

Charcoal drawings and print collages.

What do mothers, fathers and siblings feel after the death of an own child? The following pictures are to help the viewing people to feel the thoughts, senses and the continuing dolour for a short moment without timidity or exception for a better understanding in future. Thank you for the time to look at and bear up the pictures.

1. **Nightmare.** The traces of life, they dropped suddenly when the loved child died. There is no importance if it was about an unborn child, an infant, an pupil or a teenager. Their different traces are present in our hearts only forever.
2. **Why?** Was it God's hand and his will? Why did my child have to die? Do I have to understand the meaning even if the answer is so painful?
3. **Children of the stars.** What remains is hope to meet your child in another world. Because every human being needs an address for its emotions, aspirations and silent prayers.
4. **Plans.** Nothing is left of any things once planned and hoped for. The plans for the future lost ground and admitted the sad certitude a constant position.
5. **Teariness.** Teariness about the death of an own child is without a "date of expiry". Even many decades later people are still crying for their deceased children.
6. **Time.** People mean well with the concerned persons but when the own child died, time died, too. Nothing is going to be the same as it was before when the own child was still alive. The felt loneliness is incessant present and makes you freeze. Only for people around you life is continuing "normally". Because when your child dies, your previous future plans die, too.
7. **Faith.** There are moments a strong wish appears to follow your child. Only with hopeful way of thinking and belief and sensitive colloquies or actions, respectively with other men, a concerned person can be helped, even if it has to go the hard way alone for a long time.
8. **Learning and comprehension.** The person who decides for life has to be disposed not only to bear up the death of its child but the dumbness and violability as well as acuminate the sense and intuition for sensitive and empathetic words and actions.
9. **Proximity.** The death of an own child changed much things but exceptionally the personal environment. Now it is shown who can bear up the familial "maximum credible accident" as a relative and previous companion together with the concerned persons.
10. **Labyrinth.** How does it feel, this emptiness, teariness, desperation, helplessness and huge aspiration? What is society expecting from me and how does it handle me? Every human being mourns in a different way, however one thing is connecting them for a long time: „The labyrinth of emotions and the permanent search for a way out“.
11. **Sorrow.** Is it a goodness to be able to suppress the death of an own child? Or is it only the crippling fear for such a human catastrophe? Are there better options to show strength, or is the bearing the true strength?
12. **The (late) awareness.** a blade of grass; a parable of Kahlil Gibran. (1883-1931) To be a human being means not to decrease his own ability to awareness to a leaf or a blade of grass while the comprehension comes not until you are personal concerned.

13. **Words.** “You cannot give yourself the words helping you. (Äthiopisches Sprichwort)
14. **Encounter.**the encounter with the past.
15. **Let go.** A child comes into your life and it seems like a guest asking for the way..... but nothing about this,that his own way could be shorter than yours.
16. **Memory.** Living in the hearts of those you left behind does not mean dying. Like this, the memories in our hearts will last forever.
17. **Remembrance.** Have we lost the right to talk about our loved children, just because they have died?
18. **Seasons.** Every human being knows
19. **Comparison.** A comparison to other sad events.....
20. **Way of tears.** Many people believe that grief for the passed child does not last forever and a normal life will be possible eventually. (*below*)
But the grief for the own child does simply not have a date of expiry and the way of tears does not seem to end. (*beyond*)
21. **Hope.** parable from „The little Prince“ (Le petit prince)...When a child is coming towards you.....
22. **Public.** There must also be a way for the actually „Indescribable“, a way to reach the people in their hearts. These charcoal drawings and print collages are part of this way. Take your personal impressions with you. Maybe you can help yourself and other people if you get in similar situations.