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PRO-LIFE OR PRO-CHOICE?

A family with two teenagers in our congregation believes that abortion is moral. This makes it likely that one of the two teenagers will grow up and kill one of their babies because they understand it to be legal, moral, and convenient.

I do not recall that abortion has ever been identified as killing a baby from the pulpit of our congregation. If it has, it has been a long time and has been done infrequently.

It seems to me that the fact that abortion is killing one of God's little babies is one of the facts which should be mentioned frequently from the pulpit. "Frequently", i.e. at least once a quarter, would catch all members over a period of time, and would reinforce this truth in the minds of our youth as they are growing up. Our youth are facing multimillion dollar programs to tell them the opposite, that it is all right to remove a "product of pregnancy". It is not all right; and if we take the pulpit and hope that they will learn the truth otherwise, we will share the blame for the killings.

If we do not take a strong stand for the sanctity of life from the pulpit, where shall our children learn the truth?

PRO-LIFE OR PRO-CHOICE?

Do you want to be pro-life or pro-choice? It turns out that almost everyone is in favor of maintaining life and having choices. We all understand that life cannot be maintained in all circumstances. We also recognize circumstances in which we have no choices.

About this time an avalanche of information, emotions, and opinions descends upon us. When one person says he does not want to kill people, everyone agrees. When another person says he or she wants realistic choices, most people will agree with that.

After all is said and done, only one question remains. If a four month old fetus is removed from the mother's womb and killed during or after the abortion, is it the killing of a human life? The answer is yes and maybe not. That statement ought to make everyone mad. Remember it and see if you don't agree at the end.

POINT ONE: IS A FETUS HUMAN LIFE?

At 4 months the fetus has brain waves, heart beat, 10 fingers, 10 toes, and its sex can be identified. There are only 2 distinctions between this fetus and a 4 month old baby. They are place of residence and size.

Just when does a "fetus" become a baby? Some suggestions are:

1. When sperm fertilizes egg
2. Implantation in the womb
3. End of 1st trimester
4. When mother first feels baby move (quickening)
5. End of 2nd trimester
6. When the infant can live outside the womb
7. Up to 3 days after birth (check for defects)
8. Up to 2 months after birth

Can you imagine what is being said when a law allows abortion within the second trimester but not in the third trimester? What is special about a 7 month baby which is not true about a 5 month baby? Nothing is different except additional weight and progressively more development.

Development is a continual process from conception until adulthood. The only major change is at birth. Assume that you are in a state which allows abortion in the first and second trimesters, and you abort a 5 month baby. Now imagine that the same baby is born prematurely at 5 months and survives. If you kill the premature baby you are a murderer; if you kill the preborn baby you are O.K. It is the same baby, the same state of development, the same size. The only difference is the place of residence at time of death. One is O.K. to kill because it is still in the womb.

No basis has been established for suggesting a fetus is not a human life; nor has a timeline been presented pinpointing the moment in which a fetus becomes human. Only opinions of what appears to be a reasonable time to become "human" are given. These opinions will change over the years. What is legally O.K. today may be legal murder tomorrow!

The only reasonable conclusion is that a fetus of any age is a human being. Clearly, if you kill a fetus, you are killing a human.

POINT 2: IS IT MORAL TO KILL A HUMAN LIFE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE?

The Old Testament command "thou shalt not kill" is certainly repeated in the New Testament, i.e. Rom. 1:29. As there is no basis for assuming anything but that human life begins at conception, it must inherently be true that it is immoral to kill a human life, whether born or preborn.

There may be some cases for killing in self defense, war, or to preserve the life of a mother. There is no moral reason established to kill a human life for personal convenience. The way abortionists justify killing a human life is to call it something else. It becomes a "product of pregnancy".

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POINT 3: IS IT LEGAL TO KILL A HUMAN LIFE?

Hitler had the civil authority to define certain groups of people living in Germany undesirable to live. He cannot be criticized on civil grounds for killing 6 million Jews. He can only be criticized on moral and/or religious principles. In a similar manner, if the civil government of the United States defines it as O.K. to kill preborn babies, the abortionists cannot be criticized for killing 20 million babies on a civil basis. How anyone can criticize Hitler for killing a group he considered undesirable (Jews) and then advocate killing another undesirable group (unwanted babies) is so contradictory as to defy reason. No rationalization for such advocacy could exist in a rational and unbiased mind.

ABORTION, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The book ABORTION, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS by Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Willke is an excellent book containing a vast amount of information about the subject. It is an excellent book and should be read by everyone.

Only brief tidbits of information can be included in this limited space. The number following the information is the page on which the information and other related information can be found.

Throughout the U.S.'s 200 year history, the developing baby in the womb had been protected by law. Then, in 1967, the first state legalized abortion.... vii

Now, almost every third baby conceived in America is killed by abortion, a total of over 1 1/2 million babies a year. vii

The second question is "Should we give equal protection under the law to every human in this nation from the beginning of his life until each individual's natural death?" 2

COMPARISON OF SLAVERY TO ABORTION

The Dred Scott decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1857 confirmed that black people had no legal rights and were the property of their owners. 8

SLAVERY	ABORTION
Dred Scott, 1857	Roe vs. Wade, 1973
7-2 decision	7-2 decision
Black non-persons	Unborn non-persons
Property of owner	Property of owner, mother
Choose to buy, sell, or kill	Choose to keep or kill
Abolitionist should not impose morality on slave owner	Pro-lifers should not impose morality on mother
Slavery is legal	Abortion is legal 18

Fertilization can occur in as few as 20 minutes. After approximately 30 hours the first cell division occurs. 33

The sperm has life, but not independent life. It cannot reproduce, it will die. The ovum has life, but not independent life. It cannot reproduce, it will die. When the sperm and ovum join, a new living being is

created. He/she can reproduce and can ultimately live independently. 40

TIMETABLE

30 hours:	first cell division	33
1 week:	The tiny human implants himself/herself in the nutrient lining of the womb.	44
18 days:	Heart is pumping thru a closed circulatory system	44
40 days:	Brain waves have been recorded by EEG	45
6-7 wks:	Responds to lips being stroked	45
6.5 wks:	all 20 milk-teeth buds present	46
8 wks:	All body systems are present	47
8 wks:	Thumb sucking	47
11 wks	All body systems working	50
11-12 wks	Breathing (fluids)	48
13-15 wks	Taste buds working	50
14 wks	Hearing is present	50

AMERICAN WAR CASUALTIES

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Revolutionary War	25,324
Civil War	498,332
World War I	116,708
World War II	407,316
Korean War	54,246
Vietnam War	58,655
War on Unborn	20,000,000 (since 1973)

Planned Parenthood is the largest baby killing conglomerate in America. They have 53 abortion chambers with an annual body count of over 83,000 per year (more than entire Vietnam War). 242

ABORTIONS FROM BELOW

- * Menstrual Extraction: early suction abortion 85
- * Suction Aspiration: Later suction method using large plastic tube with knife on end. 85
- * Dilatation & Curettage (D&C): Uses loop shaped steel knife to cut baby into pieces. 85
- * Dilatation & Evacuation (D&E): After 12 weeks when baby's bones are calcified. A pliers-like instrument used to break baby's bones. No anesthetic for baby. Nurse's job is to reassemble baby parts to make sure job is complete. 86

ABORTIONS FROM ABOVE

- * Hysterotomy: An early caesarian section. Mother's stomach is cut open, the baby lifted out, killed, and discarded. 88

DRUG ABORTIONS

- * Salt Poison Abortions: Done after 16th week. A large needle is inserted into the baby's amniotic sac for the injection of a concentrated salt solution. The baby is poisoned, struggles, and sometimes convulses. Takes an hour to kill the baby. Concentrated salt usually burns away outer layer of baby's skin. 86

- * Prostaglandin Abortions: Produced early violent labor. No longer marketed by Upjohn. 87

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* RU-486: Prevents delivery of nutrients to baby, so it withers and dies slowly. Not marketed in U.S. 88

The Ten Commandments forbade murder and stealing. So do the laws of every civilized nation. Do these laws impose religious morality. 179

What right does a mother and her abortionist have to impose their morality upon her unborn child... fatally? 179

The Hippocratic Oath originally stated "I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest such counsel, and in like manner, I will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion." Today the abortion portion has been removed and replaced by "I will do nothing illegal." We might note that the new oath would have fit well in Nazi Germany where the doctors who helped to kill Jews were doing nothing illegal. 186,190,191

INFANTICIDE

Nobel Laureate, James Watson, the man who cracked the genetic code: "Because of the present limits of such detection methods, most birth defects are not discovered until birth. If a child were not declared alive until three days after birth, then all parents could be allowed the choice...the doctor could allow the child to die if the parents so choose and save a lot of misery and suffering." 207

The pro-abortionist, Joseph Fletcher, would use the I.Q. measurement and allow those with an I.Q. of under 20 or perhaps 40 to be declared non-human. 207

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

The following words are recommended for use to enhance your conversations on the subject:

USE	DO NOT USE
kill	termination of pregnancy
pro-abortion	pro-choice
pro-life	anti-choice
doctor, surgeon	abortionist
mother	pregnant woman
place of residence	uterus
womb	uterus
abortion facility,	abortion clinic
mill, or chamber	
salt poisoning ab.	saline abortion
human life	person
baby	product of pregnancy 243

They want "reproductive freedom." She has it, she has used it. She is now a mother. She has reproduced. The only question now is whether to kill the baby. 244

Never forget that abortion for rape is killing an innocent baby for the crime of his father. 246

Abortion is the ultimate child abuse. 244
 There is no abortion in Moslem nations. viii
 Abortion is discrimination because of place of residence. 9
 Since when do we kill the patient to cure the disease? 219

ON THE SECOND HAND

Nancy is an older single woman. She had a child out of wedlock many years ago. She kept the child with no support from the father.

Robin is a young single. She had a child out of wedlock. She kept the child with no support from the father.

Each of these women have faced a life of being mostly left out of normal church events because they did not have a husband. They have been talked about, ignored, and gossiped about. They have not been supported by the married sisters of their ages. Their "sisters" have shielded them from their husbands. The "sisters" must protect their own families from the "loose woman".

I have nothing but the upmost respect for these Christian women who have kept the faith in spite of tremendous temptations and trials. I don't mean to be sexist, however, I know of few men who would be able to stand up to the stress of a situation like this and remain a faithful Christian.

I am going to make a special effort to be supportive of these women. I would encourage you to do the same for your "Nancys" and "Robins".

ON THE THIRD HAND

Jill was a sixteen year old high school junior. She dated an older and stronger boy. Overcome with passion, he had his way with her. It only lasted a moment, and she didn't even enjoy it. Even though she didn't enjoy it, she was still pregnant.

The proper thing to do was to keep the baby, and be marked for life by the "good Christians". To do this would almost eliminate the possibility of a marriage to a "good Christian". The "good Christians" like the father would not consider dating the mother of a bastard. She was young, but she knew that much. Another proper choice was to spend the next nine months in a "home" someplace, have the baby, and then give it away. Not only was the prospect to having a baby to give it away terrifying, but being put back a year in high school marked her for life also. Everyone would know. All that punishment because she momentarily gave in. The father would be out nothing.

The wrong thing to do was to kill the fetus. The boy who would not accept the responsibility for the baby would provide the money for the abortion, only \$200 was needed. It is legal to kill the fetus, and no one would know. Several of her friends have had easy abortions. It is simple, safe and fast. The parents of the girl won't even know.

Is it wrong for a 16 year old girl to kill a 1 month old fetus? Old people may have that question figured out, but it is a hard one for a scared 16 year old girl. When does a fetus become a human being. Church people have not discussed it in her presence. The Abortion Clinic and the laws say it is not a

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human being yet. It is simply a product of pregnancy at this point. It might be O.K.

The pressure is great, and a decision must be made and made right now.....Jill had an abortion. She missed one day of high school. The parents didn't even know.

I do not want to suggest anything but that what Jill did was not approved by God. However, I certainly do not want to throw any stones at her. She faced a decision more traumatic than most of us face in a lifetime.

It would be interesting to tell her parents what she had done and see the reaction. Would any parent want their daughter to have to face the life Jill would have faced with a bastard child? Would not any parent want their daughter to have a chance at a normal life? Would a pro-life father be secretly relieved that it was over and that a good doctor had been legally available to help her? Would the father be relieved that she hadn't attempted self-abortion with a coat hanger?

These decisions are a lot easier when they are for someone else. I can only tell you one thing before you throw a stone...I would personally rather be Jill on judgment day, than an elder or minister of a non-growing congregation.

QUESTION FROM LAST MONTH

Last month we asked where is the most dangerous place in the United States to be? We gave these clues:

- * One out of three people there will be killed within the next year.
- * The people killed there are innocent of any related crime.
- * Government agencies assist in the killing of the residents.
- * Some preachers teach that it is O.K. to kill the people.

The answer should be obvious now, the place of residence is a mother's womb. Every third preborn baby is killed. In New York City every other preborn baby is killed.

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NO ONE ELSE IS GROWING

Non-growth is frequently justified, or at least put off, with the statement "Well, no one else is growing either". That is probably what the church at Ephesus said also in Revelation 2:1-7

WHAT MAKES APOSTACY

We often tend to think that apostacy comes in one giant step. One day someone is teaching truth, and the next day they are in error.

Apostacy is much more likely to come one small step at a time. Each small step in innocent enough. Each small step can be justified individually. Steps so small that anyone who objects would have to be picky.

Nothing promotes apostacy quite as much as leading your congregation into an apathetic interest in the Bible.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

AREA WIDE CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

Sept. 21-23, 1990: Creation Evolution Seminar, Memorial, 464-0271

AREA WIDE YOUTH EVENTS: TBA

June 11	Area-Wide Devo @ Southeast
June 18	Area-Wide Devo @ Oak Ridge North
June 25	Area-Wide Devo @ Watters Road
July 2	Area-Wide Devo @ North Wayside
July 9	Area-Wide Devo @ Clear Lake Hi. Sch.
July 16	Area-Wide Devo @ First Colony
July 23	Area-Wide Devo @ Westbury
July 30	Area-Wide Devo @ Lindale
Aug. 6	Area-Wide Devo @ Bammel Road
Aug. 13	Area-Wide Devo @ Kingwood
Aug. 20	Acappella at the Music Hall for Westbury Christian Schools