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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: Major Revision

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Comments to the Author:

This is a moving, thoughtful reflection on what must have been an excruciatingly painful situation. There are a few tangents and awkward linguistic constructions pointed out by the second reviewer, which should be addressed. One point that I also agree with is that it doesn't seem necessary to refer to the nurses' religion as a shaming one. Perhaps this could simply be omitted. Please see the attached file for some suggested minor revisions.

A more challenging concern is that in the second to last paragraph, there is an unintentional sense of distancing from the patient, so that everything all turned out for the best. I know of course this is not what you mean, but this paragraph reads too neatly. A sentence such as "...confident that my patient is where they need to be, learning what they need to learn" comes off as a bit smug, considering in this case the patient died (grammar also needs to be adjusted for subject/verb agreement).

Also, although again I completely understand what you are going for when you write, "I want to be peace and wisdom," it has something of a self-aggrandizing aftertaste ("I embody peace and wisdom"). Please think about whether you can make this important point with phrasing that shows the humility of this aspiration.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR II: The author has adequately addressed the concerns of myself and Reviewer 2. The unintentional demeaning of the nurses' religion has been removed; and the accidental self-satisfied tone toward the end of the essay has been softened. I recommend accepting this piece.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II: Thank you for the careful rewrites. I really appreciate your bringing the concept of mindfulness into the conversation, and agree that this well reflects exactly the attitude humof service and humility you are trying to convey.