

Should we Feel Pity for someone Dying Young? 'The Human Predicament' by David Benatar

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Still thinking about this one I think we all would agree that Epicurus would not think that being sad about the death in any way benefits the deceased. I suppose as I think about it myself the primary issue would be a reflection on the cause of the situation hopefully leading to a response by the appropriate people to try to make sure the situation is not repeated. But as far as feeling pity or sorrow "for the child" it would be more "for the situation.". Definitely an interesting question.

Of course there is a Vatican saying on this too -

[Quote from Cassius](#)

VS66. Let us show our feeling for our lost friends, not by lamentation, but by meditation.