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 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
**THE ABORTION
DEBATE: MAYBE
YOU ARE MISSING
THE POINT!**



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Here's what provoked me:

The abortion question is here to stay, and as often as I have an opportunity to give my "two cents worth," I will.

Here's my response:

The Abortion Debate: Maybe You Are Missing the Point!

Jim Helms favors women's abortion rights ("Oppressive law," April 15), and bounces around in his arguments: only women get pregnant; only women miscarry; only women die from delivery; only women have abortions; and men establishing rules are "out of their depth." He implies that the "viability" question is too complex, when a soul arrives is "beyond our understanding," and abortion rules are just for "keeping women subservient."

It's not about power over women; it's not about understanding viability – we have a pretty good handle on that; and while a woman is the "vessel" God chose to bring new life, it's not merely about a woman's control over her body. That's all important to understand but it still skirts the real issue.

I understand a woman's freedom to make choices. What's missing is that as choices are made, a person should have the benefit of an exhaustive examination of important questions: What's the definition of life? When does life begin? How does "sanctity of life" fit into the debate? We holler at each other about those things but there's never respectful, constructive discussion.

Maybe those "pesky" pro-lifers are right and fetuses actually ARE full-fledged human beings? What then?