

A Different Kind of Justice

A workshop on forgiveness and guilt



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Addressing Alabaster in his victim statement, Abdi wrote: "I forgive you from the bottom of my heart and wish you the best in life."



"That would be a travesty of justice," Abdi says.

"I choose to forgive her, because I believe compassion and forgiveness is justice in itself. It's another form of justice."





"The best way to disarm people of their rage, their anger, is through love, compassion and forgiveness..."

In Australia [people] are obsessed with crime and punishment...

[Retributive justice] emotionally fulfils our need of feeling safe, when you have someone sent to jail on your behalf, or the state avenges on your behalf: it gives you this emotional satisfaction. But, at the end of the day, nothing has been achieved."

"I knew for me to recover and move on, I will have to forgive her, and for her to get better, she would have to be forgiven..."

Compassion and forgiveness are found in every human being."





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