

ABORTION

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Right to live--given to us by our constitution.
 - 1. The Fifth amendment guarantees due process.
 - 2. The Fourteenth amendment guarantees equal protection.
- B. Taking of life - 16 million abortions in the USA by 1984 since infamous Wade vs. Roe decision in 1973. (Child abuse increased 400% in 11 years since Roe)
 - 1. One in four children conceived in 1980 will die because of an abortion.
 - 2. That amount is the population of 11 states.
- C. Protecting life
 - 1. Lawyers argue the rights of those sitting on death row while it is legal to kill the unborn child
 - 2. Bald eagles are protected with a \$5,000 fine to take an eagle egg
 - 3. It is illegal to ship pregnant lobsters to market punishable by a \$6,000 fine and a year in jail
 - 4. Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that goldfish cannot be awarded as prizes in games of chance Such awards violate that state's cruelty law.

II. SUMMARY OF PROBLEM

- A. Pragmatic - ignores or denies the authority of the Bible.
 - 1. Achieves desired result of convenience for immoral decisions
Abortions performed: 75% unmarried, 32% teenagers, 20% repeat customers
 - 2. Easiest response.
 - a. Self-centered - ignores God & child.
 - b. Short sighted - ignores future physical, psychological and emotional problems of mother.
 - c. Most loving solution - FOR WHO? Certainly not the child!
- B. Biblical - assumes authority of Bible.
 - 1. Clear principles
 - a. Made in God's image (Gen. 1:26; 2:7)
 - b. God knows us in womb (Ps. 139:13-16; Jer. 1:4-5; Lk. 1:31-33).
 - c. Life is sacred - He determines the taking of life (Gen. 9:6; Ps. 127:3; Ex. 21:12; Num. 35:6-11; Deut. 20:4).
 - d. Children are special to God (Ps. 127:3; Lk. 17:2).
 - 2. No distinction is made between unborn babies and post-natal babies in Greek lexicon (Thayers), p. 105.

III. EVALUATION

- A. Divisions of man.
 - 1. Material part of man - Flesh
 - 2. Immaterial part of man - Spirit.
- B. When does humanity begin.
 - 1. Traducionist - immaterial transmittal at conception.
 - 2. Creationist - immaterial transmitted by special creation adding what is missing at:
 - a. conception
 - b. start of circulatory function
 - c. quickening (mother feels baby moving)
 - d. viability
 - e. start of respiratory function
- C. Consequences of abortion: Murder

IV. APPLICATION

A. Kinds of Action

1. Gather all facts, take time
2. Show compassion, love, forgiveness
3. Become involved in solution
 - a. Desire to lead sexually pure life
 - b. Counseling for uneducated and those unaware - dispell rumors, myths.
 - c. Become involved
 - i) Prayerfully
 - ii) Financially

B. Results

1. Expectant mothers make decisions based on viable alternatives.
2. People of world see love of Christ in the church as they reach out to these women.

APPENDIX A

Passages Creationists point to:

Genesis 2:7 (LSB), *Then Yahweh God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man became a living being.*

Numbers 16:22 (LSB), *But they fell on their faces and said, "O God, God of the spirits of all flesh, when one man sins, will You be angry with the entire congregation?"*

Ecclesiastes 12:7 (LSB), *then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.*

Isaiah 42:5 (LSB), *Thus says the God, Yahweh, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,*

Isaiah 57:16 (LSB), *"For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would grow faint before Me, And the breath of those whom I have made.*

Zechariah 12:1 (LSB), *The oracle of the word of Yahweh concerning Israel. Thus declares Yahweh who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,*

Hebrews 12:9 (LSB), *Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them. Shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?*

Passages Traducianists point to:

Gen. 2:2-22 - Account of God making Adam from dust and Eve being fashioned from his rib

Genesis 5:1-3 (LSB), ¹ *This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. ³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.*

Genesis 25:21-22 (LSB), ²¹ *And Isaac entreated Yahweh on behalf of his wife because she was barren; and Yahweh was moved by his entreaty. So Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I this way?" So she went to inquire of Yahweh.*

Psalms 51:5 (LSB), *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.*

Hosea 12:3 (LSB), *In the womb he took his brother by the heel, And in his maturity he wrestled with God.*

Luke 1:41-44 (LSB), ⁴¹ *And it happened that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice*

and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"⁴³ "And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me?"⁴⁴ "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

Acts 17:26 (LSB), and He made from one man every nation of mankind to inhabit all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

Romans 5:12 (LSB), 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

CONSIDER:

- 1) When God created woman He did not breathe the breath of life into her, not do we hear of that happening again. The process was started with Adam. The immaterial is transmitted with the material.
- 2) Original sin is transferred from parent to child. (Ps. 51:7-8; Rm. 5:12) The sin nature is not material but of immaterial quality. This then is not unique--immaterial passing along with the material

APPENDIX B - Methods of Abortion

- (1) Suction Abortion: a tube attached to a powerful suction apparatus is inserted into the mother's uterus. The unborn child, with its placenta is literally torn apart limb from limb and deposited in a jar as just so much fetal waste-material. Suction abortion is by far the most popular method of abortion, generally accounting for 75% • of abortions performed in the U.S. and Canada.
- (2) Dilatation and Curettage abortion (D&C): the word "dilatation" refers to the forced enlargement of the cervix or neck of the uterus. The word "curettage" refers to the use of a curette (an instrument resembling a sharp-edged spoon) for scraping the so called "products of conception" from the uterine cavity. As might be expected, the unborn child is cut to pieces by the surgeons knife and after removal, is reassembled by the nurse so as to make sure that no parts remain in the womb that might cause further bleeding or infection. This method may be used until the twelfth week after which it is unsafe.
- (3) Salt Poisoning Abortion (Saline Amniocentesis): it is generally considered unsafe to do an abortion between the twelfth and sixteenth weeks. After the sixteenth week enough fluid has accumulated in the amniotic sac to make it possible to inject either a 20% saline solution or a 50% glucose solution, The injection is made with a large needle through the abdominal and uterine walls and the baby is poisoned to death within an hours time. Anywhere from 24 to 36 hours later the mother goes into labor and delivers a dead baby which has the appearance of a candied apple because its skin has been burned off. There have been recorded cases of live births after a saline induced abortion. This method of abortion is second to the above mentioned suction method.
- (4) Caesarean Section Abortion (Hysterotomy): this method of abortion becomes an available option after the unborn child has advanced beyond the 14th week stage. It is like a normal Caesarean section delivery in which the child is removed surgically through an incision made in the abdomen and uterus. But there is one difference: the child is not given the care it needs after its cord is cut; it is simply discarded in a stainless steel bowl and is heartlessly left to die, usually an asphyxial death.
- 5 - D&X (Dialation & Extraction). Labor & delivery as normal, but prior to the head of the baby exiting the cervix, the doctor inserts scissors or other instrument to cut the spinal cord and kill the child so that a dead baby is delivered (There can be variations of this)
- 6 - Chemical / abortifacient drugs given to cause miscarriage which then occurs at home. This is now the most common method in the United States. Usually done within first 6-8 weeks. Complications can cause physical harm to mother - contractions, bleeding, etc. - even to death.

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Article - Joseph Sobran - Proof that abortion is painful

WASHINGTON — Dr. Bernard Nathanson used to be an abortionist. He ran the largest abortion clinic in the Western world and personally performed more than 5,000 abortions before he began to ask what he — and we — were doing. Then, at considerable sacrifice, he changed his mind and turned against legal abortion.

Dr. Nathanson was also among the founders of the National Abortion Rights Action League. He left that behind too, and exposed its conscious strategy of targeting the Catholic Church for a pro-abortion hate-camPaign

At the recent national Right to Life convention, held in Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Nathanson showed a movie. Anyone who thinks "*The Texas Chain-Saw Massacre*" was violent hasn't seen this one. It is a film of an abortion.

Abortions have been filmed before, but this one was different Usually you see the fetus only after it has been killed. This film, using new sonographic techniques, shows the outline of the child in the womb thrashing to resist the suction device before it tears off the head. Then you see the dead child dismembered and the head crushed.. Then the parts, are sucked Out.

Nobody Who seei this film will speak again of "painless" abortion, The doctor who performed the abortion couldn't bear to watch the film to the end. He rushed out of the room where it was shown and never performed another "procedure," though he had performed several thousand before.

You might think that abortion are callous, bloodthirsty men, but this is not necessarily true. They have relatively little contact with the fetuses they kill. Usually it falls to the attending nurses to assemble all the dead parts and make sure nothing has been left in the womb to decompose and poison the mother. For this reason, nurses tend to resent their role is abortion (the doctor, after all, gets the lion's share of the money anyway), and many of them eventually refuse to assist any more. _

New advances in techniques of monitoring the behavior of the unborn only confirm what common sense should tell you: Abort* hurts. The nervous system is in place as early as 8 weeks after conception, and pain is certainly felt by the 14th week.

After President Reagan raised the issue of fetal pain last January, Dr. Ervin Nichols, of the Pro-abortion American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said: "We are unaware of any evidence of any kind that would substantiate a claim that pain is perceived by a fetus." One wonders if any possible evidence would make a difference to an organization of men who get rich by assuming the opposite. Is there any evidence, after all, to support the presumption that a fetus feels no pain whatever?

Another abortion advocate has been quoted as saying, more candidly, that the pain of the fetus simply doesn't matter. What matters is the pain of the mother.

Abortion advocates are going to have to make up their minds whether a fetus suffers or whether they just don't care. Until now they have had it both ways. But now they must either face the evidence or say stoutly that the evidence doesn't move them. The evidence itself is clear enough.

One wonders, though, why the burden of proof should be on the anti-abortion forces. The nervous system obviously develops well before birth — that is, well within the time frame during which abortion is legal. A creature that grows, squirms and kicks clearly has feelings of its own. To deny this is unintelligent and unfeeling. We should want to prevent even the outside chance that dismembering a fetus causes it the sort of agony we can easily imagine.

The pro-abortion forces have used a series of evasions to secure their position. They have said that the issue is theological 'that nobody knows When life begins, that fetuses don't suffer. At every step they have demanded that their opponents provide the, proof.

Well, Dr. Nathanson has provided the proof. Will they respond honestly, or will they take refuge in some new evasion?

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