

# THE CHRISTIAN AND ABORTION

## Psalms 139:13-16

### INTRODUCTION:

#### 1. Diary of A Fetus:

A. October 5: Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet. I am as small as the pollen of a flower, but it is I already. I will be a girl. I will have blonde hair and blue eyes. Nearly everything is settled already, even that I shall love flowers.

October 19: I have grown a little, but I am still too small to do anything by myself. My mother does almost everything for me, though she still does not know that she is carrying me under her heart. But, is it true that I am not yet a real person? That only my mother exists? I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is still real bread. My mother is, and I am.

October 23: My mouth is just now beginning to open. Just think - in a year or so I'll be laughing; and later I'll start to talk. My first word will be "mama."

October 25: Today my heart began to beat. It will beat softly for the rest of my life, never stopping; after many years it will tire, it will stop, and then I shall die.

November 2: I am growing continually. My arms and legs are taking shape, but I must wait a long time before these tiny legs will raise me to my mother's arms; before these little arms will be able to conquer the earth and befriend people.

November 12: Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. How small they are; one day I'll stroke my mother's hair to my mouth and she'll say, "Oh, dirty."

November 20: Only today the doctor told my mother that I am living here under her heart. How happy she must be. Are you happy, Mother?

November 25: My mother and father are probably thinking about a name for me; and they don't even know that I am a little girl, so they are probably calling me "Andy." But I want to be called Barbara. I am growing so big.

December 10: My hair is growing. It is as bright and shiny as the sun. I wonder what kind of hair my mother has?

December 13: I am almost able to see, though it is night around me. When mother brings me into the world, it will be full of sunshine and overflowing with flowers. I have never seen a flower you know, but more than anything, I want to see my mother. How do you look, Mother?

December 24: I wonder if my mother hears the delicate beat of my heart? Some children are born with sickly hearts, and then the gentle fingers of the doctor perform miracles to make them healthy. But my heart is healthy. It beats so evenly: Tup-tup, tup-tup. You shall have a healthy daughter, Mother.

December 28: Today, my mother killed me.

1. The Murder of the Helpless Unborn...ABORTION, p. 6.
2. Beginning with this lesson, we begin a series of lessons on The Christian And..., dealing with a range of moral and ethical issues.
  - A. This specific lesson will deal with The Christian and Abortion.
    1. As we study this together, I encourage you to give careful consideration to what is said.

## **BODY:**

### **1. DEFINITION OF ABORTION**

- A. "Abortion is the extraction or expulsion of the human fetus from the mother's womb prior to natural birth.. (One in four children conceived in this country are destroyed by abortion)" Abortion On Demand, p. 1
- B. "Act of giving premature birth; specif., the expulsion of the human fetus prematurely, particularly at any time before it is viable or capable of sustaining life." Webster New International Dictionary.
- C. "Abortion violates every decent human instinct so much so that it's indecency must be clothed in euphemism." Joseph Sobran, Single Issues, (New York: Human Life Press, 1983) p. 3. (As quoted in Abortion: Death Before Life?, p.2).
  1. Let me explain what I mean by this.
    - A. We have all heard of homicide, which is the killing of another human.
    - B. Perhaps fewer have heard of "infanticide," which is the

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killing of an Infant.

- C. No doubt even fewer have heard of "feticide," which is, "The

destruction of the life of a fetus.” The American College Dictionary, p. 1447.

2. Therefore, when we speak of early term abortion, we actually speak of “feticide,” which is the killing of a fetus.

A. The fetus is the child while still in the womb of which we will discuss in more detail later.

- D. Abortion is not birth control, which prevents life from beginning - abortion destroys life after it has begun.

## **2. LAWS PERTAINING TO LIFE**

- A. There are numerous laws in respect to other areas that are hard to understand how rational, intelligent, human beings could overlook their significance relative to abortion.

1. “The Supreme Court will fine and jail those guilty of killing unborn eagles, but will grant no protection to unborn children the first six months of their lives.”, Hugo McCord, The World Evangelist.

A. Some time back I read where \$5,000.00 was offered for the arrest of the killer of an American Eagle in Maryland.

B. A few years ago there was a great to do about someone having killed a couple eagles in southern Indiana.

2. It is illegal to ship pregnant lobsters, so as to prevent the unborn from being destroyed.

A. I am told there is a \$1,000.00 fine and jail term for the breaking of this law.

3. In Massachusetts, there is an anti-cruelty law which makes it illegal to award a goldfish as a prize.

A. The law states, “to protect the tendency to dull humanitarian feelings, and corrupt morals of those who abuse them.”

4. In 1974, 47 senators voted to protect dogs from experimentation with poisonous gas, but voted down an amendment to prevent federal funds being used for abortion.

## **2. STATISTICS**

- A. In order to help us understand the magnitude to this crisis of which
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we speak I would like to take notice of the following statistics.

- A. Since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973, legalizing abortion on demand, there has been over 50,000,000 legal abortions by clinics, etc.

1. Based on numbers reported by the Alan Guttmacher Institute 1973-2005, with estimates of 1,206,200 for 2006-2007. (<http://www.nrlc.org/ABORTION/facts/abortionstats.html>)
2. This far surpasses the number of deaths during the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WW I & II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War (1,160,581 to 50,000,000).
  - A. Deaths to Americans numbered 667,286 for these wars.
- B. US Statistical breakdown:
  1. One baby is aborted every 24 seconds.
  2. 147 babies are aborted every hour.
  3. 3,542 babies are aborted every day.
  4. 24,865 babies are aborted every week.
  5. 107,750 babies are aborted every month.
- C. Who has abortions?
  1. Fifty percent of U.S. women obtaining abortions are younger than 25: Women aged 20–24 obtain 33% of all abortions, and teenagers obtain 17%.
  2. Thirty-seven percent of abortions occur to black women, 34% to non-Hispanic white women, 22% to Hispanic women and 8% to women of other races.
  3. Forty-three percent of women obtaining abortions identify themselves as Protestant, and 27% as Catholic.
  4. Women who have never married obtain two-thirds of all abortions.
  5. About 60% of abortions are obtained by women who have one or more children.
  6. The abortion rate among women living below the federal poverty level is more than four times that of women above 300% of the poverty level (44 vs. 10 abortions per 1,000 women). This is partly because the rate of unintended pregnancies among poor women (below 100% of poverty) is

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nearly four times that of women above 200% of poverty (112 vs. 29 per 1,000 women.)

([http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb\\_induced\\_abortion.html](http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.html))

### **3. REASONS FOR ABORTION**

- A. With this in mind, let us pay close attention to the so-called “reasons” often given for abortion.

1. Rape.

A. No doubt we all feel grief for the woman in this situation.

1. It is a very emotional objection, but is it a valid one?

B. The following information will bear out that the actual cases of pregnancy occurring from rape are extremely rare, and, as such, is not as viable reason as people would have us to believe.

1. "In one study of 1,000 rape victims who were treated medically right after the rape found that none of the women became pregnant." The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 14.
2. "A scientific study of 3,500 cases of rape treated in hospitals in the Minneapolis, St. Paul area, revealed zero cases of pregnancy. This study took place over a ten year period." Handbook on Abortion, p. 32.
3. "A Czechoslovakian study showed that out of 86,000 consecutive abortions only 22 were for reasons of rape." The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 14.
4. The Louisiana Department of Health compiled statistics over a 14-year period and found that the justification for 99.12% of abortions in that state were 'mother's mental health.' Mother's physical health made up .75% of all abortions, fetal deformity another .09%, and at .04%. Most experts place the number of rapes resulting in a pregnancy at about 1%.

([http://www.dakotavoice.com/200608/20060802\\_3.html](http://www.dakotavoice.com/200608/20060802_3.html))

5. "At an obstetric meeting at a major Midwest hospital, a poll was taken of those physicians present (who had delivered over 19,000 babies) revealed that not one

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delivered a bona fide rape pregnancy." Handbook on Abortion, p. 33.

6. According to a study conducted by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical University of South Carolina, "Among 34 cases of rape-related pregnancy, the majority occurred among adolescents and resulted

from assault by a known, often related perpetrator.”  
(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/8765248>)

C. In view of this information, we see that it is possible for a rape victim to be impregnated by their assailant.

1. However, the infrequency of this actually happening removes it as a valid argument for abortion on demand.

D. Let me conclude this point with this quote, “Isn’t it a logic that would kill an innocent unborn baby for the of his father.” Handbook On Abortion, p 35.

1. This is especially true in light of the 1976 Supreme Court ruling that capital punishment “was cruel and inhuman punishment” for the man guilty of rape.

2. The simple fact is, one wrong does not justify another.

2. Deformed or “defective baby” (retardation and birth defects)

A. As we give thought to this point let me begin with this question; “Who determines who is perfect or absent of deformity?”

B. Let me suggest to you that human life is human life.

1. Perfection is not really the question.

C. Who, in the confines of this auditorium, is the standard of perfection?

D. “The assumption that handicapped people enjoy life less than ‘normal’ ones has recently been shown to be false. A well documented investigation has shown that there is no difference between malformed and normal persons in their degree of life satisfaction, outlook of what lie immediately ahead and vulnerability to frustration. Though it may be both common and fashionable to believe that the malformed enjoys life less than normal, this appears to lack both

empirical and theoretical support.” Paul Cameron and Van Houck, Am., Psychologic Assn. Meeting, 1971.

E. In testimony to the Ohio Legislature, 1971, Mrs. Rosalie Craig stated; “There has not been a single organization of parents of mentally retarded children that has ever endorsed abortion. We, who are parents of these children and have borne the burden, ask that before you, the legislators, propose to speak for us, by possibly authorizing abortion for fetal

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abnormality, please ask our opinion first.”

(<http://www.ewtn.com/library/PROLIFE/FCTSOFPPL.TXT>)

- F. “Author Ken Kesey (One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest) has observed while discussing his opposition to abortion and euthanasia, ‘No one can judge the value of another’s trip.’”

The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 22

- G. Read: The Waiting Room 2050 A.D., Handbook on Abortion, p. 87.

1. Granted, this is but a figment of an imagination, but do not shrug it off without further consideration as it may just be later than you think.

- A. “On April 14, 1982, the Indiana Supreme Court upheld the right of the parents of one ‘infant Doe’ deny ordinary surgery needed to correct a malformed esophagus that prevented the child from being fed. In addition, the child was given neither food nor water intravenously and essentially starved to death six days in the hospital where he was born.” The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 21.

- B. Dr. James Watson, a Nobel Laureate, proposed “...that children not be declared ‘alive’ until three days after birth.”, The Challenge To Be Pro Life, 21.

- C. “Joseph Fletcher, leader of the Euthanasia Movement in America, proposed the ‘defective’ child be destroyed even if against the parents wishes.” The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 21.

- D. “Within ten months of the Supreme Court’s Roe Wade decision making abortion public policy in the United States, it was reported that 43 babies had

‘allowed to die’ at Yale-New Haven Hospital. These babies were judged...to have a poor or hopeless prospect for ‘meaningful human hood.’” And Now Infanticide, p. 1.

- E. “The American Civil Liberties Union stated: ‘The right of a woman...is...the right to a dead fetus.’”,

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And Now Infanticide, p. 5.

- F. The Sonoma Conference, sponsored by the Health Policy Program Pediatrics of the University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, brought together physicians, bioethicists, lawyers and Ph.D. representatives to vote on this question, “Would it ever be right to intervene directly to kill an infant?”
  - 1. Of the 20 participants, 17 voted “yes”, And Now Infanticide, p. 13.
- G. Dr. F. Everett Koop, Surgeon General under Reagan, stated: “Abortion has so cheapened life that infanticide is already being practiced in this country, as tragically, by those who have had the role as advocate for the lives of children - pediatricians and pediatric surgeons.” The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 21.
- H. Dr. Francis Crick, Nobel Prize Winner, author (Death Without Dignity) advocated compulsory death for all at age 80. (Spiritual Sword, July 1980 issue).
  - 1. He died at the age of 88.
  - 2. He, also, “...suggested the idea of adding a chemical to public water supplies, that would make men and women sterile; only those who qualified for a ‘license’ to produce children, would be given an antidote drug!”

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(<http://www.robertmihaly.com/useful.htm>)

- I. “How long shall life be preserved when there is no redeeming social value? life has no apparent purpose, perhaps it is to the benefit of others that lives not be salvaged.” Who Should Live, Geriatrics, 28,  
March, 1973, p. 183.
  - 1. Need I go on?
- 2. As we can easily see, this situation has moved from the unborn fetus to the disabled, unwanted infant, to...
  - A. “If there was a valid rationale for killing the unborn child because it was believed defective, then



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the same principles should be extended after  
Manipulating Life, p. 196.

- B. “Statistics point out: More children are born retarded or handicapped because of their mother's previous abortion than those destroyed by it for reasons of potential retardation or disabilities.” The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 15.
- C. “Dr. J. C. Willke states that it is a solidly documented fact that the chance for having a premature baby is tripled after having one so-called ‘safe, legal abortion.’” Handbook on Abortion, p. 47, quote  
The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 15.

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- H. What needs to be understood is that medical technology has so improved that there are fewer untreatable cases today.
1. “Thanks to a variety of surgical techniques, instruments and drug treatments, doctors are able to treat the unborn child for a number of health conditions.” The Unborn Patient, Radical New Methods of Healing a Fetus, Life, April 1983, p. 39, as quoted in Abortion: Death Before Life?, p. 2.
2. “For me it (fetal surgery) also raises this question: If the unborn child is a patient, is it also then a person?” Nick Timmesch, Science Emerging Ally of the Pro-Life Movement, Detroit News, April 7, 1983, as quoted

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Abortion: Death Before Life, p. 2.

3. “I consider it a bitter irony that just when...the fetus arrives on the clinical scene as one who can be cared for medically, there could be such sustained and strenuous effort to make him a social non-entity.” A.W. Liley, The Human Life Bill, Vol. 2, p. 32, submitted to the U.S. Senate., Abortion: Death Before Life?, p. 2.
4. “Prenatal medicine should raise troubling thought in a nation in which abortion is the most frequently performed operation, a nation in which last year 1.5 million abortions ended about one-third of all pregnancies. Science and society are out of sync. Mothers can kill any fetus that medicine can treat.” George

- F. Will, *The Human Life Bill*, Vol. 2, p. 32., *Abortion: Death Before Life?*, p. 2.
- B. To conclude this point, it should be fully understood that no one has the right to determine who is “fit” to live and who is not.
1. Not even based upon so-called medical reasons.
- C. “The quality of life for a Down’s child isn’t what I’d want for myself. But maybe the child is happy. I wouldn’t want to be born in the Ghetto, either.” Dr. John Freeman, a pediatric neurologist, John Hopkins University School of Medicine, *Newsweek*, 8-30-1981.
- 4. HEALTH REASONS FOR THE MOTHER**
- A. This, like rape, is an emotional appeal actually side-stepping the real issue.
1. No one wants to see a mother die in child birth.
    - A. But does this merit the Supreme Court’s decision of *Roe v. Wade*?
- B. We have been repeatedly been told that it is much safer for a woman to have an abortion than to deliver by natural birth.
1. Dr. Alan Guttmacher, one time president of Planned Parenthood, stated that abortions are “magnificently safe.”, *Handbook on Abortion*, p. 62.
- C. Let’s see the real truth on this matter.
1. “Such cases are actually and increasingly quite rare.”, referring

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to medical reasons for the grounds of an abortion., *Abortion, The Bible, And the Christian*, p. 29.

2. “Anyone who performs a therapeutic abortion (for physical disease) is either ignorant of modern methods of treating the complications of pregnancy or is unwilling to take time to use them.” Dr. R. J. Hefferman to the Congress of The American College of Surgeons., as quoted in *The Murder of the Helpless Unborn...Abortion*, pp. 29, 30.
3. “Abortion is never necessary to save the life of the mother.” Dr. Joseph P. Donnelly, former Medical Director of Margaret Hague Hospital, New Jersey., *The Murder of the Helpless Unborn...Abortion*, p. 29.
4. “An extensive study of abortion-related maternal mortality conducted by Thomas W. Hilgers, M.D. and Dennis O’Hare concludes that maternal mortality statistics showing that induced

abortion is safer than childbirth have been distorted. Hilgers and O'Hare demonstrate that when corrected, these statistics show that abortion poses a greater threat to the life of the mother at any point in the pregnancy than does natural childbirth." Abortion Related Maternal Mortality Analysis, New Perspectives on Abortion, p. 90., Abortion: Some Medical Facts, p. 2.

- D. Let's move on as we will discuss this point in more detail a little later as our next two points deal with health and psychological problems associated with abortion.

## **5. ILLEGAL ABORTION DEATHS**

- A. Many have said that if abortions were legalized, and made available to all, then it would curb the vast number of illegal abortion deaths and the numerous medical problems associated with such.
1. We have been led to believe that literally thousands upon thousands of women died annually from illegal abortion.
- B. But was all this information true?
1. "Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), used this argument to bring about the legalization of abortion on demand, admits these

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claims were 'totally false.'", Aborting America, p. 197, as quoted in The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 15.

2. "80-90% of all illegal abortions were done by doctors; many of the same who now do them legally." The Challenge To Be

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Life, p. 14.

3. "Criminal" and "back-alley" abortions aren't appreciably reduced by legalizing abortion demand.
  - A. "A U.S. study (1981) found a 130-fold increase in the number of legal abortions since 1973 but only a 4-fold reduction in the number of illegal abortions. In other words, for each illegal abortion eliminated, over 18 legal abortions have taken its place. Studies in other major countries (some with a 20 year experience) show the criminal abortion rate relatively unchanged, and in some cases it has increased.", as quoted in The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 14.
4. U.S. Public Health figures show that during the 1950's there were 300 maternal deaths from all abortions.

- A. By 1967, 160 deaths.
- B. By 1972, 70 deaths.
- C. By 1973 (When the Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand) the number had dropped to 36. New Perspectives On Human Abortion, p. 82., The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 9.

- 1. What is seldom, if ever discussed in respect to this point is, the higher number of death was during the pre-penicillin years, and has really nothing to do with the legalization of abortion.
- 5. "In the United States, the maternal death rate was 11 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births in 2005."  
([http://www.who.int/whosis/mme\\_2005.pdf](http://www.who.int/whosis/mme_2005.pdf))

- A. "Childbirth in any one year is safer than taking the contraceptive pill which has upwards of 20 deaths/100,000 women per year." Mortality Among Oral Contraceptive Users., as quoted in The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 9.

C. It should be understood that there are a multitude of immediate and  
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later complications associated with abortion.

- 1. "Studies report that 3-11% of suction and D&C abortions done in hospitals will result in immediate complications and 20-30% in long-term, negative side-effects usually pertaining to later pregnancies." Induced Abortion, A Documented Report, Thos. Hilgers M.D., 1976, as quoted in The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 10.
- 2. Immediate complications:
  - A. The following is a list of complications associated with a first trimester (3 months) suction or D&C or D&E abortion.
    - 1. Hemorrhage, needing blood transfusion...usually 2-5% of all women, though ranging from 1-17%.
    - 2. Laceration of the cervix...usually 2-5% of all women.
      - A. The British Medical Journal reported that nearly half of these women will lose their next wanted baby through miscarriage unless certain precautions are taken.
    - 3. Perforation of the uterus...usually 1/2-1%.

- A. Ranging from .24-2.7%.
- 4. Infection, from mild to fatal...2% to 28%.
- 5. Hepatitis from blood transfusion, blood clots, and anesthetic deaths are other immediate complications.
- 6. The British Medical Journal Lancet reported the following; "Out of 1,182 suction abortions done, they reported 9.5% of their patients required blood transfusions; 4.2% suffered cervical lacerations; 1.2% had uterine perforations and 27% developed infections."

A. There are two amazing facts connected to this report:

- 1. This report was by the same doctors who performed the abortions.
- 2. "The doctors expressed dismay that these complications '...are seldom mentioned by those who claim abortion is safe.'", as quoted in The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p.10.

### 3. Later complications:

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- A. Most later complications relate to damage done to the fallopian tubes, the lining of the womb, and weakening of the cervix.
- B. Sterility...usually 2-5% (Reported from 1%-25% Czechoslovakia; 15% Finland; 10% Japan; 7% Poland).
  - 1. While all the time Planned Parenthood reports that sterility is rare.
- C. Ectopic (tubal) pregnancies...0.5% usually.
  - A. Ranging to eight-fold (Japan), to 20-fold.
- D. Congenital Birth Defects increase significantly.
  - 1. While newborn deaths increase by 50-400%.
- E. The risks associated with miscarriage and premature births are increased:
  - 1. First trimester (conception to three months) are double to triple the normal.
  - 2. Second trimester (Beginning of fourth month to end of sixth) miscarriages range from two-fold to six-fold to ten times those pregnancies without prior abortion.
- F. Premature birth is the primary cause of infant deaths during

the first month and one of the leading causes of retardation.

1. It is reported that there is a 40% increase in prematurity after one abortion.
  2. 70% after two.
  3. "A four year study sponsored by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare showed that prematurity was 67% higher among 20,000 women whose first pregnancy was aborted than that of an equal number, carefully matched control group that had not.", as quoted in *The Challenge To Be Pro Life*, p. 11.
- G. "Studies show that 20-30% of all suction and D&C abortions performed in hospitals will result in long term, negative side effects relating primarily to fertility and reproduction."  
Thomas W. Hilgers, M.D., *The Hatch Hearings*, Vol. I, p. 192., as quoted in *Abortion-Some Medical Facts*, p. 2.
- H. "A study by C. Madore, et. al, printed in the *American*

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*Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* states that pregnancy failure is increased 45% with one previous abortion.", as quoted in *Abortion: Some Medical Facts*, p. 2.

## **6. PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS:**

- A. We have heard for years how that an abortion for an unwanted child can resolve all the psychological (mental) problems associated with the unwanted pregnancy.
1. "There is no question an unwanted pregnancy can cause intense mental strain...", *The Challenge To Be Pro Life*, p. 13.
    - A. I am not attempting to deny that an unwanted pregnancy has mental strain.
    - B. This is easily proven.
    - C. But let's finish the quote.
  2. "...but the mental and physical consequences of abortion can be far worse.", *The Challenge To Be Pro Life*, p. 13.
    - A. "Research indicates that abortion increases problems related to stress and psychosis and creates problems that did not exist previously.", *Human Life Federalism Amendment*, Senate Joint Resolution 3, 98th Congress, 1st Session, legislative day June 6, 1983, p. 36. , as quoted in *Abortion: Some Medical Facts*, p. 2.

- B. "The impact of abortion on the body of a woman who chooses abortion is great and always negative. I can think of no beneficial effect of a social abortion on a body." Daniel J. Martin, M.D., Ltd. clinical instructor at St. Louis University Medical School, St. Louis, Missouri, in a paper, entitled, The Impact of Legal Abortion on Women's Minds and Bodies, presented at the Human Life and Care Ethics national conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April, 1983, as quoted in Abortion: Some Medical Facts, p. 2.
- C. One study found that most relationships (70%) fail within one month after the abortion. The Men Who Wait, Woman's Life, April, 1975, as quoted in The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 12.
- D. Another showed that 11% of aborted women experience

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- "serious self-reproach" and 1% suffer "gross psychiatric breakdowns.", The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 13.
- E. Marvin Olasky, Professor Department of Journalism University of Texas stated that "the myth of guilt-free abortion..." has been "...exploded..." Article, AFA Journal, January, 1989, How the press short-circuited the abortion debate.
- F. "'Jane Doe,' thirty-eight, had an abortion in New York City in 1973. What Jane had not anticipated was the guilt and sadness that followed the abortion." The Ambivalence of Abortion, p. 3 of Introduction.
  - 1. "We didn't talk the whole way home, but just held hands very tightly. At home there were more yellow roses and a try in bed for me and the children's curiosity to divert. It had certainly been a successful operation. I didn't bleed at all for two days just as they had predicted, and then I bled only moderately for another four days. Within a week my breasts had subsided and the tenderness vanished, and my body felt mine again instead of the eggshell it becomes when it's protecting someone else. My husband and I are back to planning our summer vacation and his career switch. And it certainly does make more sense not to be having a baby right now-we

say that to each other all the time. But I have this ghost now. A very little ghost that only appears when I'm seeing something beautiful, like the full moon on the ocean last weekend. And the baby waves at me. And I wave at the baby. 'Of course, we have room,' I cry to the ghost. 'Of course, we do.'" The Ambivalence of Abortion, p. 7 of Introduction.

3. "More recent research, however, is beginning to demonstrate that abortion can, in fact, be responsible for a profound array of long-term emotional disturbances in a woman's life.", Help For The Postabortal Woman, p. 7.

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- A. "Investigators are beginning to use the term 'postabortion

syndrome' (PAS) to describe the set of symptoms some women experience after an abortion.", Help For The Postabortal Woman, p. 7.

- B. In view of this, we can easily see that in reality just the opposite of what we have been told it the truth.

1. Rather than resolve the psychological problems associated with an unwanted pregnancy, abortion causes even deeper emotional scares.

## **7. POPULATION EXPLOSION:**

- A. "The world is over crowded."

- B. "There is not enough food to go around."

1. Such statements have been used extensively, at times, to support abortion on demand as a means of birth and population control.

- C. It should be understood, though, that abortion is not a method of birth control, i.e. the prevention of pregnancy, but rather, a method of killing the child that has already been conceived.

1. Abortion is a method that could be used as a means of population control, but so could euthanasia of the elderly.

- D. This issue must confront the question of "Are we in a situation where the population of the United States or, for that matter, the world's population, needs to be decreased?"

1. The truth of the matter is, fertility in the U.S. has in the past dropped to the level of 1.8 children per woman, which is below the "replacement" level of 2.3 children per family needed to maintain zero population growth.



- A. At the present time, the rate for the U.S. is 2.05 (below the needed number) per woman, with the world at 2.55.
- 2. Granted, the population of the U.S. is increasing, but not due to actual births.
  - 1. Rather, due to immigration and longer life span (77.5-80).
- 3. The current world average length of life is 65.
- 4. Vital Statistics:
  - A. In 1957 there were 4,308,000 babies born.
  - B. In 1971 there were 3,555,970 babies born.
  - C. In 1986 there were 3,731,000 babies born.

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- D. In 2005 there were 4,138,348 babies born.

- 1. Keep in mind that we now need 4,200,000 to maintain zero population growth.

- E. We can easily see from all of this that the information given us that we are so overly populated that we hardly are able to keep our heads above the crowd is false.

## 8. CURB CHILD ABUSE:

- A. "Aren't the majority of battered children unwanted or unplanned?"
  - 1. Such questions have been dropped on naive ears in support of abortion on demand, and we have been gullible enough to accept them without further study.
- B. Actually, studies and statistics show just the opposite to be true.
  - 1. According to one study of 674 battered children over a 41 year period by Dr. Edward Lenoski, Professor of Pediatrics - University of Southern California, 91% of battered

children were

planned pregnancies.

- A. 90% were legitimate, while 24% were named after their parents.
- 2. "Statistics will show that child abuse rises drastically in countries adopting permissive abortion laws.", The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 17.
- 3. According to The National Study on Child Neglect And Abuse Reporting, 1981, in the U.S. child abuse has tripled since the 1973 Supreme Court decision., The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p.17.
- 4. "In 1993, under the Harm Standard, an estimated 1,553,800

children were victims of maltreatment, a 67% increase from the NIS-2 estimate (931,000 children) and a 149% increase from the first NIS estimate (625,100 children). Significant increases occurred for all types of abuse and neglect, as compared with the two earlier NIS surveys. The more than 1.5 million child victims of maltreatment in 1993 reflected a yearly incidence rate of 23.1 per one thousand children under age eighteen, or about one in forty-three children.”

<http://www.libraryindex.com/pages/1386/How-Many-Children-Page> 19

are-Maltreated-NATIONAL-INCIDENCE-STUDY-CHILD-ABUSE-NEGLECT.html

A. NIS 1 - 1981; NIS 2 - 1988; NIS 3 - 1993.

5. In New York City, after abortion had been legalized, child abuse increased from a reported 5,000 per year to 25,000 per year.
6. Child abuse cases in the U.S. in 1973 were estimated at 167,000 cases.
  1. By 1979 this figure rose to 711,142, which is a 325% increase.
  2. By 1982 the figure has risen to 929,000, which is a 500% increase.

C. What must be realized is that “unwanted pregnancies” or “unwanted children” are not the reason for child abuse.

1. According to the Foundation for Child Development regarding a 1976 study of 880 unplanned pregnancies, “...9 out of 10 parents said they would do it again if given the chance-the child added something to their lives.” The Challenge To Be Pro Life, p. 15.
2. “Most women who were most regretful of pregnancy now claim they would have the child again if given the opportunity [whereas] one of every six mothers who were initially pleased with pregnancy would choose not to have the child again.” How Much Do Mothers Love Their Children, Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, May 12, 1972, as quoted in Abortion Questions and Answers, Revised Addition, p. 141.

D. What has been found out is that children are abused today because the parents “...grew up in a hostile environment, and were abused themselves...the parents react with the same violence they experienced

as children.” J. Walsh, IL Dept. of Child and Family Services, as quoted in Newsweek, July 24, 1972.

E. Let me conclude with these two thoughts:

1. A world without unwanted children, wives, oldsters, etc., would be a “perfect world.” The measure of our humanity is not that we won’t always have unwanted ones among us but what we do with them. Will we try to help them? or kill them?

A. In reality, there are no unwanted children.

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B. Planned Parenthood’s slogan was, “Every Child A Wanted Child,” is true.

1. It is a shame that they do not understand what they preach.
2. The Senate Hearings of April 17, 1986 pointed out that there was “An estimated two million couples...plus one million single persons waiting to adopt.”

A. You should also understand that there is also a waiting list to adopt physically malformed babies such as Down’s Syndrome and Spinal Bifida babies, regardless of the severity of the malformation., Abortion Questions and Answers, p. 21E.

## **9. MOTHER’S RIGHT TO HER BODY:**

A. The argument has been, “Well, I have a right to say what is done to my body, don’t I?”

1. And to a point this is true.

A. However, you don’t have the right to put illegal drugs in “your body.”

B. You don’t have the right to sell your body.

B. The discussion really doesn’t center around the mother’s body but, rather, the baby’s body, as we will see.

1. It should be understood that the new living being has a complete genetic code of it’s own, that is totally different from the cells of it’s mother’s body.

A. “...Biologically, at no stage can we subscribe to the view the foetus [English spelling] is a mere appendage of the mother. Genetically, mother and baby are separate individuals from conception.”, Dr. A.W. Lucy, research professor of Fetal Physiology at the National Women’s Hospital in Auckland,

New Zealand.

1. In 2001, the number of male birth to female births in the U.S. totaled “104.6 males per 100 females.”, which is actually a decrease in number. (<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07100/776561-114.stm>)
2. The fact is, we aren’t talking about taking the mother out

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somewhere and drowning her in salt water, or cutting her up in little pieces and throwing the pieces away.

- A. We’re talking about killing that which has been conceived inside of her.

## 10. REASONS CONCLUSION:

- A. Now that we have discussed all of the so-called “reasons” for abortion, let’s ask ourselves a question.
  1. “Why, then, are there well over a million abortions a year in the U.S.?”
    - A. I believe the answer is quit clear.
- B. Abortion is being used to accommodate an immoral, money hungry world that has developed a new set of ethics to match it’s immorality.
  1. “Most women do not want abortions because of their health or because of rape, incest, or fetal deformity. Statistical evidence obtained in the 1950s indicated that most women seeking abortion were married women who did not want a third, fourth, or fifth child. More recent statistics indicate that an increasing number of abortees are single white women between the ages of twenty and thirty. In New York. where there are no restrictions, the incidence of abortion among the unmarried is now over 50 percent.”, “New York's liberal ‘abortion on demand’ law has been in operation since 1 July 1970. Reports of its first year reveal that 57 percent of the abortions were performed on women with a first pregnancy and 26 percent on women already having one or two children. It was therefore concluded that abortion is being used ‘to prevent unwanted first

pregnancies— which would accord with legitimacy data—or  
to limit family size, in line with a national trend toward  
smaller families.” Human Sexuality: Contemporary  
Perspectives, p. 257.

2. “What was once a medical procedure to save life has become a

tool in the hands of a \$700 million a year abortion-on-demand industry for financial profit.” Associated Press News Release, June 15, 1983., as quoted in Abortion: Death Before Life, p. 2.

3. “There’s triple profit to be had. The first is from the abortion...The second profit comes from the sale of aborted

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babies' bodies. The third profit is from unsuspecting customers buying cosmetics.”, 101 Uses For A Dead (Or Alive) Baby (<http://www.skepticfiles.org/mys2/deadbaby.htm>)

4. “Over 99% of all U.S. abortions have nothing to do with the life or health of the woman - they are done simply because of her desire for convenience, absence of distress, and her so-called happiness.” Irvin P1. Cushner, M.D., M.P.H., testimony, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary (The Hatch Hearings), 97th Congress, First Session, 1983, p. 158. as quoted in Children, Things We Throw Away?
5. From this information, we can easily see that abortions are performed for socio-economic reasons.
  - A. Hanna Biologics - Alameda California - stated that the moment that the ability to deal in fetal tissue gets rolling they have a potential market in the U.S. of 3 billion dollars. Seven billion world-wide. Dr. Bernard Nathanson - 3-28-89 - Straight Talk, C.B.N. T.V.

## **11. ABORTION TECHNIQUES**

- A. With all of the previous information in mind, let's proceed to discuss the various ways of performing an induced abortion.
  1. By using the term induced abortion I want to convey two ideas.
    - A. First, we are not speaking of the woman who has what is medically referred to as a miscarriage, which is the unavoidable aborting of the baby.
    - B. Secondly, I want to draw attention to the fact that we are speaking of abortions that are brought on by outside interference.
  2. We will discuss each method used so that all will understand what is involved in the performing of an induced abortion.
- B. “What kind of induced abortions are there?
  1. In the first week there are micro-abortions caused by

‘contraceptive’ drugs and devices. After implantation there are those induced by drugs such as RU 486, Methotrexate and prostaglandins .

A. In the first trimester there are surgical abortions like suction

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and D&C.

B. In the second and third trimesters there are instillation types, D&E, intracardiac injections and partial birth abortions.

C. What are the first trimester surgical ones?

1. There are several types:

A. Menstrual extraction: This is a very early suction abortion, often done before the pregnancy test is positive.

B. Suction-aspiration: In this method, the abortionist must first paralyze the cervical muscle ring (womb opening) and then stretch it open. This is difficult because it is hard or

‘green’ and not ready to open. He then inserts a hollow plastic tube, which has a knife-like edge on the tip, into the uterus. The suction tears the baby’s body into pieces. He then cuts the deeply rooted placenta from the inner wall of the uterus. The scraps are sucked out into a bottle. The suction is 29 times more powerful than a home vacuum cleaner.

C. Dilatation & Curettage (D&C): This is similar to the suction procedure except that the abortionist inserts a curette, a loop-shaped steel knife, up into the uterus. With this, he cuts the placenta and baby into pieces and scrapes them out into a basin. Bleeding is usually profuse.

D. What are second trimester ones?

1. In the 1970s and ’80s the most common type was saline amniocentesis, or salt poisoning abortions.

A. These are not used much anymore because of danger to the mother. These are done after the 16th week. A large

needle is inserted through the abdominal wall of the mother and into the baby’s amniotic sac. A concentrated salt solution is injected into the amniotic fluid. The baby breathes and swallows it, is poisoned, struggles, and sometimes

convulses. It takes over an hour to kill the baby. When successful, the mother goes into labor about one day later and delivers a dead baby.

B. Is it actually poisoning?

1. Yes. The mechanism of death is acute hypernatremia or

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acute salt poisoning, with development of wide-spread vasodilatation, edema, congestion, hemorrhage, shock, and death. Galen et al., Fetal Pathology and Mechanism of Death in Saline Abortion, Amer. Jour. of OB & GYN, 1974, vol. 120, pp. 347-355.

2. And other methods?

A. In the '70s and '80s, prostaglandin drugs were used to induce violent premature labor and delivery. When used alone, there was: '...a large complication rate (42.6%) is associated with its use. Few risks in obstetrics are more certain than that which occurs to a pregnant woman undergoing abortion after the 14th week of pregnancy.' Duenhoelter & Grant, Complications Following Prostaglandin F-2 Alpha Mid-trimester Abortion. Jour. of OB & GYN,

Induced  
Sept. 1975

B. Because of these problems, the D&E or Dilatation & Evacuation method was developed and largely replaced the above. It involves the live dismemberment of the baby and piecemeal removal from below. A pliers-like instrument is used because the baby's bones are calcified, as is the skull. There is no anesthetic for the baby. The abortionist inserts the instrument up into the uterus, seizes a leg or other part of the body, and, with a twisting motion, tears it from the baby's body. This is repeated again and again. The spine must be snapped, and the skull crushed to remove them. The nurse's job is to reassemble the body parts to be sure that all are removed.

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3. Any new methods?

A. Yes, intracardiac injections. Since the advent of fertility drugs, multi-fetal pregnancies have become common. 'The frequency of triplet and higher pregnancies...has increased 200% since the early 1970s.'

B. Since these are usually born prematurely and some have other problems, a new method has been developed. Assisted Repro. Techniques..., L. Wilcox, Fertl. & Sterility, vol. 65,

1. At about 4 months a needle is inserted through the mother's abdomen, into the chest and heart of one of the fetal babies and a poison injected to kill him or her. This 'is pregnancy reduction.' It is done to reduce the number or to kill a handicapped baby, if such is identified. If successful, the dead baby's body is absorbed.
2. Sometimes, however, this method results in the loss of all of the babies.
4. Are there 3rd trimester abortions?
  1. A more recently developed method here is the partial birth abortion, also called 'brain suction' or 'D&X' methods.
    - A. These are done after 4 or 5 months.
    - B. 80% of babies are normal.
    - C. Most babies are viable.
    - D. This is like a breech delivery. The entire infant is delivered except the head. A scissors is jammed into the base of the skull. A tube is inserted into the skull, and the brain is sucked out. The now-dead infant is pulled out." ([http://www.abortionfacts.com/online\\_books/love\\_them\\_both/why\\_cant\\_we\\_love\\_them\\_both\\_18.asp#What](http://www.abortionfacts.com/online_books/love_them_both/why_cant_we_love_them_both_18.asp#What) are the first trimester surgical ones?)
  - E. Now that we have discussed the various methods of abortion let's conclude this part with these final thoughts.
    1. Whichever method of abortion is used, it is extremely cruel to the baby.
      - A. The Book "In Necessity and Sorrow: Life and Death in an Abortion Hospital" describes the author's view of an aborted baby. The face, the author says, showed "the agonized tautness of one forced to die too soon."

## **12. WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN?**

- A. The major argument relative to abortion is when life actually begins.
  1. "My opinion is that the fetus is not a living soul until it has the breath of life." As I See Sex through the Bible, Robert L. Pettus, Jr. M.D., p. 138.
    - A. By the way, I found the following quite revealing, "THIS



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Wednesday classes ranged close to 500 from teenagers through all ages. These lessons were taped and from these tapes came these edited and organized chapters.

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The thoughts of these lessons are mine and even though they were delivered at the Madison Church they are not necessarily endorsed by the leaders of the Madison Church.

These lessons are not entirely the results of my experiences but are the results of my studies, extensive readings and

the insight I have gained from counseling with my patients for the past twenty-three years.”, Preface, As I See Sex Through The Bible.

B. Basically, the argument revolves around two points concerning when life begins:

1. At first breath.
2. At conception.

C. Many who say that life begins at the first breath claim that the fetus is just “so much garbage,” to be done with as they please.

1. One researcher, who sliced open an alive aborted fetus without anesthetic, so that it’s liver could be obtained, said, “that the baby was complete and ‘was even secreting urine.’ He disclaimed the need for anesthetic, saying an aborted baby is garbage.” 101 Uses For A Dead (Or Alive) Baby.

just D. Let’s give consideration to the evidence pointing to life beginning at conception.

1. The original Hippocratic Oath stated, “I will maintain the utmost respect for human life from its conception.” Abortion and Mercy Killing, p. 142

2. The original International Code of Medical Ethics stated, “A

doctor must always bear in mind the importance of preserving human life from the time of conception until death.” *Abortion and Mercy Killing*, p. 43

3. “...Biologically, at no stage can we subscribe to the view that the foetus (English spelling) is a mere appendage of the mother. Genetically, mother and baby are separate individuals from conception.” Dr. A.W. Liley, research professor of Fetal Physiology at the National Women’s Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand., as quoted in *The Challenge To Be Pro Life*, p. 3.
4. In an early pamphlet prepared by Planned Parenthood the following quote was found, “An abortion kills the life of a baby after it has begun.”, as quoted in *The Challenge To Be Pro Life*, p. 19.
  - A. Four years later Planned Parenthood changed the pamphlet.
5. Columnist Nick Thimmesch in a newspaper article stated, “For me it (fetal surgery) also raises this question: If the unborn child is a patient, is it also then a person?” *Science Emerging Ally of the Pro-Life Movement*, Detroit New, April 7, 1983, as quoted in *Abortion: Death Before Life?*, p. 2.
6. “Exactly as the introduction of a minicassette inside a tape recorder will allow the restitution of the symphony, the new being begins to express himself as soon as he has been conceived.”, Dr. Jerome Lejeune, internationally known geneticist, as quoted in *When Does Human Life Begin?*, p. 1.
- E. Scientific facts that will help us to see when life begins.
  1. The events of the first week:
    - A. The fertilized egg enters the womb of the mother.
      1. A new life, so small that it could not be seen with the naked eye, has begun.
      2. According to Roberts Pugh, Ph. D and Landrum B. Shettles, Ph.D., M.D., in the book *From Conception to Birth; the drama of life’s beginning*, pp. 2-7, “Within six to twelve hours after conception and the exchange of genetic information, the zygote begins the process of cell

division or growth.”

- B. Immediately upon fertilization, cellular development begins.

Before implantation the sex of the new life can be determined. At implantation, the new life is composed of hundreds of cells and has developed a protective hormone to prevent the mother's body from rejecting it as a foreign tissue.

2. The events of the second week:
  - A. It is during this period of time the embryo (called so as it has reached the uterus) suppresses it's mothers menstrual cycle and begins to develop his (or her) own life support system.
  - B. It develops it's own space capsule (the amniotic sac) and it's own lifeline (the umbilical cord).
  - C. It also develops it's own root system (the placenta).
  - D. All of these belong to the child, not to the mother.
    1. All being developed from the original fertilized ovum.
3. The events of the third week:
  - A. By the time the baby is 18 to 25 days old the following events transpire:
    1. Eyes are forming.
    2. The spinal cord, brain, lungs, stomach, liver, and kidneys are present.
    3. The heart begins to pump.
  - B. All of this has happened prior to, in many cases, the mother even knowing she is pregnant.
4. The events of the fourth week:
  - A. The head is formed,
  - B. The backbone is complete.
  - C. The spinal cord is closed.
  - D. Arms and legs forming.
  - E. 40 pairs of muscles are developed along the trunk of the new life.
5. The events of the fifth week:
  - A. The chest and abdomen are formed and separated.
  - B. Eyes have retina and lens.
  - C. Ears forming.
  - D. The arms and legs have fingers and toes.
  - E. Regular blood flow within the vascular system has begun.
  - F. The ears and nasal development have begun.

6. The events of the sixth to eighth week:
  - A. At this point, the baby now is referred to, medically, as a fetus.
    1. It is interesting to note that the word “fetus” comes from the Latin word meaning “offspring.”
  - B. All organs are present.
  - C. The head is complete.
  - D. Face, mouth and tongue are formed.
  - E. The brain is complete.
  - F. At this stage the baby responds to tickling.
  - G. The heart energy output is reported to be almost 20% of an adult.
  - H. At 42 days, the skeleton is complete and the reflexes are present.
  - I. At 43 days, electrical brain wave patterns can be recorded.
    1. This is usually ample evidence that “thinking” is taking place in the brain.
    2. The new life may be thought of as a thinking person.
    3. “The President’s Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research, established by Congress in 1978, has endorsed the concept that human life ends when the brain stops functioning.”
  - J. At 56 days all organs functioning - stomach, liver, kidney, brain - all systems intact.
  - K. All future development of new life is simply that of refinement and increase in size until maturity at approximately age 23 years.
8. The events of the ninth to tenth week:
  - A. At this stage “95% of the known structures, features and

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organs, from tiny nerves to fingers and muscles are in place. The thyroid and adrenal glands are functioning. The baby can squint, swallow and move his tongue, and the sex hormones are already present.”, Abortion: Death Before Life?, p. 2.

- B. Electrocardiogram Readings can be taken.
- C. The baby squints, swallows, and retracts tongue.
9. The events of the 11th and 12th weeks:

- A. All body systems are working.
  - B. The nerves and muscles synchronized.
  - C. Arms and legs move.
  - D. The baby sucks its thumb.
  - E. It inhales and exhales amniotic fluid.
  - F. Nails begin to appear.
  - G. The baby weighs approximately one ounce.
  - H. It is also important to know that at this stage the baby can feel pain.
10. Events of the fourth month:
- A. The baby is from 8 to 10 inches in height.
  - B. It begins a growth spurt so rapid, that if continued, it would weigh 14 tons at birth.
  - C. Genital organs clearly differentiated.
  - D. The baby grasps with hands.
  - E. Swims, kicks and turns somersaults, still not felt by mother.
11. Events of the fifth month:
- A. The mother feels the baby's movements.
  - B. This is a time of lengthening and strengthening.
  - C. Skin, hair, and nails are growing.
    - 1. Fine hair begins to grow on the head.
    - 2. Eyebrows and eyelashes appear.
  - D. Sweat glands arise and oil glands excrete.
  - E. The baby can cry.
12. Events of the sixth month:
- A. The baby responds to light and sound.
    - 1. It can hear it's mother's heartbeat and recognize her voice.

- B. It can sleep and wake.
- C. It can hiccup.
- D. It can even learn.
  - 1. Researchers have discovered that the baby at this point leads an active emotional life which help shape attitudes and expectations about himself.
- E. At this point survival outside the womb is possible.
  - 1. This is what people are talking about when they speak of the point of viability.

13. Events of the seventh month:

- A. During this stage of development the nervous system is much more complex.
- B. At this point there is substantial cerebral functioning of pain perception.
  - 1. If a child is delivered at this point it will shed tears and cry.
- C. Recent neurological studies have proven that consciousness exists in utero beginning in the seventh month.
  - 1. Between the 28th and 32nd week of development, the brain's neural circuits are just advanced as the newborn's.
  - 2. The child, at this point, retains memories.

14. Events of the eighth and ninth months:

- A. This is a time of fattening and continued growth.
  - 1. The baby gains up to seven pounds or more.
  - 2. It grows to about 20 inches.

15. Events of birth:

- A. The onset of labor is a unilateral decision of the child.
- B. 41 of the 45 generations of cell division needed to grow from zygote to adulthood have occurred.
  - 1. The final four will occur during childhood and adolescence.

16. Some information taken from - Diary Of An Unborn Child  
(<http://www.priestsforlife.org/diary.html>)

F. To conclude this point, which I hope has impressed upon you that  
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the baby is indeed a baby, I quote Dr. Bernard Nathanson, one-time head of the largest abortion clinic in N.Y. "After certain medical technology he had decided that the embryo was one of us." Phil Donahue Show, December 3, 1979.

- 1. If you disagree, suppose you are right and he is wrong, what have you lost?
- 2. Suppose he is right, and you are wrong, what have you lost?

G. Song - What Was I Supposed To Be?

- 1. "When Jesus walked upon the earth on the shores of Galilee he said to his disciples, 'Let the little children come to me.' I wonder if up in heaven do you suppose we'll see little children asking, 'What was I supposed to be?'"

What was I supposed to be? What were my eyes supposed to

see? Why did I taste of death before I even drew a breath? Lay my head at my mother's breast to see, oh Jesus, what was I supposed to be.

What was I supposed to be? What were my eyes supposed to see? Why did I taste of death before I even drew a breath? Lay my head at my mother's breast to see, oh Jesus, what was I supposed to be?

Was I to be a prophet used in the ministry? A doctor who would find a cure for some terrible disease? Even if I'd been born imperfect why couldn't my body see I'd of been made perfect when you came back for me.

Oh Jesus, what was I supposed to be? Were my eyes supposed to see? Why did I taste of death before I even drew a breath? Lay my head at my mother's breast to see oh Jesus what was I supposed to be?

Jesus, what was I supposed to be?"

### **13. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ON THE SUBJECT**

- A. The Bible does not specifically mention abortion by name in either testament.
  - 1. But there are numerous principles that speak of this crisis.
- B. Note some scriptures that the Pro-Abortionist uses to "prove" that God sanctions abortion.

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- 1. Exodus 21:22 - 25
  - A. The pro-abortionist's position is that this is speaking of an abortion.
  - B. To see what is actually under consideration here, we are especially concerned with verse 22, and the necessity of the pro-abortionist to prove the following:
    - 1. They must prove the text is speaking of abortion rather than a miscarriage, which they cannot prove.
      - A. "Exodus 21:23-25 was not a prescription against the intentional, deliberate act of abortion, which was likely no problem in the Jewish community at the time." Jack P. Lewis, p. 75, Abortion and Mercy Killing.
      - B. "A chance hurt is clearly intended.", Pulpit Commentary, Vol. 1, p. 169.

2. They must prove the phrase "...and yet no mischief follow..." is speaking only of the mother.
  - A. Actually the text is speaking of a spontaneous abortion, otherwise known as a miscarriage, and not an induced abortion, making it a totally irrelevant argument.

2. Genesis 2:7

- A. The pro-abortionist's position on this passage is that life began at the time God breathed into Adam's nostrils the "breath of life."
- B. To see the error of this argument we should understand that the circumstances are somewhat different in Genesis 2:7 than in any other case.
  1. Adam was created - not born.
  2. He was, therefore, a complete adult human before God breathed into his nostrils.
- C. This is not to say that breath is unimportant, but to ask if this a true parallel?
  1. And, of course, the answer is no.

C. Let's look at some other scriptures which help us to see when life

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actually begins.

1. Genesis 25:22
  - A. Notice the word "children" used here, in relation to when God viewed them as such.
2. Job 3:11
  - A. How could Job of given up the spirit if he did not have one?
3. Job 10:18, 19
  - A. Again, how could Job of given up the spirit if he didn't have one.
  - B. You say, "Oh he had a spirit, but he wasn't alive."
    1. James 2:26
4. Proverbs 6:16, 17
5. Jeremiah 1:5
  - A. Jeremiah came out of the womb.
  - B. He didn't become Jeremiah after coming from the womb.
6. Luke 1:41 - 44
  - A. In the New Testament the Greek word "Brephos" is used to



identify a human infant, either born or unborn.

B. “An unborn child, embryo, fetus. Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon.

1. This is the sense that it is used in Luke 1:41, 44

7. Luke 2:12, 16

A. Thayer says that “Brephos” also means, “a new-born child, an infant, a babe.”

1. Used thusly in Luke 18:15; Acts 7:19; 1 Peter 2:2.

B. When John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elisabeth, he was alive, his soul was in his body - Luke 1:41, 44.

1. The reason for this is simple, a body without the spirit is dead (James 2:26), and dead bodies don’t leap.

#### **14. OUR RESPONSE**

A. Briefly, then, what should be our response to this problem, and what can we do to help against it?

1. As to our response it should be as God's - Proverbs 6:16, 17.

2. As to what we can do let me list ten things:

A. Repent of our own apathy and sin.

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B. Pray for our nation, the church, and the pro life movement.

C. Counsel people with Scripture as to the truth.

D. Believe that we can win this battle.

E. Provide an alternative - support pro life organizations with your time, talent, and treasure.

F. Take a stand - get off the fence on this issue.

G. Vote for pro life political candidates.

H. Communicate your views to elected officials.

I. Be non-violent in your stand.

J. Stand with the courage of conviction.

