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AWAKENING THE SOUL SERIES

A conversation on death, suffering, and euthanasia with **Amanda Achtman**, author, and **Dulce Cruz-Oliver**,
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A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED OR A MYSTERY TO BE LIVED?



As the Encounter's theme states at the end, the 2024 edition will explore how our humanity, even when it is asleep, can always be reawakened. One of those events that may "tear open our sleeping soul" is our own suffering and the suffering and death of the people close to us, which fill us with unsettling questions and bring us to the threshold of something mysterious. Euthanasia, instead, ultimately softens such a drama and reduces suffering and death to an inconvenient problem to be solved rather than a mystery to be lived. Speakers will share their own experience in front of suffering and death and their motivations and reasons, emerging from such an experience, to oppose euthanasia.