

~Abortion-is it murder?~

Question: "If you knew a woman who was pregnant, and she had 8 kids already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis; would you recommend that she have an abortion? If you said yes, you just killed Beethoven."

Exod 21:22-25 "If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely **but there is no serious injury, (the baby does not die)** the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise. (NIV)

Exod 21:22-26 "If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, **yet there is no injury, (the baby does not die)** he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges {decide.} But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise. If a man strikes the eye of his male or female slave, and destroys it, he shall let him go free on account of his eye. (NAU) (*emphases are mine-Bob*)

In the case above it tells us that if a pregnant woman is hit, because of a fight between 2 men, and she gives birth prematurely and there is no damage to the baby, the offender must be fined. ***If the baby is dead, then a life for a life!***

Jer 1:5 "***Before I formed you in the womb I knew you***, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

God said that He knew Jeremiah before He ever created him in the womb. This proves that the baby in the womb is a human being in God's sight and must be treated as such! ***Therefore, in God's eyes, abortion is murder!***

Millions of unborn babies are murdered (I mean, pregnancies are terminated) every year, in North America alone, through abortion. How do we justify this in our modern society? By the use of euphemisms!!

Euphemism: n. The act or an example of substituting a mild, indirect, or vague term for one considered harsh, blunt, or offensive: "Euphemisms such as 'slumber room'... abound in the funeral business."

For example, let us look at a story about a young girl who finds out she is pregnant. Here is the story ***without*** any euphemisms:

One day a young girl, who had been fooling around with sex, found out she was pregnant! "What to do?" she cried. "I can't ruin my future and all the things I want to do. I am not ready to be tied down with a kid! Why, I haven't even begun to live!" She contacts someone who gets her an appointment with an abortionist and sets a date. She enters the abortuary and the abortionist kills the baby within a short time

by pulling it's limbs apart with a vacuum pump and then dumps the remains into a bucket to be disposed of in the garbage can.

Sounds pretty horrific, doesn't it? In fact, it is so horrifying that we could not talk about it, as it really is, so let us put it into more 'acceptable' language in order to ease our consciences. Here is the same story **with** euphemisms:

One day a young girl found out she was pregnant. "What to do"? She cried. I haven't had enough of life experience and want the freedom to reach my potential as a woman. Why, I haven't even begun to share my experiences with others. She contacts a friend who gets her an interview with a health provider and makes a date for counseling. She then enters a health clinic and the Surgeon terminates the pregnancy, in the security of the clinic, by a surgical procedure that involves removing the fetus and thereby freeing the young woman to live her life unencumbered.

Sounds much better, doesn't it? Alas, in both cases, the baby is still killed!

When does a human become a human--if not at conception, then when? Who is to determine the time it happens? On what basis? If not at conception, then what is it at this point? A zygote? A fetus? Don't you love those names?

We will call the baby anything but what it really is, won't we? If we call it a baby at conception, we couldn't kill it then, could we?? When conception occurs, THAT is the time a human becomes a human. It is complete! It will not grow into a big tomato or a lettuce or a wart—it will grow into a big human being! Granted, at conception, it is a very tiny human, but a human nevertheless!

When a baby is born, it is not the same as when it grows up. There are changes, many of them, before it attains adulthood. Yet, we would not call it anything other than a human being while it is going through all those changes, would we?

Then what is the difference between a conceived baby in the womb and when it comes out of the womb, other than growth and development??

NOTHING! It doesn't TURN into a human. It develops AS a human!

It is no less human when it is conceived than when it is born and no less human when it is a baby than when it is an adult--is it?

How little do we value human life when we can kill, at will, our unborn children? "Terminating a pregnancy" is nothing more than 2 human beings entering an Abortuary and only one comes out. One is dead and the other is wounded for life! How many women suffer because they allowed someone to kill their baby?

Can anyone seriously believe in partial birth abortions?? Seriously?? Does a human being become a human being the second it is completely out of the womb and breathing air?? Is it lawful to kill a baby 5 seconds before it comes all the way out of the womb, but then illegal to kill it when it is all the way out??

Is there any sanity in the pro-abortion movement?

One of the foremost abortionists in Canada was a survivor of the Nazi death camps. How ironic, is it not, that a man who escaped a place of mass murder now works in one and is no better than the Nazi butchers who tried to kill him! Oh, his intentions may sound better, but the end result is a dead human being when the doctor is finished his work!

A young pregnant mother, with her older child came in to see her doctor. Her doctor, upon being asked by her if he could provide her with an abortion told her: “Sure, but it’s easier for me to kill the one on your lap with a knife, right now, than kill the one within your womb and maybe cause complications with your present state of health.” The mother was horrified at such a remark. The doctor said: “What is the difference?”

The following is a list of useful abortion statistics as well as some facts on abortifacients--substances or devices used to induce abortion.

WORLDWIDE:

Number of abortions per year: Approximately 46 Million

Number of abortions per day: Approximately 126,000

Where abortions occur:

78% of all abortions are obtained in developing countries and 22% occur in developed countries.

Legality of abortion:

About 26 million women obtain legal abortions each year, while an additional 20 million abortions are obtained in countries where it is restricted or prohibited by law.

Abortion averages:

Worldwide, the lifetime average is about 1 abortion per woman.

UNITED STATES:

Number of abortions per year: 1.37 Million (1996)

Number of abortions per day: Approximately 3,700

Who's having abortions (age)?

52% of women obtaining abortions in the U.S. are younger than 25: Women aged 20-24 obtain 32% of all abortions; Teenagers obtain 20% and girls under 15 account for 1.2%.

Who's having abortions (race)?

While white women obtain 60% of all abortions, their abortion rate is well below that of minority women. Black women are more than 3 times as likely as white women to have an abortion, and Hispanic women are roughly 2 times as likely.

Who's having abortions (marital status)?

64.4% of all abortions are performed on never-married women; Married women account for 18.4% of all abortions and divorced women obtain 9.4%.

Who's having abortions (religion)?

Women identifying themselves as Protestants obtain 37.4% of all abortions in the U.S.; Catholic women account for 31.3%, Jewish women account for 1.3%, and women with no religious affiliation obtain 23.7% of all abortions. 18% of all abortions are performed on women who identify themselves as "Born-again/Evangelical".

Who's having abortions (income)?

Women with family incomes less than \$15,000 obtain 28.7% of all abortions; Women with family incomes between \$15,000 and \$29,999 obtain 19.5%; Women with family incomes between \$30,000 and \$59,999 obtain 38.0%; Women with family incomes over \$60,000 obtain 13.8%.

Why women have abortions

1% of all abortions occur because of rape or incest; 6% of abortions occur because of potential health problems regarding either the mother or child, and 93% of all abortions occur for social reasons (i.e. the child is unwanted or inconvenient).

At what gestational ages are abortions performed:

52% of all abortions occur before the 9th week of pregnancy, 25% happen between the 9th & 10th week, 12% happen between the 11th and 12th week, 6% happen between the 13th & 15th week, 4% happen between the 16th & 20th week, and 1% of all abortions (16,450/yr.) happen after the 20th week of pregnancy.

Likelihood of abortion:

An estimated 43% of all women will have at least 1 abortion by the time they are 45 years old. 47% of all abortions are performed on women who have had at least one previous abortion.

Abortion coverage:

48% of all abortion facilities provide services after the 12th week of pregnancy. 9 in 10 managed care plans routinely cover abortion or provide limited coverage. About 14% of all abortions in the United States are paid for with public funds, virtually all of which are state funds.

The Pill – Progesterone only, low dose combination pills

The Physician's Desk Reference lists the above hormonal contraceptives as having three mechanisms of action: 1) Prevent ovulation, 2) Thicken the cervical mucous to prevent sperm from entering the uterus and fallopian tube, and 3) Alter the lining of the uterus so implantation cannot take place. The third action, if and when it occurs, is abortifacient (meaning a human life has begun but cannot continue to develop without the nourishment provided through the mother's uterine wall). Although pro-life physicians continue to debate if and how often hormonal contraceptives interfere with the implantation of an embryo, it is important to educate ourselves and our clients about this potential action of the Pill. Those who seek to protect the sanctity of human life from the point of fertilization should be cautious about taking any drug which could end the developing child's life.

For further research, download or purchase the helpful booklet *Does the Birth Control Pill Cause Abortions?*

Norplant

This implant is placed under the skin of the arm for up to a 5 year period. The progesterone hormone's effect is to suppress ovulation, but after 2 years, there is a greater chance of break-through ovulation and fertilization. The hormone may prevent implantation of the embryo.

Depo-Provera

This Progesterone (hormone) derivative is injected every 3 months to prevent a woman from ovulating, but it also alters the uterine lining. Break-through ovulation and fertilization may occur, though less frequently than with Norplant. The hormone may prevent implantation of the embryo.

Morning after pill

Large doses of existing birth control pills (or another drug levonorgestrel, known as Plan B) are given up to 72 hours after intercourse to attempt to prevent the implantation of the embryo. A second dose is given 12 hours after the first one. The action of these large doses of hormones birth control pills work to prevent ovulation and/or fertilization.

RU-486

When a woman is given RU-486 (also called Mifepristone), it kills her baby by interfering with progesterone, the hormone which keeps the baby implanted in the wall of the mother's uterus. Two days later, the woman returns to the clinic to receive a prostaglandin drug, which induces labor and expels the dead embryo (RU-486 is used until 7 weeks after the first day of her last menstrual period). If the baby hasn't been expelled by the time the woman makes her third visit to the doctor, she will require a surgical abortion procedure (5-8% likelihood). Raymond, Klein & Dumble, the pro-abortion authors of RU486 Misconceptions, Myths and Morals, (IWT Pub, 1991) stress that RU-486 is not safe for women and list the following contraindications (reasons a person should not take RU-486): under age 18 or over 35; menstrual irregularities; history of fibroids, abnormal menstrual bleeding or endometriosis cervical incompetence, previous abortion, or abnormal pregnancies; pelvic inflammatory disease; recent use of IUD or the pill 3 months.

Methotrexate & Misoprostol

Two drugs that were developed for cancer (methotrexate) and ulcer (misoprostol) treatment are now being used in combination to kill babies. Methotrexate is used to poison the baby and then Misoprostol empties the uterus of the baby. Keep in mind that Methotrexate is a chemotherapy drug with the potential for serious toxicity, which can result in the death of the mother as well as the baby. (*Methotrexate & Misoprostol to Terminate Early Pregnancy, R. Hausknecht, New England Journal of Medicine, Vol.333, No. 9, 8/31/95, Pg. 537 and "Methotrexate & Misoprostol," M. Creinin et al., JAMA, Oct. 19, 1994 and Physicians Desk Reference*)

One person said so much about abortion when she stated: *"Of the 2 people in the world that an unborn baby should trust most for care and protection, her mother and her doctor, they are the ones that she should fear the most!"*