Attitude toward death among Muslim and Christian faiths in Iraq

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Abstract

Objectives: Death Attitude has a significant role that can affect diverse aspects of life, either positively or negatively. This study aims to compare attitudes toward death between Muslims and Christians by addressing the following questions: 1. Which dimensions of death are more common among both groups? 2. Are there any significant differences between Muslims and Christian in their relation to death? 3. What is the relationship between religion and attitudes toward death?

Methods: In a cross-sectional study, 100 individuals from the two main religious groups (Muslim and Christian) were matched by gender, age, marital status, and personal monthly income. The attitude was measured through a death attitude profile-revised questionnaire and was analyzed via SPSS version 20.

Results: The results revealed no significant difference in death attitudes among the two religious groups. Both groups display a higher means in Approach Acceptance (A.A.) and lower means in Death Avoidance (D.A.). Correspondingly, it was found that there is a positive relationship between religion and death attitude, but this is not statistically significant.

Conclusion: Overall, in the present study, it was found that religion does not appear to change death attitudes, as it indicated that both religious groups (Muslims and Christians) have positive attitudes through five-dimension attitudes toward death. Also, this recorded higher mean in approach acceptance as well as turning out the religions have not a significant relationship with death attitude in between.

Sources	Islam	Christianity	Total
	Mean ± S.D.	Mean ± S.D.	Mean ± S.D.
Approach Acceptance	32.4±10.1	33.5±14.4	32.95± 12.25
Fear of Death	22.5±6.8	29.0±19.9	25.75± 13.35
Escape Acceptance	17.3±7.9	21.6±19.4	19.45± 17.6
Neutral Acceptance	23.4±13.6	15.6±4.43	19.5±9. 01
Avoidance of Death	13.3±7.6	18.6±4.9	15.95± 6.25

Table 1: Mean and Standard deviation subscales in three groups:

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Biography

My name is Draya, I'm 28 from Kurdistan region of Iraq. I have B.Sc. in clinical psychology with a top graduate award. I worked with several local and international agencies and NGOs. Currently I'm mental health consultant with Americares, clinical provider with ComPsych and assistant lecture at Koya university. Moreover, I conducted and developed many tools and research all of them under review currently, Also I served as reviewer in some international peer0reviewed journals such as Global Psychiatric and UKH social science journals.

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