

Coalition for Compassionate Care of California

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The Dream of a Common Language

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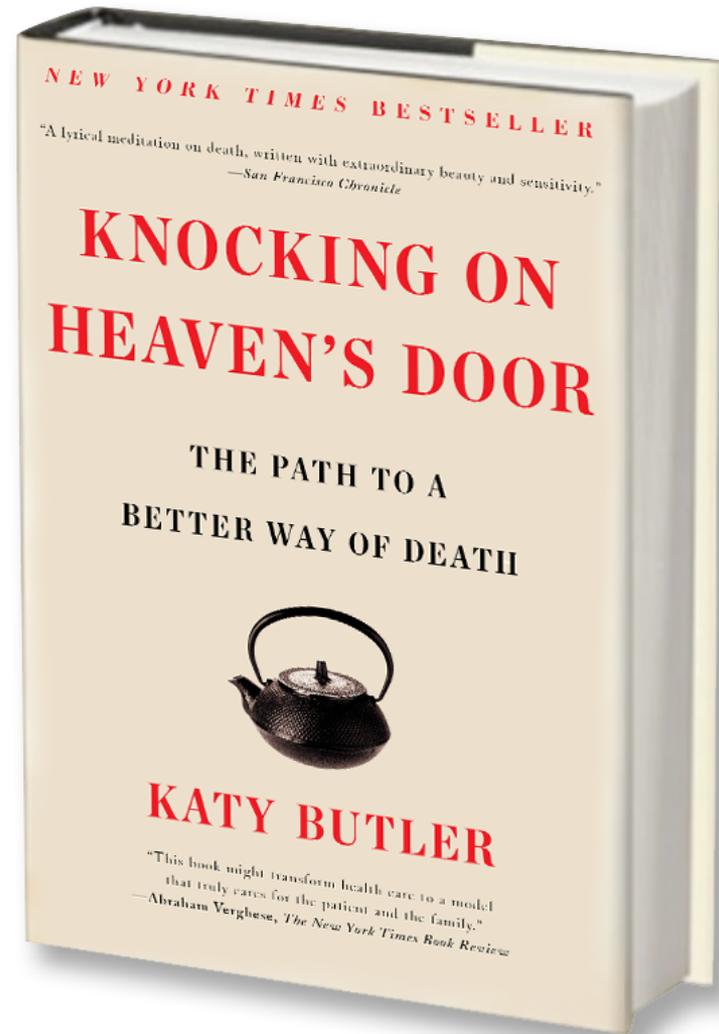
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9:15-9:20: Welcome and Introduction

9:20-9:50: Keynote

9:50 to 10:15: Discussion

10:15: Book-signing in Lobby



Active
Living

Cure

Gray Zone

Active Dying

Hospice

Phases of the Grey Zone

Decline and
Disability

Rehabilitate

Preserve

House of Cards
(Frailty)

Reduce Risk

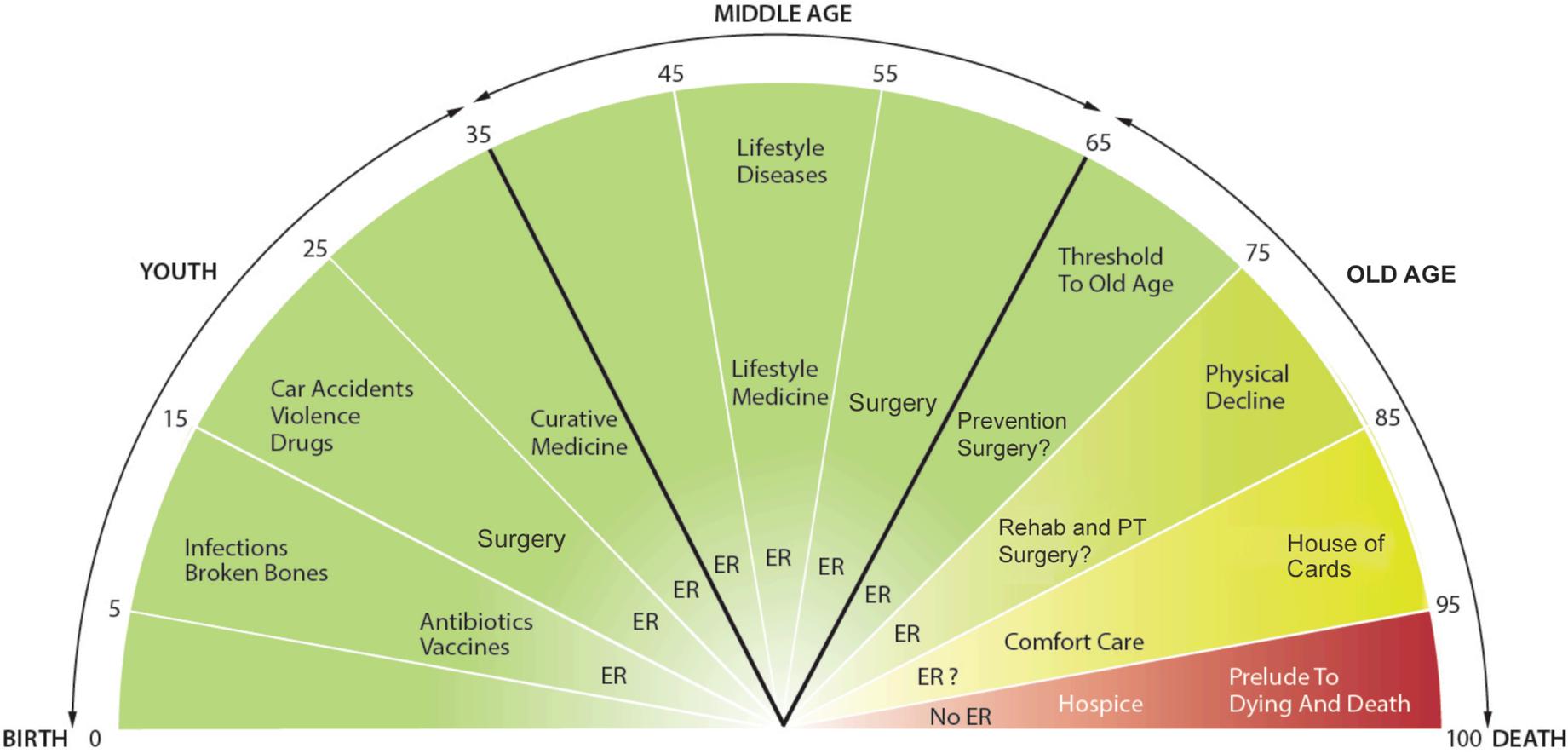
Protect

Prelude to
Dying

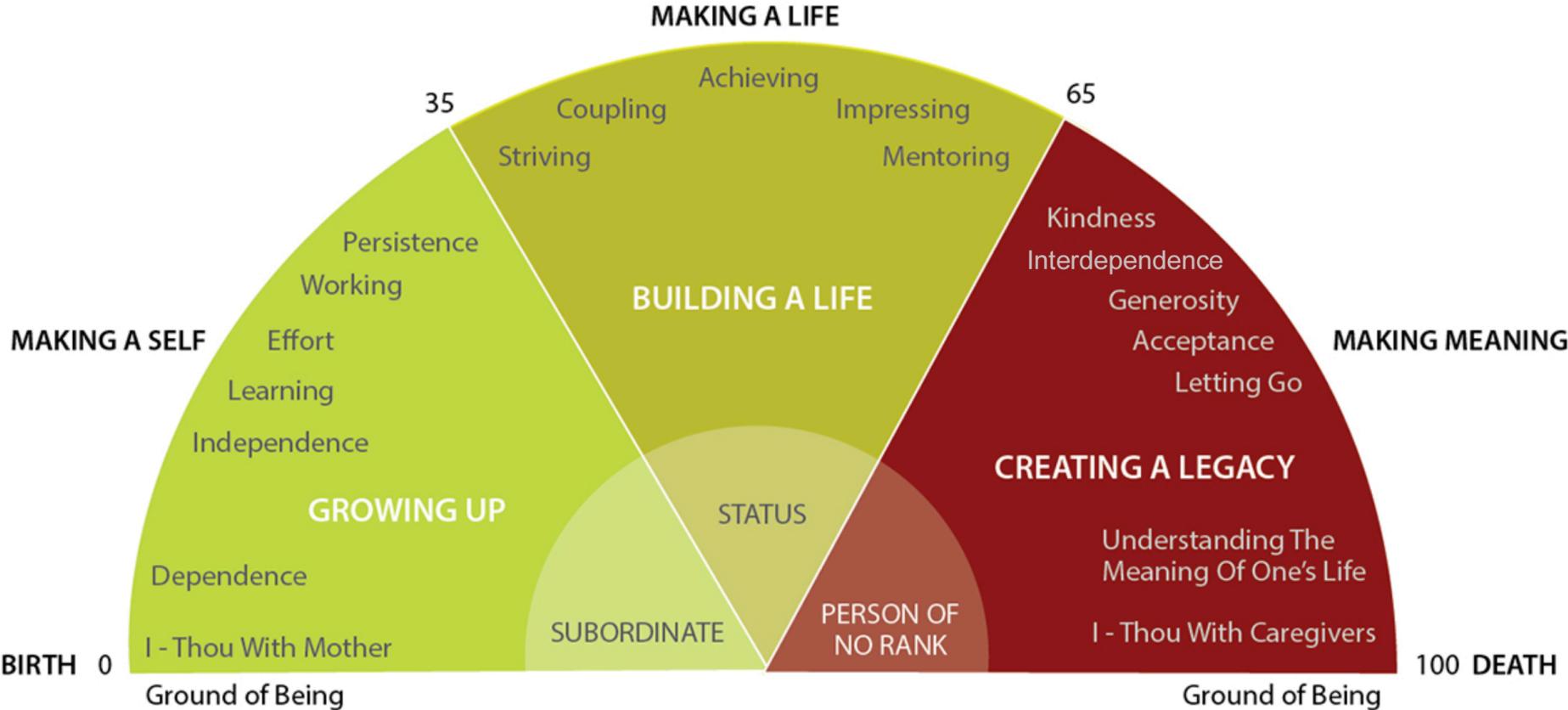
Comfort Care

Plan

The Arc of Physical Life



The Arc of Meaning



Non-Kitchen Table Language

Progressive

Prognosis

Advanced

Goals of Care

Multiple organ systems failure

Chart the Future

- You are approaching the end of your life.
- I wouldn't be surprised if your mother died within a year.

Language of Commitment

I will do my best to make sure that your mother is comfortable and **pain free to the end.**

Language of Abandonment

Are you willing to **withdraw care?**

Barriers to a Common Language

Time

Fragmentation

Reimbursement

Lack of Training

Fear

Everyone waits for someone else to speak.