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.... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 1:3 NIV

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Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV), *“For you created my inmost being; **you knit me together in my mother’s womb**. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works and wonder, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

Proverbs 6:16-17 (NIV), *“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, **hands that shed innocent blood**,...*

Job 31:15 (NIV), *“Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?”*

Abortion by any honest definition, is the painful killing of an innocent human being. Although this definition today is camouflaged by politically correct terms like “pro-choice”, the reality is the same, abortion is murder. In fact, those that claim to be “pro-choice” are really “pro-murder”, whether they admit it or not.

In the minds of many women after talking to abortionists, they still consider having abortions because they believe they are not killing a baby. Instead, they are told that they are simply discarding “POC’s” (products of conception). By referring to the unborn as “POC’s”, and not babies, pro-abortionists are dehumanizing the unborn to make abortion palatable to the usually unsuspecting mothers.

The answer to the question, “When does life begin?” in my mind settles once and for all the argument of abortions being murder or just the discarding of a “POC”. Many “pro-choice” advocates, including President Obama, avoid answering this question because it exposes them as people in favor of murder. A clear example can be seen in an interview conducted in August 2008, John McCain and Barack Obama were asked “At what point does a baby get human rights?” Barack Obama responded in part: “I think that whether you are looking at it from a theological perspective or a scientific perspective, answering that question with specificity, you know is above my pay grade.” John McCain responded in part: “At the moment of conception.” To answer the question “When does life begin?” consider the following information that was available at the time of the questioning of Barack Obama and John McCain:

1. Dr. Micheline Matthew-Roth, a principle research associate at Harvard Medical School’s Department of Medicine says this: “It is scientifically correct to say that an individual

human life begins at conception, when egg and sperm join to form the zygote, and this developing human always is a member of our human species in all stages of its life.”

2. Dr. Hymie Gordon, professor of Medical Genetics and a physician at the Mayo clinic, says, “I think we can now also say that the question of the beginning of life – when life begins – is no longer a question for theological or philosophical dispute. It is an established scientific fact. Theologians and philosophers may go on to debate the meaning of life, but it is an established fact that all life, including human life, begins at the moment of conception.”

So the question has been answered by those qualified to give an answer, all life begins at conception, when the female egg and male sperm join to form the zygote. Therefore, abortion at any stage of a pregnancy is murder.

Not only is abortion murder, it is also the painful killing of the innocent unborn that can involve burning, smothering, dismembering and the crushing of the unborn. Consider the following abortion procedures:

- 1) Dr. James Dobson offers this description of one method called “dilation and extraction” (D & X): Over two days, the cervix is dilated. Then an ultra-sound device and forceps are used to reach in and grab the baby’s feet. The little body is pulled downward until just the head remains in the cervix. Next the abortionist grasps the nape of the neck and cuts open the back of the skull with blunt scissors. A device called a cannula is then inserted into the wound and the brain material is sucked out. If kidneys or other organs are desired, they are removed while the child is still partially in the vagina. Initially at least, these surgical procedures are performed on a live baby who has not specifically been anesthetized (although the mother’s medication may reduce some of the pain).
- 2) Another abortion procedure performed is called “dilation and curettage” (D & C) in which a tiny hoe is used to chop the baby’s body to pieces. The placenta is then scraped off the wall of the uterus and the body is subsequently reassembled to ensure that nothing has been left behind.

According to Hank Hanegraaff, in his book, “*The Face that Demonstrates the Farce of Evolution*” other methods include:

- 3) Saline Solution: A salt solution is injected into the amniotic fluid, burning the skin off the baby who, after thrashing in the uterus for a number of hours, is reduced to a shriveled corpse.

- 4) Suction: Presently two-thirds of all abortions in the United States and Canada are carried out using a suction tube, which tears the child apart and deposits the pieces into a jar.
- 5) Hysterotomy: This is similar to a cesarean section, except it is designed for the express purpose of killing rather than saving the baby.
- 6) Prostaglandin: This chemical is injected into the uterine muscle, causing it to react violently, thus expelling the child (the few children who avoid decapitation resulting from the violent contractions are exterminated after delivery.).

Other methods include:

- 7) RU-486: When a woman is given RU – 486 (also called mifepristone and known as the abortion pill), 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 baby.
- 8) D & E (Dilation and Excavation): A D & E abortion is performed in the second trimester (12-24 weeks) and is usually a 2-3 day procedure. At this stage of pregnancy, the baby's tendons, muscles and bones are more developed. The cervix has closed more tightly and must be dilated enough to remove the larger baby. To aid in cervical dilation, laminaria (dried seaweed sticks) are inserted into the cervix. The dilation process can take 1-2 days depending on the size of the baby. Once the cervix is sufficiently dilated, the laminaria are removed. Forceps are inserted into the uterus to forcibly dismember the baby. The skull is then crushed and removed. A suction aspiration is then introduced to remove any remaining baby parts, the placenta and uterine lining.

A quick glance at the eight (8) abortion methods reveals the barbaric, painful methods used to murder the innocent unborn. Unfortunately, there are many, males and females who justify the murdering of the innocent unborn in the name of "choice". To them, a woman's right to choose is more important than the lives of the innocent unborn. But what about the rights of the unborn, don't they deserve to live? They have done nothing to be executed in the womb of their mother. Capitol punishment is reserved for those that have committed crimes that justify their death sentence. What crime has the innocent unborn committed? Where are their judge and jury? To me, all human life is a gift from God and should never

be snuffed out for the sake of upholding anyone's rights. That includes male and female, black and white, Christian and atheist, Jew or Gentile.

In conclusion, there are two points I'd like to make that should be committed to memory and applied to our lives:

1. Jesus gave us two commandments known as the "Great Commandments" (Matthew 22:37-39). He said, we are to first love God with all our heart, soul and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. When we truly love God, our aim in life is to please him by obeying his commands. With that said, we are commanded not to "murder" (Exodus 20:13). Abortion at any stage of a pregnancy is murder.
2. There is only one unpardonable sin, the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31). Women that have had an abortion need to know that if they have asked God to forgive them, he has. No human being is perfect, myself included. But we can all rest assured that the God we serve is a forgiving God, if we just ask for forgiveness. Not only is our God forgiving, he's also loving. That is to say, he'll never stop loving us, so if you have had an abortion, be comforted in knowing that God forgives if you ask and never stopped loving you.

God Bless,
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