

America's Greatest Sin

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I had led her to Christ on the streets of Sheridan, Wyoming. While later attending Bible College, though still unmarried, she became pregnant. Calling me on the phone for my counsel, she admitted she was considering an abortion. She told me the nurse at the doctor's office had said that which was in her womb was "just a bunch of cells and stuff."

In 1973, a majority of the US Supreme Court ruled in the case of "Roe v. Wade" an unborn human being is not a legal person and is thus the "property" of the owner (the mother) and she can legally have the child aborted with the OK of her doctor. (This is reminiscent of the century earlier "Dred Scott" decision, where the same court ruled Blacks had no rights under the constitution but were rather the "property" of the slave owner to be used, sold, or even killed at the owner's discretion! This decision was later proven wrong, as will one glad day "Roe vs. Wade".)

Abortion is murder, in God's eyes, and in a born-again Christian's eyes. This month, I want to establish four truths:

1. It can be scientifically proven a fetus is a human being, and thus aborting it is murder.
2. Arguments for abortion do not hold up to reason.
3. The scriptures reveal, in God's eyes a fetus is a person with a right to life.
4. America is being judged by God for killing its unborn children.

Is a fetus really "just a bunch of cells and stuff"? And, what is that "stuff" the nurse referred to? I submit to you that "stuff" is a human life!

When does a fetus become a human being?

. . . When it is born and takes it's first breath? God "breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). Breathing oxygen indeed has much to do with life. But, did you know that a fetus begins "breathing" not at birth but rather at the 12th week in the womb? Its little body "breathes" amniotic fluid in and out to exercise its lungs. Am I more human because I breathe atmosphere instead of amniotic fluid? Because there is only 5% water in the atmosphere and 90+% water in the womb, a fetus is not human? Is a fish less alive because it breathes water and not air? Ridiculous! Technically, breathing is merely a method to get oxygen to our cells. From this perspective, a fetus, during the 2nd week after conception, develops an umbilical cord attached to its mother's placenta and by that cord "breathes", that is, gets necessary oxygen and nutrients. If the ability to get oxygen to cells to ensure life were the basis of judging humanity, then a fetus could be reasonably argued to be human as early as two weeks!

. . . At "viability", when it can survive on its own outside its mother's womb? It's debated abortion in the first or second trimester is not murder, because until about the 6th month, a baby is not "viable", that is, cannot survive outside the mother's womb without her support. Well, if we follow that line of reasoning, what about babies born at nine months, who because of lung problems cannot survive without supplemental oxygen and other medical support? Are they any less human? What about adults who cannot survive without respirators? Do they cease to become human once they can't breathe on their own? Of course not! Furthermore, six months is no longer the threshold for life. Thanks to modern medical technology, babies born at five months and even as early as four and a half months can now survive "without their mother's support". Future

medical advancements could soon make "viability" possible at three months, three weeks, or even three days! The "viability" argument has no merit because there's no clearly defined scientific point when that viability is reached. And think what the wrong point means. Murder!

. . . When its fingerprints develop? The uniqueness of every human being's fingerprints has long proven the individuality of each person. They are absolute "identifiers" of our personhood. I think it could at least be argued rationally a fetus becomes a person when its fingerprints develop the "stuff" which make it unique from every other fetus and future American. When is that point? A fetus has its own individual fingerprints at 10 weeks in the womb! Think about it! I've seen detective programs where prints were used to identify a "John Doe" murder victim. Then, prints were used from the crime scene to identify the murderer. Has God recorded the fingerprints in "the book of life" of the 50 million babies slaughtered in their mother's wombs in America since 1973? And, will the fingerprints of their "murderers" witness against them at the judgment?

When the brain begins functioning? A person is no longer considered dead just because he stops breathing. Brain wave activity is the current determinant. People are kept alive for decades by artificial respiration, as long as they have functioning brain waves. In California, if someone's brain waves cease, after 24 hours, they are considered legally dead and disconnected from artificial respirators. If brain waves argue for a person's life and right to exist, then that adds merit to the idea a fetus should be considered a person with a right to exist at its first brain wave activity. Surprise! Brain waves can be recorded at the 7th week of gestation! Long before millions of abortions are allowed little babies start to think. Does it make sense we call a 20 year old man with a head injury dead because of the absence of brain waves, yet call a 20 week old baby in a mother's womb with very real brain waves not yet alive? What loving, tender thoughts and emotions from the mind of aborted babies will one day be made known at the final judgment as witness against those who snuffed them out?

When the heart starts beating? We've seen it so many times on TV: The patient's monitor rings out the alarm. The oscilloscope has a flat line! Nurses and doctors rush in, administer drugs, frantically watching for a good sign. Time is running out. The atmosphere is deathly tense with desperate anticipation. "Clear!" shouts the physician as he prepares to "zap" the heart back to life with an electrical jolt. No response! He cries again, "Clear!" and the chest this time leaps from energy surging through the heart enabling it to begin beating once more. All rejoice and congratulate one another in the emergency room. Can you hear them shouting? "He's alive! His heart is beating again!" Oh, life is precious, isn't it? But, wait! Let's "observe" another scene. It's the one within the mother's womb where a tiny fetus grows. The creator God moves quietly, but very deliberately there. Hormones and genetic triggers signal the moment has come at last. An energy source, created and "monitored" by God Himself, surges through the heart. Pump, pump -- the little organ takes on a life of its own. Can you hear the angels shouting? "He's alive! His heart is beating!"

If we judge 'life' by the beating of the heart in an emergency room, would it be unreasonable to judge life by the beating of a heart in the womb? And, when do you think a baby's heart starts beating? No, not the 6th month, nor the 3rd. Not even the 2nd. The baby's heart starts beating the 18th day after conception! Before a woman even knows she's pregnant, the little child's heart is beating joyfully, echoing the joyful announcement through the universe, "I'm alive! I'm alive!". Who dares to quiet it?

. . . At conception? As we have shown above, it can be scientifically argued a fetus becomes "human" as early as the second or third week. Bible believing Christians, however, on the basis of scripture (as will be shown below) believe life begins at conception. This can be and is debated. But, there is one thing that cannot be debated -- unless a fetus is miscarried (an act of God) or

aborted (a disdainful act of man), that fetus will become a human!!! That this argument is true is proven because it is the same reasoning our nation uses to protect certain animals. Protected species' eggs (which contain fetuses) are legally not allowed to be "aborted". For instance, if an M.D., vacationing in Yosemite, purposefully destroys the fetus of a bald eagle developing in its mother's egg, his deed would be punishable by a fine of \$5,000 and a year in prison. But yet, when he goes back to work at the hospital, he can purposefully destroy human fetuses with full impunity! What horrible devilish, Nazi-like reasoning has allowed for such heartless hypocrisy? Many just can't make the connection and thus they are the fulfillment of the Biblical prophecy, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man and to birds" (Rom. 1:22, 23). Birds have been exalted to a higher level than babies created in God's own image! America has truly gone to the birds!

But what about arguments defending abortion rights? Exceptional cases are often used to excuse abortion. Though exceptions never dismiss the rule, let's consider possible "exceptions" conceivably justifying abortion! Following are some of the situations argued to justify abortion ...

. . .When the mother's life is endangered: Granted, this is the only viable argument for abortion. But, in this case, it would be the equivalent of killing in self-defense. Killing in true self-defense is not a crime and never was. However, Dr. Everett Koop, prior U.S. Surgeon General said, "Abortion as a necessity to save life of mother is so rare as to be almost non-existent. Modern medical advances, sonograms, C-Sections: all make having babies a relatively safe surgical procedure". Do you know anybody who had to "abort" their baby to save their life? Neither do I. This remote possibility, though justifiable, does not even deserve to be a part of the abortion debate, and shouldn't even be called abortion.

. . . Rape victims: I was sitting on an airplane next to an obstetrician. She was probably in her 50's. She said she had never once been asked to perform an abortion because of rape!!! This too is very rare. But, even so, does the pain of being raped justify the taking of an innocent child's life? If we discover a five-year-old child was the result of a rape, do we "euthanize" him? "Oh, by the way, you don't deserve to live, because you are the seed of a rapist". I was an "accident" and an unplanned child. I sure don't want to be removed from the earth because my parents didn't want me. Can we justify taking away an innocent's joy of living on this planet, just to spare the mother "pain"? Furthermore, there are many who would love to adopt that baby. And many mothers, regardless of the difficulty of the pregnancy, when they see the face of that precious newborn child, fall in love with it, and joyfully choose to "forgive" it for being unwanted.

. . .When an ultrasound shows the child is deformed or has down syndrome: Ask someone without an arm or a leg if they would like you to euthanize them to take them out of their misery. They'd doubtless scream for a cop. My down syndrome brother-in-law, Jeffrey, has a season ticket to Disneyland, works at a Pizza Hut, and loves ice cream. My wife overheard him sitting in the back seat (talking out loud to himself) say, "she's my sister and I love her!" Would you want to be the one who deprived Jeffrey of his love of life? Who gave a mother or a doctor the right to play God and decide who lives and dies? Saddam? Hitler? Jeffrey Dahmer?

. . .Cases of incest: Granted -- babies born as a result of incest have a somewhat higher incidence of birth defects. But, when I think about birth defects, I think about one time at a county fair. I watched a father helping walk his crippled son on a child's walk-through ride. I'll never forget the laughing, smiling face of that little boy as his father tossed him about the ride bringing joy to the handicapped son he had willingly brought into the world, and loved every bit as much as you and I love our "normal" children. But, what about the pain incest brings to the innocent girl involved? Well, if a thief came into her house at night and stole all her toys, clothes, and money, would that

give her a right to rob a bank to replace all those stolen goods of hers? Of course not. And, though innocence, tragically, may have been taken from her, this could nonetheless never justify her destroying the life within her. Two wrongs never make a right. Rape, incest, or the prospect of possible deformity never justify murder. Adoption is a viable alternative! Let God decide!

. . . You are a medical doctor. The parents are seeking your counsel. The father has syphilis. The mother has tuberculosis. Their first baby was born blind. Their second, still born. Their third, deaf and dumb. Their fourth, blind. She's now pregnant with their fifth child. They are asking for your medical opinion. In view of the above problems, should she have an abortion? If you said yes, you just killed Ludwig Von Beethoven, one of the world's greatest composers! How dare any doctor or liberal politician presume to decide what future musicians live or die! How many future world heroes were deprived of their unique contribution to society because of abortion? Had we continued to outlaw abortion and allowed these children the privilege of fulfilling their destiny, I wonder if one of them might have discovered a cure for cancer or Alzheimer's by now? Or if one of them would one day become president, a president who would finally put an end to Muslim Terrorism, like Reagan whose leadership literally helped hasten the demise of Godless communism and opened the Iron Curtain to the preaching of the gospel at last!

. . . A woman's right to her own body: That baby is not part of "her body". A fetus is actually a separate being, and though in a woman's body and being fed nutrients by her body, it is foreign to her body and as an individual human being has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness under our Bill of Rights and Constitution, regardless of whether the mother wants it or not! What hypocrisy and double standard, to call it murder if Scott Peterson killed his baby in his mother's womb because he "didn't want it", but a "right" for the mother, Lacy, to kill her baby in her womb if she hadn't wanted it! If we don't allow women to sell their bodies into prostitution or inject their bodies with drugs or commit suicide, or produce PCP for sale, why allow them to kill their little babies? "Rights" do not include "wrongs!"

. . . To protect the "quality of life" of the mother or the baby: If we can euthanize a baby, to protect the quality of its life or the quality of the life of the mother, why not euthanize old people with Alzheimer's? They have a very low quality of life. Let's take them out of their misery! The Nazi's euthanized minorities, the elderly, the sick, and retarded. They used gas chambers and incinerators to "rid" society of their "low quality" lives.

In Hollywood's movie, "The Cinder House Rules", an incinerator was used to burn the bodies of aborted babies. The movie tried to justify abortion, at least in the case of incest. But, by burning fetuses in an incinerator, the writers and directors apparently didn't make the connection with the horrors of the holocaust. A society that in its own mind would incinerate its babies for convenience or for quality of life, I suggest could one day incinerate its "unwanted" Christians, like ancient Rome did, fulfilling the Bible prediction, "we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter" (Ps. 44:22).

To abort a baby at any time from conception through delivery, is to deprive life and is, in my opinion, murder. But, my opinion or any other opinion, is not the final word. This is where Christian conservatives and "moral liberals" find their greatest conflict. We believe the Word of God, not "reason", has the final say in any argument. Everyone, including mothers who abort their unwanted children and doctors who perform those abortions, will one day be judged, not by decisions of the Supreme Court, but by the Word of God: "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in that day" (John 12:48). Does the Bible speak to the issue of abortion? You bet it does, loudly and clearly!

What does the Bible say about abortion?

Ps. 127:3: "Children are the heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward". That

which is within the womb is called a "heritage", "fruit", and a "reward". It isn't "cells and stuff", a "financial consideration", a "woman's right" to be treated like some unwanted tumor. God hates abortion, because according to . . . Prov. 6:16-19: God hates "hands that shed innocent blood". The shedding of innocent blood is murder. There is no one more innocent than a fetus! No unborn child ever committed a crime, much less one worthy of death!

Ps. 139:13-18: "For thou hast formed my inward parts: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. . . My substance was not hidden from thee, when I was made in secret and intricately wrought... Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unformed and in thy book all my members were written which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there were none of them." Notice it says, "Thou hast formed my inward parts". God formed that baby: not a rapist or a feminist. Once conceived, it is no longer subject to "Planned Parenthood" counseling, but is subject to the laws of God, its creator. A human fetus is not "a bunch of cells and stuff", but is the handiwork of God who "formed (our) inward parts" and has a predetermined identity ("all my members were written"), scientifically, its "genetic code".

Luke 1:41: When John the Baptist was still unborn, he "leaped" in his mother's womb as Mary came near. Mary's baby, Jesus, was at that time still but a fetus. Even an unborn prophet had more sense than today's abortionists! He rejoiced at the high destiny in that little fetus. We'd be wise to see high destiny and potential as well in every fetus.

Luke 1:43: John's mother asked, "Whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth called that fetus her "Lord". Other fetuses too might be called mothers, fathers, doctors, or lawyers, just yet unborn.

Luke 1:15, 16: (Speaking of John) "He shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb". If the Holy Spirit determined even an unborn child was worthy of His presence and power, who could ever presume to snuff out such a lovely potential vessel of His glory?

Jer. 1:5: "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew you ... And ordained thee a prophet unto the nations". God knew Jeremiah before he was even conceived!!! That doesn't, of course, mean Jeremiah or any of us had a "preexistence", but simply that God, in His foreknowledge, views his future plan and relationship with the unborn so intimately that it is the equivalent of "knowing" one, like a friend, in the present. I wouldn't want to kill any of God's friends, would you? Can you imagine the sorrow of a heavenly father who loves each one of His creations so dearly when, by the millions, His personally "known" children and eternal "friends" are snatched away from their carefully planned earthly service? Notice further God "ordained (Jeremiah) a prophet to the nations" before he was even born. How many other prophets, statesmen, inventors, or musicians had God ordained to bless a nation, but that blessing was stamped out through abortion?

Isa. 49:5: "The Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant". An unborn child has a destined service to his world. A future parent shouldn't consider "which abortion clinic?" but rather "which college?" Job 3:19: speaks of miscarried or stillborn "infants which never saw light". Stillborn fetuses and babies are infants, not "cells and stuff", just ones who simply "never saw light" on earth. But, hallelujah, the Word adds: "There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest". No Doctor is at work in the next world "troubling" infants. "There" (in heaven) deceased fetuses are "at rest".

Matt. 18:10: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven". Little children are appointed angels, not to protect them from all harm (Even angels can't protect an unborn child from a determined murderous mother and doctor!), but you can be sure they give an accurate

report to the heavenly Father when someone "despises" one of these helpless innocents! Would you want an angel telling God that you had murdered one of his "little ones"?

Matt. 19:13-15: "Permit little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven". When one takes the life of a fetus, he violates Jesus' command by "forbidding" that child from coming to Christ during his lifetime -- a serious offense indeed! Furthermore, when Jesus said "of such is the kingdom of heaven", He was revealing heaven is filled with "little children", miscarried, stillborn, or aborted at birth: rejected of men, but accepted and loved of the Father. Innocent children are gladly accepted into heaven -- but where do their murderers end up? That thought leads us to the final sobering point ... America is experiencing the judgment of God because of its mass murder of children through abortion: Deut. 30:19: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live ". They are called "Pro-choice", these pro abortionist, but they really should be called "Pro-curse"! Abortion is a choice, alright, but it is a choice of "death". Life is a blessing, and giving life to a child brings blessing. Death is a curse, and killing a child brings a curse with it. In Worland, Wy., a woman who had five abortions came for prayer. I had to cast demons out of her!

She had brought a curse on herself. Women have died on the operating table having abortions, or have become sterile as a result, never have kids when even wanted! Depression, guilt, remorse, and demonic bondage are part of the "curse" of killing little children. Lost future generations who could bless our nation and our economy, children who will never get to visit their parents bringing them comfort in their old age: these are some of the curses of abortion. But there are other intrinsic curses which result. You who are older, like me, haven't we seen an increase in violence and murder in America since abortion was made legal in the seventies? What vicious violent demons have we unleashed on our nation by making a covenant with hell? "We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement" (Isa. 28:15)

When we make a covenantal law legalizing abortion, we are "agreeing" with hell. Satan is a murderer (John 8:44, 10:10) and so tried to kill Moses in Egypt by killing all the little male children. Later, He tried to kill Jesus by killing all the young children in the Bethlehem area. Satan is still trying to kill future leaders by killing all the little babies he possibly can, while they are still in the womb. By America legalizing Satanically inspired murder by abortion, we have given place (Eph. 4:26, 27) to murderous demons in every other facet of our society.

The Canaanites worshiped the heathen god "Moloch" by burning their children to death in hopes Moloch would bless them financially. In America today (often for financial considerations), many are aborting their children, who then will likely be incinerated in fire. In God's eyes this is idolatry, as real as in Canaan. And, it surely endangers us to the same judgment: Ps. 105:37-41: "They sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, and shed innocent blood . . . Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan and the land was polluted with blood ... Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people ... And he gave them into the hand of the heathen, and they that hated them ruled over them."

When Islamic Terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center, destroying 2,700 lives, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson rose up to say it was "because of America's sin". Liberal theologians and politicians angrily retorted, "how dare you suggest such a thing!" The world doesn't understand. They think when we talk about the "judgment of God", we mean God is mad, so He's throwing thunderbolts at us. The judgment of God is best understood as the turning of His back on his people. It means He can no longer bless us (Prov. 10:22) because we have brought a curse upon ourselves. The judgment of God means that He can no longer protect us, but rather and reluctantly so, must withdraw the favor He has given us from our enemies (Prov. 16:7).

God's laws are given to bless and protect us. But when we sin and break His laws, we unleash curses, demons, worse sins, and set in motion laws of sowing and reaping (James 6:7, 8) which are as certain as the law of gravity. The greater the sin, the greater the curse. Murder is a great sin! And, abortion is murder. Paul warned that in the last days, "men shall be lovers of their own selves ... without natural affection." (II Tim. 3:2, 3). America's preoccupation with self-love has developed into a mind-set that sees abortion, not as murder, but as a form of "birth-control" and a "woman's right to her body". This is unnatural affection. It has brought a curse upon America. God is judging us now by letting us reap what we have sown in violence, child abuse, murder, suicide, and most recently, terrorist attacks.

What will it take for America to come to its senses? What can we do? Plenty! We can pray for revival. We can wage spiritual warfare against the spirit behind abortion. We can pray for Godly leaders. We can teach young people about the evils of abortion. We can encourage adoption alternatives. But, by all means, let's do something! In fact, you can do something right now! Make copies of this newsletter and give it to your pastor, to a teenage girl, or maybe even to someone who is pro-choice!