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EDITORIAL

Colin Murray Parkes

The terrorist attack in Bali has brought traumatic death and bereavement to people from many countries and cultures. Having myself visited Bali and been enchanted by the deep-rooted spirituality, gentleness and warmth of its people, my own reaction to this outrage is one of disbelief. Who can benefit from such attacks? Certainly not the people of Bali.

The response of helpers from Australia was exemplary and enabled the British Government to cancel its plans to send volunteers from Cruse Bereavement Care to Bali to provide support to bereaved people from the UK. We can only hope that the 'psychological first aid' which they provided will go some way to mitigate the suffering of the bereaved families. These attacks remind us that the world is shrinking. Events in Bali and the USA have immediate effects, both direct and indirect on people around the world.

Lest any of our readers are confused by the association between the national UK charity, Cruse Bereavement Care, and the name of this journal, I must point out that we got there first. *Bereavement Care* is an international journal published since 1982 by Cruse but with an independent editorial board and international advisory editors. The

editors try to avoid any national bias and none of the main papers in this edition come from the UK. Cruse added 'Bereavement Care' to its name in 1989 to avoid being mistaken for a cruise liner or a missile.

Given the abundance of information on the worldwide web, how can we separate the wheat from the chaff, the well-informed from the ignorant, the helper from the exploiter, or the open-minded from the bigot?

The worldwide web is another global influence which is drawing us all closer together. It is both the largest source of information on every subject and the easiest to contribute to. This is its virtue and its limitation.

One has only to look up the word 'bereavement' on any of the standard search engines to be bombarded with huge amounts of information, offers of help, solicitations for funds and chat groups run by and for bereaved people from all parts of the world.

Given this abundance of information how can we separate the wheat from the chaff, the well-informed from the ignorant, the helper from the exploiter, or the open-minded from the bigot? To help us to do this *Bereavement Care* will be publishing a series of reviews of websites which we believe are worth visiting and recommending to others. We have appointed Amanda Aitken to monitor and review these sites and she will be glad to receive suggestions from our readers at her e-mail address rosscallum70@hotmail.com She starts the series with two key sites concerned with the death of a child.