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Experiences of contingency in advanced cancer patients

Throughout their lives, people are confronted with unexpected life events, which can have a profound impact on their lives and can be difficult to incorporate into their life narratives. Such a confrontation can be called an experience of contingency. The aim of this thesis is to describe experiences of contingency in advanced cancer patients, qualitative as well as quantitative. Furthermore, this thesis provides practical guidelines for placing spiritual care in a multidisciplinary care setting.

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Au moment même où tout est perdu, tout est possible
[At the very moment when everything is lost, everything is possible]

Emmanuel Levinas, 1906-1995, filosoof
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