When Did Your Life Really Begin?

When Did You Become a Complete Human Being?

Impossible as it may seem to some readers, we each begin our life as a complete human being, as we shall see; and our beginning occurs "... when a wriggling sperm plunges head-long into a mature ovum or egg [M.A. Gilbert]."

Wrote researchers Horan, Gorby, and Hilgers: "Individual human life begins at conception. . . . This is a fact so well established that no intellectually honest physician in full command of modern medical knowledge would dare deny it. There is no authority in medicine or biology who can be cited to refute this concept."

"But does that mean this young life is complete?" one may ask.

Responds noted French geneticist Dr. Jerome Lejeune, discoverer of Down Syndrome: "If a fertilized egg is not by itself a full human being it could not become a man, because something would have to be added to it, and we know that does not happen. . . . This is not opinion; it is a fact."

How then can abortion be legal, especially in America?

For an answer, let us scan history and recall institutional slavery, sweat shops, and civil rights atrocities, all on our soil. Elsewhere, the gulag, Auschwitz, and virtual genocide against segments of a population come to mind—all legal at the time. We must realize America is not immune to grave injustice—and we must end our own holocaust, which has claimed over 50 million lives through surgical abortions alone.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE

For further insight into when human life begins, let's turn not to theologians and philosophers, but to biologists, whom the Supreme Court chose to ignore in 1973.

Here we meet Leo Schneider, who reminds us that "You are composed of trillions of cells now, but at one time in your life you were just a single cell." Yet, as a single cell, "you" were informationally complete and unique, with sufficient content to fill "1000" volumes of *Encyclopædia Britannica*.

The Position of Modern Science on the Beginning of Human Life answers the question "When did your life begin?" by taking us back in time, as follows: "Before you were an adult, you were an adolescent, and before that a child, and before that an infant. Before you were an infant—i.e., before you were born—you were a fetus, and before that an embryo. Before you were an embryo, around the time of your own implantation, you were a blastocyst, and before that a morula, and before that a zygote or fertilized ovum. However, you were never a sperm or an unfertilized ovum. Therefore, while life is continuous, your life began when the nucleus of your father's sperm fused with the nucleus of your mother's ovum, or at fertilization."

Or in the words of Ingleman, Sundberg and Wirsen: "When does an embryo in a human mother become a human being? It has been one all the time, since the moment of conception." To which Thomas W. Hilgers has added: "It is at this moment that a totally new and unique individual, never before in existence and never again to be duplicated, comes to be."

Humanhood is, therefore, a progression of the same person from conception to old age and death, and both Webster and biology define person as "an individual human being." (cont. on p. 3)

America Must Decide

A Child's Right to Life OR A Woman's Right to Choice

A BABY LIVES
A new American citizen, a baby girl is born.
Did she deserve legal protection before birth?
(Courtesy of L.A. Garden Study, Marysville, CA)

A BABY DIES
Aborted by saline injection, 4-1/2 months old.
In America today, abortion is legal until birth.
(Courtesy of Debbie Hudna, Victory for the Unborn, Houston, TX)

Current Law Permits Abortion Through 9 Months of Pregnancy

ABORTION FACTS

What are the facts surrounding abortion, and how valid are the arguments used to defend it? To follow is an assessment:

A woman should have a choice: When a woman conceives, she becomes a mother with child, and her only choice is to be the mother of either a live baby or a dead one. Abortion cannot end a woman's motherhood. It can only end the life of her baby, and she must forever live with that reality.

Susan Carpenter McMillan has stated: "As a feminist, I believe strongly in a woman's right of choice. But with abortion, we're really talking about the rights of human beings versus the 'right' of an individual to kill another human being. We're talking about someone's right to live versus someone's right to choose death for another person. We're talking about life versus a lifestyle."

In case of rape: Conception from rape is rare, for several reasons: women can conceive only a few days monthly; they may be of non-childbearing age; many are on birth control; fear and anguish can delay ovulation; and rapists are often disfunctional. Research estimates range from 30 to 500 conceptions from rape yearly in the U.S. (*Abortion Questions & Answers*, 1991).

Should conception from rape occur, abortion is not a solution. Instead, it will likely be a second traumatic experience for the mother, complete with memory that her innocent child was killed for its father's crime. In the words of Meta Uchtman, of Suiciders Anonymous:" We found this experience [rape] is forgotten, replaced by remembering the abortion, because it is what they did [Report to Cincinnati City Council, Sept. 1, 1981]."

Expressed otherwise, consider how similar rape and abortion actually are. Both are violent acts against innocent victims who are given no value by their aggressor. And which mother would the reader respect more, the one who aborted her child conceived through rape or the one who gave birth, with compassion and courage?

To reduce illegal back-alley abortions: Prior to legalization, 90% of illegal abortions in America were performed by licensed physicians. Abortion proponents, as Planned Parenthood, misrepresent the number of deaths from "back-alley clinics" by using false estimates of 5,000 to 10,000 deaths annually before *Roe v. Wade,* whereas in 1972, for example, one year before legalization of abortion in all 50 states, only 39 abortion deaths were reported (Centers for Disease Control, Nov. 1980).

In truth, more women are injured by abortion today than before it was legalized, simply because the number of elective surgical abortions has risen from approximately 100,000 to 1.3 million annually.

To prevent child abuse: Abortion is, itself, the ultimate form of child abuse and child dehumanization, and contrary to what many Americans assume, children from unplanned pregnancies represent only a small percentage of abuse cases each year in the U.S. For a fuller discussion of abuse, see "'Unwanted Pregnancies,' Child Abuse, and Abortion," on p. 2 of this pamphlet.

To save relationships: Researcher Emily Milling studied over 400 couples and found that 70% of their relationships ended within one month of their abortion. Sociologist Arthur Shostak found that three out of four male respondents had persistent day and night dreams about " the child that never was." And Linda Bird Franke has written: "In my research, almost every relationship between single people broke up either before or after the abortion [*The Ambivalence of Abortion,* 1978]."

A woman has a "right" to control her own body: Yes, but not another individual's body, which the unborn child's body surely is. Can one body have two blood types or be both male and female? Can one body outgrow itself? Dr. A. W. Liley, "Father of Fetology," has stated: "Biologically, at no stage can we subscribe to the view that the fetus is a mere appendage of the mother. Genetically, mother and baby are separate individuals from conception ["The Termination of Pregnancy or the Extermination of the Fetus?" a speech, Nov. 18, 1970].

As to the legalization of abortion on demand, many legal scholars agree with Professor John Hart Ely, former Dean of Stanford Law School, who stated that *Roe v. Wade* "is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be [82 *Yale Law Review*, 920 (1973]." Once pregnant, a woman best controls her body by protecting her baby's sanctuary, as much medical data confirms.

To prevent possible suicide: Studies have consistently shown abortion to be a primary cause of suicide and pregnancy to be a strong curb against it—even among women who were refused abortions before they were legal (see the research of Suiciders Anonymous, J. Ottosson, Whitlock & Edwards, M. Sim, and Minnesota Maternal Mortality Committee).

To relieve stress: Dr. Anne Speckhard, researcher into the long-term manifestations of abortion (5-10 years later), found that 81% of mothers reported continuing preoccupation with their aborted child, that 54% were still experiencing nightmares, 35% were experiencing perceived visitations with their child, and that 96% felt their abortion had taken a human life (doctoral dissertation, Univ. of Minnesota, 1985).

To protect a woman's mental health: Proponents of abortion have relied heavily on this argument, but as early as 1970 the World Health Organization officially reported: "Serious mental disorders arise more often in women with serious mental problems. Thus, the very (cont. on p. 2)

"Unwanted Pregnancies," Child Abuse, and Abortion

"To say a child is unwanted says nothing about the child, but it says much about the person who does not want his or her child."
—Jean Staker Garton

Many Americans assume a correlation exists between "unwanted pregnancies" and child abuse. Behind their slogan "Every Child a Wanted Child," Planned Parenthood kills over 280,000 children in their own U.S. clinics annually and then claims to have "saved" those "unwanted children" from parental abuse.

The evidence tells a different story. In her research article "The Myth: Unplanned Pregnancies Lead to Child Abuse," Dr. Wanda Franz wrote: "In every major child-abuse center, the data collected on families who have been identified as abusers indicate that the vast majority 'wanted' their children before they were born. The percentages of 'wantedness' ranged from 91 percent to 96 percent, depending on the study."

That conclusion is supported by the research of Dr. Edward Lenoski of the USC School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, who found that abused children came from planned pregnancies in over 90 percent of the 674 cases he studied first hand. He further noted that, on average, abusing mothers put on maternity clothes at 114 days into their pregnancies, compared to 171 days nationally, and that abusing fathers named their sons after themselves 24 percent of the time, compared to only 4 percent nationally (*Heartbeat*, Dec. 1980).

But while the correlation between unwanted children and child abuse is minor, a strong correlation exists between abuse and abortion. Prominent researcher and psychiatry professor Dr. Philip Ney has written: "Our study indicates that child abuse is more frequent among mothers who have previously had an abortion. The mother's guilt or high expectations may be reasons why there is this high correlation. A more plausible cause is that because of guilt, there is antepartum depression that interferes with the mother's ability to bond."

"Abortion not only increases the rate of child battering at present; it will increase the tendency to batter and abort in succeeding generations."
—Professor Philip G. Ney,
Infant Abortion and Child Abuse: Cause and Effect

Emphasizing that acceptance of violence inside the womb has weakened parents' resistance to violence outside the womb, Dr. Ney has further noted: **1)** Abortion decreases a parent's instinctual restraint against occasional rage felt toward a child. **2)** Permissive abortion diminishes restraint against aggressing the defenseless. **3)** Abortion increases hostility between generations. **4)** Abortion has devalued life. **5)** Abortion increases guilt and self-hatred, which the parent releases against the child. **6)** Abortion increases hostile frustration between sexes, for which the child is the scapegoat [*Child and Family*, Vol. 19 No. 2, 1980].

After legalizing abortion on demand in 1973, America saw a 500 percent increase in child abuse by 1982, from 167,000 cases to 929,000.

Following legalization in New York City, child abuse rose over 300 percent during the next three years, while the city's population was declining by 150,000. Similarly, Hyde Amendment testimony (1980) noted that with fewer and fewer infants born, America has more and more abuse of children. Within the same month, two New York Times headlines read: "Nation Found Near Point of No Unwanted Pregnancies" and "Child Abuse Epidemic, HEW Says." By 1986, abuse cases had risen to 2.1 million yearly, as reported by the National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect. p

CATS and DOGS RECEIVE BETTER TREATMENT

In October, 1988, a zoning appeals board in Milwaukee, due to public outrage, ended the local Pet Lawn Cemetery and Crematory's incineration of aborted babies—done as a "service to abortion clinics."

Pet Lawn was paid "a flat rate for so many pounds" of fetal remains, according to the manager. And while the babies' ashes were buried without markings, the pets received tombstones, flowers, prayers, and epitaphs, such as "Our Beloved Rover, we've committed you into the loving arms of Jesus."

Relative to such injustice, Judge John T. Noonan, professor of law at Harvard and Berkeley, and now Ninth Circuit appellate court jurist, has written: "[There] are no laws which regulate the suffering of the aborted like those sparing pain to dying animals. There is nothing like the requirements that consciousness must be destroyed by rapid and effective methods as it is for cattle . . . nothing like the safeguard extended even to new-born kittens that only a humane mode of death may be employed *[Life Cycle*, Spring, 1984]." Where, the judge asks, is our soul, our mind, and our courage?

ANOTHER BABY DIES
This 7-month-old baby boy was aborted in Houston, TX, on December 8, 1989. His head and arm were torn from his body as the abortionist's tongs pulled him from his mother's womb. He was 16 inches long and would have lived, if given birth. Some doctors and clinics "specialize" in late-term (3rd trimester) abortions, which are legal in America up to the time of birth. (©1990 Debbie Hudnall/Victory for the Unborn)

In his book *A Private Choice*, Judge Noonan lists 12 reasons why the "liberty" of abortion is seriously damaging our nation. His reasons follow in abbreviated form: **1)** The liberty of abortion has no foundation in the Constitution. **2)** The Abortion Cases rest on serious error. **3)** The liberty is destructive of family. **4)** The liberty oppresses the poor. **5)** The liberty violates the ethics of Western medicine from Hippocrates to the present. **6)** The liberty divides our country. **7)** The liberty encourages the coercion of conscience. **8)** The liberty has subverted other parts of our Constitution. **9)** The liberty has fostered a sinister and Orwellian reshaping of our language (the child becomes "fetal waste"). **10)** The liberty has led to experimentation on unborn and dying infants. **11)** It has diminished the care due a child capable of life outside the womb. **12)** It has caused very high loss of human life. p

U.S. surgical abortions alone exceed, by more than fifty times, the number of Americans killed in combat in all U.S. wars.

ABORTION FACTS

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Surgical abortions kill approximately 3,500 American children daily. Birth controls (including the Pill, IUDs, Norplant, Prostaglandins and Depo-Provera) kill many additional Americans soon after their conception.

women for whom legal abortion is considered justified on psychiatric grounds are the ones who have the highest risk of post-abortion psychiatric disorders." Similarly, the *Canadian Psychological Association Journal* (Nov. 1976) stated that "women with a history of psychiatric disturbances were three times as likely to have some psychiatric disturbance" after an abortion.

To relieve women of unwanted pregnancies: The premise that unwanted pregnancies produce unloved children was also rebutted in the early years of legalized abortion. Wrote researcher Paul Cameron, who would later earn international acclaim for proving the danger of secondary tobacco smoke: "It is clear that mothers who initially believed their pregnancy to be 'the worst thing that ever happened to them' came to feel about the same degree of affection for their children as the mothers who were initially 'ecstatic' about their pregnancy [*Rocky-Mountain Psychological Association,* May 1972]." Abortion clinic counselors usually withhold such evidence and do not tell their patients that most mothers eventually regret their abortions and often suffer permanent physical and/or emotional injury.

In the final analysis, "unwanted children" do not exist in America because several U.S. families desire each adoptable child. Beyond that fact, are we at liberty either to "want" or "not want" our children, as if they were consumer products, with no inherent worth as human beings?

The fetus is mere tissue or only uterine content: To escape the charge of "killing," the abortion industry endeavors to devalue the preborn child to nonperson status. The weapons employed are the euphemism and manipulation of language, as seen in "Language Fuels America's Holocaust," on p. 4.

Abortion is safer than childbirth: This assumption is untrue during each trimester of pregnancy and especially so in the late months (see the research of Linger, Cavanaugh, Slumsky, Goodlin, Stipal; of McDonald & Auro; and of Wright Richardson & Dickson).

The family planners defend abortion for young teens by arguing that childbirth is too dangerous for them, while the facts say otherwise. Abortion complications increase proportionate to the youthfulness of mothers 15 years and younger, whereas birthing complications show no equivalent increase (*OB-GYN Observer,* Oct.-Nov. 1975 and *Pediatrics,* July 1986).

Abortion is permitted only in the early months of pregnancy: *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* were both approved by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 1973, and their joint powers legalized abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Thereafter, thousands of American children have been aborted after reaching viability (the age at which they could live outside their mothers); and some children have been killed after birth, following hysterotomies (similar to Caesarean sections), where the infants are left to starve in surgical buckets or are drowned, suffocated, or strangled.

A human fetus cannot feel pain: But indeed it can, as memorably confirmed in a prominent and compelling letter to President Reagan in 1984 from 26 researchers and two past presidents of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (see also the research of H.M.I. Liley, of Volman & Pearson, and of P. Lubeskin).

The child may be deformed or handicapped: In what way? Physically, spiritually, in attitude? Are the rest of us perfect in body, mind, soul? Does abortion correct God's mistakes? God asks in Exodus 4:11: *"Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or dumb? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"*

To control population and food supply: Hunger and starvation are due chiefly to inept governments, rather than to food shortage. The earth can sustain several times its present population (see the research of Conlin Clark, Constantin Doxiadis, and Ansley Coale). All 6 billion people living today could readily stand within the incorporated area of Jacksonville, FL, and America's farmers alone can now feed a third of the world's population. Also, contrary to family planning propaganda, world population growth trends are declining measurably and too much so in the industrialized nations. Warned the *European Parliament News* as early as 1984 (April-May): "The European Parliament is seriously disturbed by statistics showing rapid decline in the birth rate of the European Economic Community, which fell from 2.79 in 1964 to 1.68 in 1982." Without immigration, America's population today would be in sharp decline, because the U.S. birth rate fell below replacement level in 1972.

To save welfare (taxpayers') money: To the contrary, abortion is a massive drain on America's economy. In the early 1990's, Analyst Brian Clowes computed our nation's loss in goods, services, and tax revenues to be about $46 trillion since abortion was legalized (*Social Justice Review*, Dec. 1993); and while public service expenditures (incurred if the aborted citizens had lived) would reduce the $46 trillion figure, the remaining (net) economic loss is enormous, as is the cultural loss (see also the research of Professor Jacqueline R. Kasun and *The Birth Dearth* by journalist-scholar Ben Wattenberg).

An unborn child has no rights: In America today, an unborn child can inherit property, be named an executor, have a guardian appointed, sue for injury, file for an injunction, receive Social Security benefits, sue for a blood transfusion, obtain equal protection by law, and yet be denied the right to save its life from the abortionist's cold and cruel instruments.

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who is not a strong defender of the unborn, has stated: "*Roe v. Wade* is on a collision course with itself. It has no basis in law or logic." p

Slavery and Abortion

Abraham Lincoln noted, with sorrow, that many of the best educated Americans of his day did not understand slavery because they had never truly discovered the slave. In like manner today, most proponents of abortion have never discovered the child aborted. When they make that discovery, they usually turn pro-life.

Much has been written in recent years about the parallels between slavery of the past century and abortion today.

In 1857, the Taney (U.S. Supreme) Court attempted to "settle" the slavery issue by ruling 7-2 that Dred Scott, a black man from St. Louis, was not a legal person but, instead, was the property of his owner.

In 1973, the Burger Court attempted to settle the abortion issue by ruling, also 7-2, that an unborn American child lacks personhood and, in effect, is the property of its mother. As such, she may either save her child or have it killed.

Opponents of slavery were accused of "imposing their morality" on slaveholders and their "pro-choice" sympathizers. Today, pro-lifers bear the same charge for urging mothers not to have their own offspring put to death. This is a peculiar charge indeed, and it is by those who cry "poor taste" if pictures of aborted children are shown publicly.

Slave owners were not content to own and work their slaves. They demanded and held unrestricted control over every aspect of their slaves' lives. In like manner, pro-abortionists oppose all legal attempts to protect unborn children at any point during pregnancy—or to allow requirements that mothers be accurately informed about abortion and its aftermath. Abortion opponent and syndicated columnist George Will has labeled this anomaly the woman's "right not to know."

The Constitution came to mean whatever pro-choice (slavery) advocates chose to make it. Whereas Lincoln stated that his entire philosophy was based on the Declaration of Independence, slavery defender John C. Calhoun declared: "There is not a word of truth in it." As to the premise that "all men are created equal" and deserve "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," Calhoun insisted that "Men are not born. Infants are born. They are not born free. While infants, they are incapable of freedom." With similar disregard for ethics, science, and logic, Justice Blackmun and his Court majority spotted the word "privacy" in a penumbra, of all places, to the 14th Amendment and deemed it their best hope to justify a woman's "right" to an uncontested abortion. As to when human life begins, Justice Blackmun refused to address the issue. Since passage of *Roe v. Wade* (1973), pro-abortionists have lauded abortion for its "mercy" to unwanted children, much as plantation owners praised their practice of enslaving the poor blacks in acts of "positive good."

Slave owners were at liberty—and some used their liberty—to beat, starve, yoke, bell, and gag their property. They could tear out their slaves' teeth for easy identification, rub pepper and turpentine into their stripe wounds, draw the claws of angry cats over their naked bodies, brand them with hot irons, cut off their ears, gouge out their eyes, revive them after beatings in order to beat them more, and use them for targets after hunting them down with blood hounds.

Today in America, unborn children, the property of their mothers, may be scraped into a thick paste; torn, pulled, or cut into "manageable" pieces; poisoned and burned alive (saline); drowned, suffocated, crushed, choked, or left to starve to death in a "surgical bucket." All are means of "cleaning the uterus" and "eliminating the remains of conception." In comparison, most slaves were fortunate. p

American Medical Association of 1871

While Lincoln was fighting to free the slaves, the American Medical Association of his day was fighting to save unborn children from the hands of abortionists. Wrote the AMA in 1871: "These men should be marked as Cain was marked; they should be made the outcasts of society . . . respectable men should cease to consult with them, should cease to speak to them, should cease to notice them except with contempt.

". . . Resolved, That we repudiate and denounce the conduct of abortionists, and that we hold no intercourse with them professionally or otherwise and that we will, whenever an opportunity presents, guard and protect the public against the machinations of these characters by pointing out the physical and moral ruin which follows in their wake." —American Medical Association, 1871

Planned Parenthood, Racism and Abortion

The world's chief abortion advocate Planned Parenthood was founded by "Radiant Rebel" Margaret Sanger, self-proclaimed eugenicist and adulterous "free love" queen, who said of her new "birth control" organization: "Our objective is unlimited sexual gratification without the burden of unwanted children."

"I love being ravaged by romances," she declared, adding that "only individuals count, not families." She termed marriage "the most degenerating influence in the social order."

While moving steadily from one lover's bed to another and urging women to use their "biological powers" to take control of society, Sanger praised Nazi theories of race superiority and set out to eliminate "the dead weight of human waste," in her judgment, among poor immigrant families, "the Negro population," and other minorities whom she labeled "inferior."

In America today, Blacks are aborted about three times as frequently as Whites, while women of Spanish American, American Indian, and Puerto Rican descent also endure high abortion and sterilization rates.

Given to drugs, alcoholism, and mysticism, Sanger's final years were marked by depression, bitterness, and lunacy. She died in 1966. p

Is Abortion Murder?

The story is told of a mother who stepped into a doctor's office while carrying a one-year-old baby. Seating herself near the physician, she said, "Doctor, I want you to help me out of trouble. My baby is only one year old, and I have conceived again. Surely, you understand why I do not want to have children so close together."

"What do you expect me to do?" asked the physician.

"Oh, anything to get rid of it for me," she replied.

After thinking for a moment the doctor said, "I can suggest a better method of helping you. If you object to having two children so near together, the best way would be to kill the one on your lap, and it makes no difference to me which one I kill. Besides, it might be dangerous for you if I undertook to kill the younger one."

As the doctor finished speaking, he reached for a knife and asked the mother to lay the baby out on her lap and turn her head. At that moment, the woman almost fainted away, before rising from her chair and screaming, "murderer!"

A few words of explanation from the doctor soon convinced the young mother that his offer to kill her one-year-old was no worse than her request for the destruction of her unborn child. Either way, it would be equivalent to murder. The only difference would be in the age of the child. p

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U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee held hearings (April 1981) on the very question before us here: *When does human life begin?* From the scientific community was a group of internationally known geneticists and biologists who told the same story, namely, that human life begins at conception—and they told their story with a pronounced absence of opposing testimony.

"Father of Modern Genetics" Dr. Jerome Lejeune told the lawmakers: "To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion . . . it is plain experimental evidence." Dr. Hymie Gordon, Chairman, Department of Genetics at Mayo Clinic, added: "By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception."

Dr. McCarthy de Mere, medical doctor and law professor, University of Tennessee, testified: "The exact moment of the beginning of personhood and of the human body is at the moment of conception."

Dr. Alfred Bongiovanni, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, concluded: "I am no more prepared to say that these early stages represent an incomplete human being than I would be to say that the child prior to the dramatic effects of puberty . . . is not a human being."

Dr. Micheline M. Mathews-Roth, Harvard Medical School, gave confirming testimony, supported by references from over 20 embryology and other medical textbooks.

OTHER AUTHORITIES AGREE

Dr. Richard V. Jaynes: "To say the beginning of human life cannot be determined scientifically is utterly ridiculous."

Dr. Landrum Shettles, sometimes called the "Father of In Vitro Fertilization" (test-tube babies): "Conception confers life and makes that life one of a kind." And on the Supreme Court ruling *Roe v. Wade*: "To deny a truth [about when human life begins] should not be made a basis for legalizing abortion."

Professor Eugene Diamond (on *Roe v. Wade*): ". . . either the justices were fed a backwoods biology or they were pretending ignorance about a scientific certainty."

DO ABORTIONISTS AGREE?

Most abortionists agree, due to the evidence. Dr. Magna Denes, herself an abortion victim, spent two years researching her book *In Necessity and Sorrow: Life and Death in an Abortion Hospital*. Regarding her research experience, she told the *Chicago Daily News* (Oct. 22, 1976): "There wasn't a doctor who at one time or another in the questioning did not say, 'This is murder.'" Thus the simple reality that abortion kills children. Only in denial does one try to justify the killing. p

Humanhood is a Progression

. . . from Conception to Old Age

A CHILD IN WEEKS OLD

Photo by Dr. Landrum B. Shettles: Courtesy of Intercessors for America, PO Box 2639, Reston, VA 22090

The average age of an aborted child is eleven weeks. Though only three inches long and weighing one ounce, the child both looks and behaves like the complete human being he (or she) evidently is.

His sole needs are nutrition and time to grow. His heart has been beating for two months, his brain is active, and all bodily systems are working.

Personality is present in a variety of facial expressions, smiles, and eye squints. Weeks earlier he began sucking his thumb, making a fist, getting hiccups, waking and sleeping, and showing off his new fingerprints. He curls his toes, turns his head, dreams, tastes, hears, feels, urinates and has tiny bowel movements.

As fetologists have stressed, the unborn child is very much in charge of his environment. He, not his mother, decides the day of his birth by signaling the placenta. At that time, electro-chemical impulses inform the uterus that labor contractions should begin. The child is ready to become a full-fledged family member and participating citizen. p

Language Fuels America's Holocaust

Fifty years ago, much was written about the use of euphemism by Nazi officials who controlled Germany's death centers. More recently, Dr. William Brennan of St. Louis University has explained how language tranquilized the German populace while 12 million people were put to death—and how it has tranquilized America while over 50 million U.S. preborns have been aborted by surgery and injections and untold additional millions by abortifacient birth controls (that permit conception a percentage of the time but prohibit the preborn's implantation in the uterus).

In *The Abortion Holocaust*, a 200-page comparison of Nazi and American killing practices, Professor Brennan notes that the perpetrators' strategy in any holocaust is to degrade their victims to nonpersons and then provide a positive account of what happens to them. The process begins with "choice," an esteemed democratic term, and ends with "evacuation" (of "congenital defectives" to German death camps—and of "uterine content" in American abortuaries). The process, we are told, is a "service" that's "safe and legal" and carried out "humanely," with "manifest cleanliness," for the "welfare" of society.

In *Choicespeak: Language to Abort the Conscience,* Robert Evangelisto explains how abortion proponents focus not on the killing of children but on "choice" and accuse life defenders not of being pro-life, but of being "anti-choice," and thereby anti-American. Notes Evangelisto, through choicespeak a baby becomes the "product of conception"; the scientific fact that a human life starts at conception becomes "a religious idea"; and the killing of the child in utero becomes "termination of pregnancy." Writes Evangelisto, "Childbirth is the termination of a pregnancy; abortion is the 'termination' of a child."

Zachary, 3 months old, escaped abortion and now lives happily with his grandparents. As other American children, he could have been legally aborted up to the day of his birth.

California Medicine, official journal of the California Medical Association, editorialized (Sept. 1970): "The very considerable semantic gymnastics which are required to rationalize abortion as anything but taking a human life would be ludicrous if they were not often put forth under socially impeccable auspices. It is suggested that this schizophrenic sort of subterfuge is necessary because while a new ethic is being accepted, the old one has not yet been rejected." It is therefore the duty of linguistic corruption to disassociate "killing" from the practice of abortion. The prophet Isaiah warned such offenders [Isaiah 5:20]:

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness into light and light into darkness, who change bitterness into sweet, and sweet into bitterness."

Woe to the perpetrators of choicespeak. p

Methods of Abortion

Suction Machine: First used by the Communist Chinese and 27 times more powerful than a domestic vacuum cleaner, the suction machine (with a tube inserted through the cervix) tears the placenta from the uterus, dismembers the child, and draws its remains into an attached jar. Unremoved body parts can cause infection and hemorrhage.

D&C—Dilation and Curretage: The abortionist inserts a loop-shaped knife into the mother's dilated cervix and, by scraping the uterus wall, cuts the child into pieces. To ensure that the uterus is empty, the abortionist or nurse must reassemble the body parts.

D&E—Dilation and Evacuation: The abortionist uses forceps to grasp and pull apart the rapidly growing child and to remove the placenta from the uterus. The procedure is bloody and ghastly. Many nurses refuse to assist.

Saline Injection: The abortionist inserts a needle through the mother's abdomen, draws off a volume of amniotic fluid and replaces it with a saline (salt) solution that poisons the child (through swallowing) and burns away the child's skin. After the child's agonizing death, the mother goes into labor and delivers her dead infant. Use of this method has declined.

Prostaglandin Injection: Prostaglandin, a chemical hormone, is injected into the amniotic sac to induce violent labor and premature birth. Since this method of abortion can produce live births, the abortionist first injects a toxin to kill the child.

Hysterotomy: Equivalent to a Caesarean section, this late-term procedure enables the abortionist to remove a child from the uterus and allow it to die by starvation and neglect or by means of a death-inducing act such as drowning, suffocation, or strangulation.

Partial Birth - D&X (18 to 40 weeks): Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grips one of the baby's legs with forceps, pulls the baby into the birth canal, and delivers the entire baby, except for the head. At that point, the abortionist forces scissors into the base of the baby's skull and inserts a catheter to "evacuate" the brains and kill the child. Unspeakably brutal, this method of abortion is legal in the U.S. up to the day of birth.

Birth Control (chemical and mechanical): The Pill, IUDs, Norplant, Prostaglandins, and Depo-Provera have killed numerous preborn American children, after their conception. For research data on birth control abortions, contact Pharmacists for Life Intl.: 800-227-8359.

Effects of Abortion

(The information to follow was provided by WEBA, Women Exploited by Abortion, and it serves to warn America about abortion's most evident risks.)

Physical Effects

- Sterility
- Miscarriages and Stillbirths
- Ectopic pregnancies
- Breast Cancer
- Bleeding and infections
- Shock and comas
- Perforated uterus
- Peritonitus
- Fever/Cold sweat
- Intense pain
- Loss of body organs
- Crying/Sighing
- Insomnia
- Loss of appetite
- Exhaustion
- Weight loss
- Nervousness
- Decreased work capacity
- Vomiting
- Gastro-intestinal disturbances

Psychological Effects

- Guilt
- Suicidal impulses
- Mourning/Withdrawal
- Regret/Remorse
- Loss of confidence
- Low self-esteem
- Preoccupation with death
- Hostility/Rage
- Despair/Helplessness
- Desire to remember birth date
- Intense interest in babies
- Thwarted maternal instincts
- Hatred for persons connected with abortion
- Desire to end relationship with partner
- Loss of sexual interest/Frigidity
- Inability to forgive self
- Nightmares
- Seizures and tremors
- Feeling of being exploited
- Horror of child abuse

ViewPoint

A Baby is Never a Mistake

"When I see a pregnant woman, regardless of her circumstances, the first thing I recognize is hope, because God is at work with her. I want to help her see that. The baby is not a 'mistake,' even if her conduct was. The Lord of Life has gained her attention and now compels her to think of things she may have feared or ignored throughout her life—the existence of God, the meaning of life, the nature of love, accountability before God. He is giving her an opportunity to know Him, to love Him, and to carry out the lofty privilege of bringing a new human being into the world."

—Curt Young, from *his book The Least of These*

America's Heart Speaks True

"In its heart, America knew that racial segregation was wrong. In its heart, America knows that human life begins before birth." —F. LaGard Smith, law professor

A Strange "Right"

"It is a strange bit of reasoning—and a strange period in a nation's history—when its citizens earn the 'right' to kill their own children. How has mankind managed such a feat? And why does the abortion industry oppose adoption so strongly?" —Anonymous

Is Life Sacred?

"Either life is always and in all circumstances sacred, or intrinsically of no account; it is inconceivable that it should be in some cases the one, and in some the other."

—Malcolm Muggeridge, British journalist

Deceit and Death

"We fed the public a line of deceit, dishonesty, a fabrication of statistics and figures. We succeeded because the time was right and the news media cooperated. We sensationalized the effects of illegal abortions, and fabricated polls which indicated that 85 percent of the public favored unrestricted abortion, when we knew it was only 5 percent. We unashamedly lied, and yet our statements were quoted [by the media] as though they had been written in law." —Dr. Bernard Nathanson

Co-founder of National Assn. for Repeal of Abortion Laws (now called NARAL Pro-Choice America). Today, Dr. Nathanson is a pro-life author and activist

Babies vs. Plastic

"What irony that a society confronted with plastic bags filled with the remains of aborted babies should be more concerned about the problem of recycling the plastic." —Winifred Egan

Fetal Tissue Experimentation

"'Fetal tissue' implants are not that much different from Nazi lamp shades made of Jewish skin. Both intend to put by-products of murder to 'good use.'"

—David Kupelian and Mark Masters, journalists

An Abortionist's Turmoil

"There was this tremendous conflict going on within me. Here I am, doing my D&C's [an early term suction abortion], 5 and 6 a week, and I'm doing salines on a nightly basis whenever I was on call. . . . They were hor-rible, because you would see one intact, whole baby being born, and sometimes they were alive. And that was a very stomach-turning kind of existence."

—Dr. Anthony Levantino, former abortionist

Everyone Knows

"The traditional Western ethic has always placed great emphasis on the intrinsic worth and equal value of every human life, regardless of its stage or condition.

"This ethic . . . has been the basis for most of our laws and much of our social policy. The reverence for each and every human life has also been a keystone of Western medicine.

"Since the old ethic has not yet been fully displaced, it has been necessary to separate the idea of abortion from the idea of killing, which continues to be socially abhorrent.

"The result has been a curious avoidance of the scientific fact, which everyone knows, that human life begins at conception and is continuous, whether intrauterine or extra-uterine, until death." —*California Medicine*, Sept. 1970

Laws of Injustice

"Current laws, making abortion on demand legal, bear a frightening affinity with the Fugitive Slave Act. They too make 'lawful' what is unlawful—the taking of a human life—and forbid as 'unlawful' that which is right—the rescue of the unborn child."

—Richard Exley, author-pastor

The Guilt of Abortion

"I have this dream that I hear a baby crying and then another. I go to a closet door and open it. Out falls a hundred babies' bodies." —Abortion victim

Forgiveness Comes Through Jesus Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." —1 John 1:9, the *Bible* (New Testament)

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Liberty Godparents Home 800-542-4453
Birthright 800-550-4900

Free Post-abortion Counseling; Legal/Medical Help:
American Rights Coalition 800-634-2224

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