, starting with his use of the word "euthanasia." Phrases like "physician-assisted suicide" and, especially, "assisted dying" are Orwellian euphemisms that only obscure what is really happening: the taking of an innocent human life based on someone's judgment that it's no longer worth living. The Third Reich called it: lebensunwertes Leben, "lives unworthy of life." Dr. Keizer has given the world some much needed clarity. Let's pray the world listens. LifeNews Note: John Stonestreet writes for BreakPoint.org. This article was originally posted here. +++



Kidnapped Pastor Raymond Koh

# Pastor Kidnapping in Malaysia – Wife vows 'Relentless Action'

**Orpington, England (ANS)** – The wife of abducted Malaysian pastor Raymond Koh has vowed relentless action to press for his release. UK-based charity Release International reports Susanna Liew has called for international efforts to set him free to be continued – and for prayers for her family, which has been under surveillance. Release International is extending its petition to release the pastor, who was kidnapped in a military-style operation in February 2017– and hasn't been seen since. Meanwhile an inquiry has resumed into a second pastor and his wife who also disappeared under suspicious circumstances. **Broad daylight** Pastor Raymond Koh was abducted in broad daylight in Malaysia by a disciplined snatch squad. A public inquiry has pointed the finger at the authorities. The pastor's wife, Susanna Liew, has vowed to take 'relentless action' to press for his release. And she is calling for prayer to protect her family and see justice done. CCTV cameras captured the moment when black SUVs surrounded and boxed in Pastor Koh's car, forcing it to a halt. Several other vehicles were involved in the kidnapping. Hooded men ran towards Pastor Koh's car and shattered his windscreen, before the entire convoy was driven away. Up to 15 men were filmed taking part in the abduction, which was over in 40 seconds. 'More than three years have passed, yet there has been no word whether Pastor Koh is dead or alive,' says Release CEO

Paul Robinson. 'Malaysia must secure his release and account for his disappearance, which by any standards is a crime.' **Special Branch** In 2019, Malaysia's Human Rights Commission accused the country's Special Branch of kidnapping both Pastor Koh and Shia Muslim social activist Amri Che Mat. Both were suspected of trying to convert Sunni Muslims. The Human Rights Commission inquiry stated that Raymond Koh and Amri Che Mat had been 'abducted by State agents, namely the Special Branch [of the Royal Malaysia Police].' Meanwhile the Human Rights Commission has resumed its inquiry into Pastor Joshua Hilmy and his wife Ruth who went missing in 2016. The inquiry was put on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Joshua Hilmy was investigated after converting from Islam to Christianity. The pastor and his wife disappeared after he inquired about changing his religion on his identity card from Muslim to Christian. Christians make up about nine per cent of the population of Malaysia, where proselytising Muslims – attempting to convert them – is forbidden by law. Christians from a Muslim background can face severe persecution. The state bars its Muslim citizens from converting to another faith. And those who change their religion could be charged with apostasy. **Anthrax** Raymond Koh, an Evangelical Free Church pastor, set up Hope Community to help the poor in the capital Kuala Lumpur. The authorities suspect-

ed him of attempting to convert Muslims and raided a fundraiser in 2011. Pastor Koh and his wife Susanna received death threats. He was sent two bullets and she white powder, which she was later told was anthrax. Release International is pressing the Malaysian government to investigate the disappearance of Pastor Koh and bring about his release. The Release petition to the Prime Minister and the Inspector General of Police states: **Petition** 'One of your country's loyal citizens has been missing for three years. Pastor Raymond Koh was kidnapped off the streets on February 13, 2017, and has not been seen since. His wife and children have been left to wonder what happened to him and whether he is still alive. 'We, Pastor Raymond's fellow Christians from around the world, call on your government to release any and all information related to the forced disappearance... including any involvement of Special Branch.' You can sign the online petition here. Susanna Liew was named International Woman of the Year (2020) at the Annual International Women of Courage Awards. Through its international network of missions, Release International is active in some 25 countries around the world, supporting pastors, Christian prisoners and their families; supplying Christian literature and Bibles, and working for justice. Assist News exists to inform, educate, and inspire by distributing news about what God is doing in the USA and globally. [www.assistnews.net](http://www.assistnews.net)

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