



5. Bereavement is a central theme of Ordinary People but according to the DSM-IV-TR, bereavement is an exclusion criterion for a diagnosis of major depression within the first 2 months after the loss. What might be some consequences for this inability to diagnose depression during the first 2 months of bereavement?

6. Following the loss of a loved one, there might be a change in one's cognitive schema (or outlook on life). Davis, Wohl and Verberg (2007) identified three different posttraumatic growth models:

Rebuilt Self- exemplified by those who are "stuck to the core" by the loss. These individuals become introspective and develop greater personal strength and insight.

No Meaning/No Growth- describes individuals who continue to search for meaning in the loss. They are more likely to experience negative changes in their world view, seeing the world as unfair or dangerous.

Minimal Threat/Minimal Growth- describes individuals who do not seek explanations or meaning in the loss. They do not attempt to process their emotions or to identify how the loss has affected them.

Which model best describes Conrad? Calvin? Beth? Explain your choices.