

Abortion

The Silent Holocaust

The Living Sacrifice to the God of Convenience

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Introduction:

- What do you call the premeditated termination of 70 million breathing, blood flowing, heart pumping, nerve system activated, pain sensitive babies?
- What do you call those who assist and receive remuneration for their "services"?
- What does a country do when they are responsible for such acts?
- What does the Church do in light of these facts and figures?
- What will God say to us when we see Him face to face?

I. The Pragmatic Problem

A. Legal Foundation

1973 Roe vs. Wade Case: U.S. Supreme Court - 7 to 2 decision, making abortion a Constitutional right. Abortion on demand during the first two trimesters and abortion during third trimester for "health reasons." ("Health reasons" include psychological, social and economic well-being: via the Roe vs. Bolton decision.)

The Supreme Court decision invalidated existing state regulations in 50 states.

*(A minor daughter must have parental consent to have her appendix out but no parental consent or knowledge to have an abortion.)

*The court did not decide if the unborn fetus was human or not! The court under the leading and writing of justice Harry Blackmun made no constitutional arguments but simply medical arguments and still did not answer the real questions. On June 24th 2022 this travesty of "justice" was overturned. (A 6-3 Majority Decision- Chief Justice John Roberts on the minority side)

B. Lethal Termination

Between 1973-2022 conservative estimates show that there have been 70 million abortions in the U.S. (WWII 400,000 Americans died)

L.A. man found 16,000 babies in trash dumpster (1984)

C. The Sociological Argument

1. Human Authority- I am god (World view issue). Foundational Reason

2. Personal Autonomy- It is my body I have my rights Functional Results

Think about it! If you steal an eagle's egg from the nest, you are fined \$5,000, spend a year in jail or both. Eagles' eggs are protected by Congress.

II. The Philosophical Reason - Man is junk!

A. Philosophical Foundations (Philosophy -World View)

1. Deterioration of Judeo-Christian moral base
Christian values
God is dead
Modernity
Postmodern
2. Rise in humanism which has no ultimate standard
3. No longer a synthesis of science and morality
(can/ should) (Can implies Ought)

"No newborn infant should be declared human until it has passed certain tests regarding its genetic endowment and if it fails these tests, it forfeits its right to live."

Francis Crick - DNA discoverer (1983)

Maryland and California senate bills introduced to allow for 28 days after birth before a baby is declared to have the right to live and can be left alone to die. (2022)

"I feel sorry for a starving cat. A fetus that nobody wants - that's not sad."

Dr. Howard Dimond (1977)

Dr. Willard Cates (1976) calls abortion: "the preferred treatment for unwanted pregnancy; the #2 sexually transmitted disease."

"An aborted baby is just garbage."

Dr. Marti Kekomkac (1980)

"The truth can walk around without any clothes on - only lies must be clothed in euphemisms."
(Old Yiddish Proverb)

"When we don't believe in God, it is not that we believe in nothing,
it is that we can believe in anything.

G.K. Chesterton

B. Historical Formation

Illustration: The moral corruption began in Nazi Germany with:

1. Liberal theology (errors in Bible)
2. Naturalism, not Theism
3. Medical society didn't connect morality and science
4. Result: 276,000 "useless eaters" killed (chronically sick and mentally retarded)
5. Result: 6 million Jews killed as the "Final Solution"
6. Reason: The sanctity of human life was a negotiable item.

"The ill-conceived love of neighbor has to disappear, especially in relation to inferior or asocial creatures. It is the supreme duty of a national state to grant life and livelihood only to the healthy... in order to secure the maintenance of a hereditary sound and racially pure fold for all eternity. The life of an individual has meaning only in the light of that ultimate aim, that is, in the light of his meaning to his family and to his national state."

Nazi director of public health, Dr. Arthur Guett

III. Precarious and Pragmatic Future

A. Man is junk (fetal tissue for cold cream and to treat Parkinson's Disease) The 84,000 babies in L.A. not buried because not "persons."

B. Man has no dignity (B.F. Skinner, Beyond Freedom and Dignity)

C. Babies are disposable if unwanted (infanticide)
Hong Kong Daily news - Fetus eaten in stew. (The new barbarism)

E. Euthanasia is Tolerable and Desirable

Think about it! It is illegal to ship pregnant lobsters (regardless of trimester) to market. There is \$6,000 fine and one year jail term.

IV. Historical Considerations

A. Old Testament Times

1. Assyrian
Assyrian Law: (1450-1250 BC) prescribed death by torture and impalement if person procured abortion.
2. I Enoch (100 BC)
"An evil angel taught women how to smash the embryo in the womb"

B. New Testament Times

1. The Didache (70-100 AD)
"Thou shall not procure abortion, not commit infanticide."
2. The Apostolic Fathers (95-150 AD)
Epistle of Barnabas 135 AD
"Thou shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill it when it is born."
3. The Apologists (120-220 AD)
Tertullian: "Christians abominate as murder both infanticide and abortion, the latter being a kind of murder in advance."

"For us, murder is once for all, forbidden. So, even the child in the womb, while yet the mother's blood is being drawn on to form the human being, it is not lawful for us to destroy. To forbid birth is only quicker murder. It makes no difference whether one take away the life once born or destroy it as it comes to birth. He is a man, who is to be a man; the fruit is always present in the seed."

4. The Sentences of Pseudo-Phocylides (50 BC- 50 AD)
"A woman should not destroy the unborn babe in her belly, nor after its birth throw it before the dogs and the vultures as a prey."
5. Sibylline Oracles
Two groups of evil, 1) women who "produce abortions and unlawfully cast their offspring away..."
6. Philo of Alexandria (25 BC-41 AD)
Philo taught that anyone who induces abortion must be fined if the fetus is unformed and given the death penalty if it is formed.
7. Josephus (37-90 AD)
"The law orders all offspring to be brought up, and forbids women either to cause abortion or to make away with the fetus."

V. Biblical and Theological Considerations

A. Biblical Commands

1. Direct - none that speaks to abortion
2. Indirect - Ex 20:3
6th Commandment - "Thou shall not kill"

Lev. 24:17, "If a man kills any human life, he will be put to death."

Ex. 21:12, "Anyone who strikes a man and kills him shall be put death."
(Perhaps the Bible didn't need to specify abortion since it assumed the unborn was human and qualified to be protected???)

3. Apocryphal comments - Epistle of Barnabus - "You shall love your neighbor more than your own life. You shall not murder a child by abortion nor shall you kill a newborn."

Apocalypse of Peter - "In a vision in hell I saw women who produced children out of wedlock and who procured abortions"

B. Theological Constructs

1. God's Role with Children
 - a. Children are a gift - Psalm 127:3, "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; The fruit of the womb is a reward."

Gen. 33:5, "And he lifted his eyes and saw the woman and the children, and said, 'Who are these with you?' So he said, 'The children whom God has graciously given your servant.'"
 - b. God opens the womb
I Samuel 1:19-20
Genesis 29:33
 - c. God forms the unborn
Jer. 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Is. 49:1, "Listen to me, O islands. And pay attention you peoples from afar. The Lord called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me."

Psalm 139: 13-16, "For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to Thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works. And my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance [embryo]; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them."

Ex 4:11 - When Moses complains that he cannot speak, God responds that He made his mouth. There is a causal connection with sexual intercourse and DNA, but it is GOD who said under the inspired scriptures that HE is the primary efficient cause.

2. Is the Fetus a Human? If not, when?

a. Definition of Humanness

1. Man is from dust with breath - Genesis 2:7

"The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." Gen. 2:7

2. Image of God - Gen. 1:26-28, "Then God Said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it' and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds in the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' "

James 3:9, "With it we bless our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God."

* The image of God means that man resembles and represents God. We resemble God in that we have a spiritual, relational, and moral concern and ability. We represent God in that we are able to rule the earth. We are "imagers" Gen 1:28

b. When Does the Fetus Receive a Soul?

- 1) Eternalism (Eternality of soul, Plato)
- 2) Creationism (Immediate, by God)
- 3) Traducionism (Mediated through parents)

Man is a unity - all from one. Adamic nature as well as individual nature from parents.

Acts 17:26, "God has made from one all nations of men to dwell on the face of the whole earth."

Hence, all of mankind participates in the image of God.

Gen 5:3, "Adam fathered (YOLD) a son in his own likeness and according to his own image."

Moses seems to imply, if not say, that Adam passed on through sexual intercourse the image and likeness. This seems to be teaching that the image and likeness that was given to Adam from God of God is then passed on to Adam's children seminally.

c. Potential vs. Actual Humanness - Ex. 21; Ex. 21:22-25

"If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm (further) follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him and he shall pay as the judges determine. "But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, "burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. "

Option #1

Assumption - The issue has to do with a pregnant women getting hit in a fight and having a spontaneous abortion.

Interpretation - The fine is for the abortion and death of the fetus. If there is any other (further) harm done (To the mother) then there is the law of retribution-lex Talionis, eye for eye tooth for tooth.

Theological Implication - The fetus is not fully human since the charge for its death is a fine not a life. Hence, the fetus is not an actualized human but a potential human. (This view was held by Bruce Waltke and Norman Geisler)

Option #2

Assumption 1 - The word for "gives birth prematurely" is also translated the "child comes out", NAS Marg. "fruit depart" ASV. The term is Yoled or Yeled.

Assumption 2 - The term "further harm" or "any harm follows" is not in the text.

Interpretation - The fact of the event is that in the midst of a fight a woman has been put in this situation of danger. If there is harm done then there is a fine or the law of retribution. What is being contrasted is a situation in which harm comes to neither mother or child, and a situation in which either one or the other is harmed. In the former, the premature birth is not considered a harm - "there is no harm". The fine is for the adversary putting the woman in a potentially dangerous situation and the potential danger of the premature birth. The illusion that the birth of the child is in itself harm or injury even to the point of death is created by the addition of the word "other or further" in vs 22, or vs 23.

Theological Implication - The concept that the fetus is less than human or potential human is not taught in Ex 21. Hence the fetus is a human and protected by the 6th commandment (This view is held by Jack Cottrell)

- d. The Fetus (Fruit of the Womb) is Morally Responsible
The Fetus has the moral responsibility and relationship to God.
Psalm 58:3, "The wicked are estranged from the womb; those who speak lies go astray from birth."

Rom. 5:12, "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."

Psalm 51:5-6, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost part. And in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom."

* David understands that at conception he was guilty of sin. (A sin nature?? Rom. 6 old anthropos")

* The terms more accurately mean "Covered over part", and "Bottled up place". However, this is describing David's mother's womb, not David's body. *Dalglis p.121*

“In the depths of the womb, the psalmist was wrought in the context of sin :5, but there is another factor: the psalmist knows full well the divine desire for truth to be a moral imperative even in the formative stages of his being within his mother's womb and is conscious that even there, wisdom was taught him, i.e. in his embryological state in the closed up chamber of the womb, the moral law was inscribed within his being.” - *E.R. Dalglish, Psalm 51 in Light of Near Eastern Patternism* Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1962 p.121-4)

* Since the fetus (baby) is held guilty of sin, this would imply a moral ability and responsibility that reflects the image of God.

Romans 3:23, "All have sinned (All sin) and fall short of the Glory of God."

However...??????

Romans 5:12.

All humans inherit a sin nature.

The result of it is physical death.

But we do **not** inherit the guilt of Adam. All sin. Gnostic Aorist

e. Medical Considerations

Medically, - What do all the little human fetuses grow up to be if you add food and water? Big humans! If the absence of brain waves is considered a sign of death, why is not the presence of brain waves considered a sign of life? A baby has brain waves. But Francis Crick says, "No newborn infant should be declared human until it has passed certain tests regarding its genetic endowment, and that if it fails these tests it forfeits its right to live."

- 1) The embryo is not an essential part of the mother and as such is not subject to the wishes of the mother. The embryo is a derivative individual human being. The embryo has a protective hormone that protects the infant from being expelled by the mother as a foreign object. At 17 days the embryo has its own blood system and is not connected to the mother other than through the placenta.
- 2) After 20 days the foundation of the nervous system has begun to develop. This also affects the heart that is pumping at about 20% of that of an adult.

- 3) From a neurological viewpoint there are brain waves and motor responses at 40 days.
- 4) Traditionally at 56 days the embryo has a new name. It is at this point that it is named a fetus. At this point all vital organs are in operation. They are intact and beginning to function to some capacity.
- 5) The unborn baby is able to feel pain and in fact is seen frantically moving away from pain that is inflicted by many abortion techniques.
- 6) It has been shown that the fetus can live outside of the mother at 21 weeks (viability). Surely to kill a baby that is independent of its womb must be considered criminal.
- 7) What about twinning that takes place from day 1-14?? What happens to the baby who was there, now that two are there? Two What's or Who's?

That the fetus is alive in some capacity is in no doubt. However, the question is, in what capacity? It appears that since it has all the trademarks of a human being, and has come from the combination of human beings, that there is no good reason of logic or science not to call the fetus what it is: a living human being. As such, it should be protected as all human beings simply on the basis of its birth right and at least in America at this point in history, upon his or her constitutional rights.

Think about it! The Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled that goldfish cannot be awarded as prizes in games of chance. Such awards violate that state's anti-cruelty law! But babies can be killed without penalty because according to our U.S. Supreme Court, the word "person" as used in the 14th Amendment does not include the unborn.

CONCLUSION: Since God condemns the killing of human life (Ex. 20) and doesn't specify regulations to protect the unborn baby, perhaps He includes the baby under the general command which views the fetus as human. This would be reasonable since:

1. God views children as a gift from Himself.
2. God is involved in the formation of life from conception.
3. God views the unborn as possessing moral quality and thus to be in the image of God. (This view seems to be that which the early church believed on the issue of abortion.)

V. **Biblical and Theological "Problem" Passages**

VI. **"Potential" Effects of Abortion on Demand**

You can't legislate morality? If God does not exist, then anything is permitted.

A. **Infanticide**

B. **Euthanasia**

C. **Suicide**

"A nation can be evaluated in many ways. Perhaps the most foundational assessment is to ask, "How did it treat its people?"

"When the world discovers God is dead there will be universal madness" FWN

VII. **The Christian's Response**

A. **It is a spiritual battle**

Eph. 2: 6:12

B. **We are responsible to act.**

(Theology of social action and involvement)

Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold them back. If you say, 'See, we did not know this,' Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?" Prov. 24:11-12

1. Individually join movements and political action committees concerned with the subject of abortion.
2. Even after Post Roe, Participate as Christians in passive acts, such as sit-ins at abortion clinics.
3. Write to newspapers and state a rejection of abortion in the editorial page.
4. Write to your congressman affirming pro-life legislation. The issue is now at a state level but almost half of the states have laws allowing abortion.
5. Pray: Thank God for the new Supreme court ruling of 2022. Ask that it be enlarged through the states.

Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. And now the supreme court has declared it! June 24th, 2022!

Abortion concerns not just the unborn child, it concerns every one of us. The English poet, John Donne, wrote, "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore, do not send to know for who the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

If you don't know whether a body is alive or dead, you would never bury it. If you are not sure the baby is a baby why would you kill him or her?

I am convinced that most Americans do not want to play God with the value of human life. It is not for us to decide who is worthy to live and who is not.

"Abraham Lincoln recognized that we could not survive as a free land when some men could decide that others were not fit to be free and should therefore be slaves. Likewise, we cannot survive as a free nation when some men decide that others are no fit to live and should be abandoned to abortion or infanticide."

Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation
President Ronald W. Reagan, 1983

Ideas have Consequences
Richard Weaver

Belief Determines Behavior
Albert Camus

Environment Determines Expression
Karl Marx

God's Word is to be Definitive
Bible