

America's scrambled values

**Abortion**

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# How did we get to this point?

- Fined for harming an eagle
- People spent time / money trying to free two beached whales
- Dog owner tried for starving an animal
- A woman put in her will that her dog must be put to sleep; court overruled: the dog “had a right to live”
- Jan. 22, 1973, nine men robed in black denied this right to unborn infants

# A comparison

**Total U.S. war  
deaths:  
1,309,000**

**Abortions since  
1973:  
57,559,615 +**

# **I. Biblical Facts Of Life**

# Life is sacred; gift of God

- Gn.1:26; 9:6
  - Death penalty for murder: life is sacred
  - Man is not an animal
  - Life is a gift of God –

“...nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” – Acts 17:25

# Some philosophy!

“a philosophy of reason will define a human being as life which demonstrates self-awareness, volition, and rationality. Thus it should be recognized that not all men are human . . . It would seem to be more inhumane to kill an adult chimpanzee than a newborn baby, since the chimpanzee has greater mental awareness”

# Bible does not distinguish between babe in womb and out

- 2 K.19:3, *children* come to the birth...
- Job 3:11, 16 (miscarriage: an *infant* that never saw light)
- Ps.139:13-16, formation in womb is an activity of God
  - Continuity of life: conception to birth
  - Not a “blob of protoplasm”

# Baby in the womb (1/2)

- Heart (muscle pulsations): 22 days after conception; pumps baby's own blood
- 40 pairs of muscles are developed along the trunk at 4 weeks
- Skeleton is complete and reflexes are present at 6 weeks
- Can experience pain from 6<sup>th</sup> week.
- Brain waves detectable at 43 days



# Baby in the womb (2/2)

- Palm and fingerprints form after 8 weeks
- Squints, swallows, retracts tongue at 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> week
- Arms / legs move, sucks thumb, inhales and exhales amniotic fluid at 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> week
- All organ systems present and functioning  
– sleeps, wakes, tastes, hears after 12 weeks
- Recognizes mom's voice: week 20

# “You do not know...” – Eccl.11:5

As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.

**“You do not know...”** – Eccl.11:5

**“God knows...”** – Jer.1:5

“If we don’t know, then shouldn’t we morally opt on the side that is life? If you came upon an immobile body and you yourself could not determine whether it was dead or alive, I think that you would decide to consider it alive until someone could prove it was dead. You wouldn’t get a shovel and start covering it up. And I think we should do the same thing with regard to abortion” – R. Reagan

# Luke 1-2

- Luke 1:36
  - conceived *son*; 41, *babe*
    - an **unborn** child, **embryo**, **fetus**;  
a **newborn** child, an **infant**, a **babe**" (Th.,105)
- Lk.2:12, 16
  - the difference between an unborn and a newborn is *time*, not *worth*  
[Lk.18:15, infants; Ac.7:19, babies]

# Mt.7:12, the basic principle

- **Hysterotomy** (C-section): baby left to die
- **Salt poisoning**: takes about 1 hour; burns off outer layer of baby's skin
- **D & C (dilation and curettage)**: sharp, loop-shaped knife cuts piece by piece
- **Suction**: ripped apart by suction machine
- **Partial birth abortion**: all of baby except head is delivered; doctor inserts scissors into base of skull, sucks out brains

# Ro.1:31, without natural affection

- 'Unfeeling' (BDAG); without normal human affection, without love for others (L-N).
- Abortion, exposure, infanticide, etc.

# James 2:26 – body, spirit, death, life

- 'body' without 'spirit' = death
- 'body' with 'spirit' = life (person)

If baby is a new living creature  
at conception, spirit is present

I. Biblical Facts Of Life

## **II. Arguments To Justify Abortion**



# 1. Gn.2:7

**“Adam did not become alive until God breathed breath of life into him; since baby doesn’t breathe until he leaves womb, baby has no soul and can be killed w/o guilt” (Gn.2:7)**

- **Not parallel. Adam had **no** life until God breathed into him; a baby is alive and growing from moment of conception**
- **Baby’s oxygen is supplied through umbilical cord. If alive, spirit (Ja.2:26)**
- **Peter Singer**

## 2. Ex.21:22-25 (1/3)

“In OT, if baby is killed, a fine is imposed; if mother is killed, capital punishment; therefore, unborn babies are not persons”

- Proves too much . . . 20-21 / 28-29 [32]
- “And yet no harm follows”: may mean the child is miscarried, but does not die
  - Fined for injury (early delivery)
- “If any harm follows”: if either child or mother die, the guilty party must die
  - Death penalty (reckless homicide)

## 2. Ex.21:22-25 (2/3)

- Ex.21 discusses accidental damage; abortion is deliberate
- “Life for life” – is unborn baby a ‘life’?  
Summary: describes premature birth
  - (1) “her children come out”: birth, not death
  - (2) “no harm”: no serious damage
  - (3) “pay”: for any remuneration

## 2. Ex.21:22-25 (3/3)

“It has sometimes been claimed by those in favor of abortion that the unborn child is not really considered as an individual here: but that is not the point of this passage . . .

The destruction of the unborn child was regarded by the Hebrews as an instance of the most barbarous cruelty, calling down God’s judgment (2 Ki. 15:16)” – Cole [Am. 1:13]

### 3. What if mother's life in danger?

“Protection of the life of the mother as an excuse for an abortion is a smoke screen. In my 36 years of pediatric surgery, I have never known of one instance where the child had to be aborted to save the mother's life. The doctor will either induce labor or perform a Caesarean section. His intention is to save the life of both the mother and the baby. The baby's life is never willfully destroyed because the mother's life is in danger” – C. Everett Koop, Surgeon Gen.

## 4. What about rape / incest?

- Less than 1 % of abortions occur because of rape, incest, deformity, and threat to mother's life
- Judges declare death penalty for rapists, 'cruel and inhumane,' but authorize death penalty for innocent baby in womb

## 5. “What about birth control?”

- If it prevents conception, not abortion
- If it causes early miscarriage, it *is* abortion

## 6. "It's the woman's body..."

If baby is an appendage, why . . .

- 50% males?
- many have different blood types than moms?
- all have unique genetic fingerprints?
- are there two bodies?

**Susan Smith murdered her children**

- "I'm personally against these murders, but it's her right to choose"?
- Faulty premise: 1 Co.6:19-20



## 7. “You can’t legislate morality”

All laws regulate morality

- Freedom of speech; assault; murder...
- Should there be a law against shooting abortion doctors?
- How should Congress spend its time?

# What can we do?

- Give sound, Scriptural responses
- Teach. Is.58:1
- Pray. 1Tim.2:1-2