

DIARY OF A FETUS

“October 5: Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet. I am as small as the pollen of a flower, but it is I already. I will be a girl. I will have blonde hair and blue eyes. Nearly everything is settled already, even that I shall love flowers.

October 19: I have grown a little, but I am still too small to do anything by myself. My mother does almost everything for me, though she still does not know that she is carrying me under her heart. But, is it true that I am not yet a real person? That only my mother exists? I am a real person, just as a small crum of bread is still real bread. My mother is, and I am.

October 23: My mouth is just now beginning to open. Just think-in a year or so I'll be laughing; and later I'll start to talk. My first word will be ‘mama.’

October 25: Today my heart began to beat. It will beat softly for the rest of my life, never stopping; after many years it will tire, it will stop, and then I shall die.

November 2: I am growing continually. My arms and legs are taking shape, but I must wait a long time before these tiny legs will raise me to my mother's arms; before these little arms little arms will be able to conquer the earth and befriend people.

November 12: Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. How small they are; one day I'll stroke my mother's hair to my mouth and she'll say, ‘Oh, dirty.’

November 20: Only today that doctor told my mother that I am living here under her heart. How happy she must be. Are you happy, Mother?

November 25: My mother and father are probably thinking about a name for me; and they don't even know that I am a little girl, so they are probably calling me ‘Andy.’ But I want to be called Barbara. I am growing so big.

December 10: My hair is growing. It is as bright and shiny as the sun. I wonder what kind of hair my mother has?

December 13: I am almost able to see, though it is night around me. When mother brings me into the world, it will be full of sunshine and overflowing with flowers. I have never seen a flower you know, but more than anything, I want to see my mother. How do you look, Mother?

December 24: I wonder if my mother hears the delicate beat of my heart? Some children are born with sickly hearts, and then the gentle fingers of the doctor perform miracles to make them healthy. But my heart is healthy. It beats so evenly: Tup-tup, tup-tup. You shall have a healthy daughter, Mother.

December 28: Today, my mother killed me.

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Ethics & Morals

Abortion

(Pr 6:16-19)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
 - a. It is good to see each of you here once again.
2. According to the Supreme Court of America
 - a. One will be fined and jailed if found guilty of killing unborn eagle eggs.
 - b. It is illegal to ship pregnant lobsters so as to prevent the unborn from being destroyed.
 - c. Cattle used for breeding stock must be capitalized.
 - i. This means that all costs associated w/ a cow must be recorded.
 - ii. The thing is these cost don't start at birth but conception.
 - d. A Florida man was fined \$108,800 for poaching 1088 turtle eggs from a Florida State park. The public defender argued that a turtle isn't a turtle until it hatches. The prosecutor argued that though they hadn't hatched they were still turtles. The judge agreed with the prosecutor and the man was fined \$10,000 for each egg.
3. Think about what that means...
 - a. So according to our government...
 - i. An eagle is an eagle before birth
 - ii. A lobster is a lobster before birth
 - iii. A cow is a cow before birth
 - iv. A turtle is a turtle before birth
 - v. A baby is not a baby "sustainable life"
 - b. While killing eagle/lobster/turtle eggs gets you fined or even jail time killing millions of babies gets you propped up as a champion of reproductive freedom.
4. Abortion is...
 - a. A most controversial moral dilemma of our day but it is not just of modern times. This has been going on for many years.

I. Some History On Abortion

- A. This is not a recent phenomenon
 1. Many "pagan cultures" considers abortion a serious crime.
 - i. Assyrians; Babylonians; Sumerians; Hittites
- B. Part of the Hippocratic Oath states
 1. "I will not give a woman a pessary to produce an abortion.
 2. Many believe this to be written by Hippocrates 5th century BC
- C. Not all those in past history felt the same.
 1. Plato & Aristotle thought that deformed children should be exposed and left for die.
- D. Closer to the time of Christ Josephus wrote against abortion.
 1. "The Law commanded to raise all children and prohibited women from aborting or destroying seed; a woman who does so shall be judged a murderess of children..."

- E. Athenagoras, a second century Christian, wrote to the emperor, Marcus Aurelius
 - 1. "We say that women who induce abortions are murderers, and will have to give an account of it to God...The fetus in the womb is a living being and therefore the object of God's care."
- F. Augustine a 4th century Catholic criticized husbands & wives for...
 - 1. "preferring that their offspring die before it lives, or if it was already alive in the womb, to kill it before it was born."
- G. In the USA
 - 1. "Laws against abortion were in effect until 1967, when a few states began to liberalize their laws. By the end of 1970, 18 states had passed laws that allowed abortion in "exceptional circumstances." However, on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court handed down its Roe-v-Wade decision, which permitted abortion on demand.

II. The Common Reasons Given For Abortions

- A. Rape
 - 1. This is a very emotional objection, but is it a valid one?
 - 2. A scientific study of 3,500 cases of rape treated in hospitals in the Minneapolis-St Paul area revealed zero cases of pregnancy. This study took place over a 10 yr period.
 - 3. In Czechoslovakia out of 86,000 abortions, twenty-two were done for rape.
 - 4. The logic here is simply twisted.
 - i. "Isn't it a twisted logic that would kill an innocent unborn baby for the crime of his father."
- B. The mothers will die or have health issues if they give birth
 - 1. This is an emotional appeal that side-steps the real issue
 - 2. People have been saying for years that abortion is safer than giving birth.
 - i. Dr. Alan Guttmacher the president of Planned Parenthood at one time stated, "That abortions are magnificently safe."
 - 3. The truth on abortion for health reasons on the mother
 - i. Dr. R. J. Hefferman said, "Anyone who performs a therapeutic abortion (for physical disease) is either ignorant of modern methods of treating the complications of pregnancy or is unwilling to take time to use them."
 - ii. "An extensive study of abortion-related maternal mortality conducted by Thomas W. Hilgers, M.D. and Dennis O'Hare concludes that maternal mortality statistics showing that induced abortion is safer than childbirth have been distorted. Hilgers and O'Hare demonstrate that when corrected, these statistics show that abortion poses a greater threat to the life of the mother at any point in the pregnancy than does natural childbirth."

- C. Illegal abortion deaths
 - 1. Many have said that if abortion was legalized than that would curve the number of deaths or related medical problems associated with illegal abortions. Is there truth in this?
 - i. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League which used this argument to bring about the legalization of abortion on demand, admits these claims were "Totally False"
 - ii. 80-90% of the illegal abortions were done by doctors; many the same who now do them legally.
 - iii. An US study, 1981, found a 130-fold increase in the number of legal abortions since 1973 but only a 4-fold reductions in the number of illegal abortions.
 - a. In other words there are basically the same amount of illegal abortions happen now that it is legal.
 - 2. In 1982 there were about 9 maternal deaths per 100,000 deliveries.
 - i. "Childbirth in anyone year is safer than taken the contraceptive pill which has upwards of 20 deaths/100,000 women per year."
- D. Legalization will curb child abuse
 - 1. "Aren't the majority of battered children unwanted or unplanned?"
 - i. This couldn't be further from the truth.
 - 2. According to one study of 674 battered children over a 4 ½ yr period by Dr. Edward Lenoski, Professor of Pediatrics-University of Southern California, 91% of battered children were planned pregnancies.
 - 3. According to The National Study on Child Neglect and Abuse Reporting, 1981, in the U.S. child abuse has tripled since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.
 - i. This is not based off of a population growth as some have said because we have been a zero or less population growth based off of births since the 1970's.
- E. Mother's right to her body
 - 1. "I have a right to say what is done to my body, it's my body!"
 - i. To a point this is true but only to a point.
 - a. Consider drinking and driving
 - 1. It's my body why can't I drink & drive...hurts others.
 - 2. Is the baby really the mothers body?
 - i. A.W. Liley wrote, "...Biologically, at no stage can we subscribe to the view the fetus is a mere appendage of the mother. Genetically, mother and baby are separate individuals from conception..."
- F. There is no reason that is a valid reason for abortion even away from the Bible.
 - 1. A "reason" simply doesn't exists

III. What Babies Are Up Against

- A. There are basically four methods of abortion
 1. Suction
 2. D & E
 3. Saline poisoning
 4. Hysterotomy
 5. Partial Birth
- B. Suction Method
 1. The unborn child can only be up to 12 weeks old.
 2. Take the suction apparatus and connect it to the long flexible tube that is connected to the vacuum
 - i. The suction apparatus is inserted into the womb breaking the embryonic fluid and attaching itself to the limbs of the unborn child
 - ii. The limbs are torn off leaving the head which is then crushed so that it can fit through the flexible tube as well
 3. This takes about 5 minutes to complete
- C. D&E Method
 1. The unborn child should be 12 to 17 weeks old
 2. This is where a surgeon goes into the womb w/ forceps and grabs the unborn child and tears it out similar to a D&C.
 - i. The body must be torn apart so it can fit through the cervix
 - ii. Dr. Warren Hern of the Boulder Abortion Clinic said, "The sensations of dismemberment flow through the forceps like an electric current."
 3. This takes about 15 minutes to complete
- D. Saline Poisoning Method
 1. There comes a time when dismemberment no longer will work.
 2. The unborn child should be from 17 weeks to 6 months
 3. A large needle is placed through the mother's abdominal wall and into the amniotic sac
 - i. A concentrated saline solution is put into the amniotic sac
 - ii. The unborn child breathes this in and swallows it, is poisoned, and dies in about one hour.
 - iii. The mother goes into labor about a day later and gives birth to a deceased baby.
 - iv. The baby is usually a red coloring because of the burn it took from the saline poisoning
 4. There have been some babies that survived this and lived many weeks in intensive care.
- E. Hysterotomy Method
 1. This is much like a Caesarian
 2. The doctor surgically opens the mother's abdomen and takes the baby out.
 - i. "All" babies are born alive at this point.
 - ii. The babies are either killed or left to die by lack of attention.
 - iii. One doctor after delivering the baby noticed it trying to take a breath to cry while kicking its arms and legs and the doctor quickly put the placenta over its head and smothered it.

- iv. Many times these babies were sold for experimentation.
- F. Partial Birth Method
 - 1. For unborn children 6 months and older
 - 2. The abortionist guided by ultra sound grabs the baby's legs with forceps
 - i. The unborn child's legs are pulled into the birth canal where the baby's entire body is born except his or her head.
 - ii. The abortionist then takes a pair of scissors and plunges them into the back of the head.
 - iii. Then the scissors are opened up and the brain is suctioned out.
 - iv. The dead baby is then removed.
 - 3. In 1997 our President of the USA voted for partial birth abortion.
 - i. Was Illinois Senate bill SB 230

IV. What Does The Bible Have To Say?

- A. As one brother put it...
 - 1. "God's law, the Bible, has always and will always have all the answers in it that pertain to life and godliness, II Peter 1:3. Abortion is not different."
- B. In the Hebrew
 - 1. The word "ben" is used hundreds of times in the O.T. & almost always means out of the womb.
 - i. **Gn 17:25**
 - 2. However it does sometimes mean in the womb.
 - i. **Gn 25:21-24**
 - ii. Refers to Jacob & Esau in the womb
 - 3. The same word is used for in & out of the womb showing no difference between the two.
- C. In the Greek
 - 1. The word "brephos" is used in two back to back chapters for both in the womb & out of the womb.
 - i. John the Baptizer in the womb.
 - a. **Lk 1:41, 44**
 - ii. Jesus in swaddling cloth
 - a. **Lk 2:12**

CONCLUSION

- 1. If a baby is a baby in the womb or out of the womb by God's standards than wouldn't purposefully killing that human-being be murder?
 - a. Murder is a sin that will result in an eternity in Hell if not repented of both O.T. & N.T.
 - i. **Ex 21:22-25; Ga 5:21**
- 2. Abortion is morally & thus biblically wrong on all fronts.
- 3. Invitation