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Part I

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SCRIPTURE: Psalms 139:14-18

TEXT: "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with you." Psalms 139:14-18

INTRODUCTION

Does human life have any value? Is man more than dust, more than 160 pounds of muscle and fat and bone and fluid? Is man more than a small speck living on an insignificant planet in the vast universe, lost in space?

Slander against humanity is committed often by atheistic philosophers, such as the one who stated that man is "a boisterous bit of the organic scum of one small planet." The one who has lost faith in a loving Creator is the one who has lost faith in the dignity of humanity, and the sanctity of life! To such a person, human life has little value. It has been, pointed out, many times by perceptive minds that technology demotes persons. Arnold Toynbee once noted that technology puts persons "into serial numbers punched on a card, designed to travel through the entrails of a computer."

Desmond Morris tells us that humans are nothing but animals, and B.F. Skinner, a behaviorist, believed that humans were noth-

ing more than machines, programmed to make automatic responses to external stimuli. Is it any wonder that many people today feel that they are worthless nonentities?

When one thinks about the sanctity of life, – especially on the 'Sanctity of Life Sunday' – one thinks of the abortion issue in our American society. Moreover, rightfully so, when one realizes that about one and one-half million babies are aborted each year in America! This atrocity almost defies understanding and comprehension! "A silent Holocaust"! Doubtless, the abortion problem is the number one moral problem in America today, even though we must admit that there are many other serious problems that cannot be ignored.

Some people are very sensitive to the abortion issue (the 'Right-To-Life, issue) and rightly so, but some of these same people need to be sensitive to other important moral issues as well, all having to do with the concept of 'Sanctity of Life'. Many issues relate to the sacred view toward; life, a proper respect for the human body. What are a few of those important issues beyond the obvious issue of abortion?

Issues such as:

- (1) The alcohol issue, which is critical;*
- (2) The drug issue, which is most serious;*
- (3) The tobacco issue, which has been especially clarified by science since the surgeon general's report in 1964, and magnified in recent years;*
- (4) The race issue which has come to the forefront anew during the last decade;*
- (5) The sex equality (gender) issue, which continues to evoke considerable public debate;*
- (6) The so-called 'New Morality' which is really the old immorality in modern garb and;*
- (7) The 'pornography issue', that is a threat to common decency in our society.*

It is important especially for Christians to consider the general theme of 'Sanctity of Human Life'. In considering the stewardship of the physical body, do not become a lop-sided moralist, who strongly contends for justice in one area of morality, but who is oblivious or indifferent to many other equally intolerable injustices and moral evils, which are destroying the very foundation of public decency.

To avoid becoming mere moralists, and to assure ourselves that we are Biblically oriented, it is important that we embrace a total view of life and recognize that the foundation for all true respect for human life is found in our personal acceptance of the God of the Bible who is best known through a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. Knowing Christ will assure one that he discovers the beauty of human life – for Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life!"

PROPOSITION

It is in the Bible that we learn of God's high regard for human beings! The Sanctity of Life is the basis of all genuine human freedoms found, in the Biblical concept of Man! There are several principles in the Bible that reveal God's respect for human life.

CREATION OF MANKIND!

Genesis 1:26 and 27 say; "The God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created man in his own image, in the Image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Notes Malcolm Muggeride, "In Christian terms every single human being, whoever he or she may be, sick or well, clever or foolish, beautiful or ugly, every single human being is loved by his Creator, who has, as the Gospels tell us, counted the hairs of one's head. This Creator cannot see even a sparrow fall to the ground without concern. Now it is from that concept that our rights derive. These basic human rights depend ultimately on the

Christian concept of man and of his relationship to one's Creator." (The End of Christendom; pg. 19)

The Bible says, "God giveth to alike, and breath, and all things...For in God we live, and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28)

God is the Creator of all persons. God loves all persons alike. As the author of life, God alone has the right to terminate the life of one of His creatures. Life is equally sacred to God, whether it is in the jungles of Africa or whether it is in the concrete jungles of New York City, whether it be life within the body of an 80-year-old or whether it be life that is surging in the body of an unborn baby.

Each person is special because God formed each person, specially, for a special purpose! Declared David, "You made all the delicate inner parts of my body and knitted them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous - and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your Book! How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I cannot even count how many times a day your thoughts turn towards me. And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of me!" (Psalms 139:13-18, Living Bible)

"He made the world and everything in it, and since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples; and human hands can't minister to his needs—for he has no needs! He himself gives life and breath to everything, and satisfies every need there is. He created all the people of the world from one man, Adam, and scattered the nations across the face of the earth. He decided beforehand which should rise and fall, and when. He determined their boundaries." For in him we live, move, and are! As one of your own poets says it, 'we are the sons of God.'" (Acts 17:24-26, 28)

Does a doctor or a consenting parent have any moral right to kill any of God's unborn offspring's? When we read: "He giveth to all life breath to all things", it reminds us of the Old Testament passage where Job said: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." The Lord is the one who gives us breath.

This passage further teaches us that all nations of people are of one blood, that is, all life is equally important to God, be it life with black, red, yellow, or white skin. Life is equally sacred to God, be it in starving Africa, be it in the metropolitan New York. Be it the life that is surging within the body of an 80 year old or life that is surging in the body of an unborn baby.

The Bible considers blood to be the very essence of life, and the Bible forbids the shedding of human blood.

INCARNATION PRINCIPLE!

Perhaps the most important verse of the New Testament is John 1:14. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; and we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father."

Notes E. Stanley Jones: "This verse – The Word Became Flesh – is the Great Divide. In all other religions it is Word became word – a philosophy, a moralism, a system, a technique, but for all time and all men everywhere, 'The Word became Flesh' – the Idea became Fact." (Word Became Flesh; pg. 5)

Notes William Barclay: "Augustine afterwards said that in his pre-Christian days he had read and studied the great pagan philosophers and their writings, but he had never read that 'The Word Became Flesh'. The one thing that no Greek would ever have dreamed of was that God could take a body. To the Greek the body was an evil, a prison-house in which the soul was shackled; a tomb in which the spirit was confined. The great Roman stoic Emperor, Marcus Aurelius, said, "despise the flesh – blood and bones are a net-work, a twisted skein of nerves and veins and arteries.' The composition of the whole body is under corruption." (John's Commentary)

Notes Jones: "And yet, in the face of all that – the highest thought of the day – the Gospel quietly says: 'And the Word Became Flesh.'" (Ibid; pg. 8)

The greatest fact of human history is the fact that God became a man, embodying Himself in human flesh. The human form has deity stamped upon it, and should never be degraded.

Why does Christianity teach that human life is sacred and that man's claim to certain 'inalienable rights' is justifiable? Because of man's unique creation, as we have noted! Also, because of God's special regard for human life as shown in the fact that God embodied himself in a human form!

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." (John 1:14)

God reflected his glory in His Son – not only in heaven but on earth – in a bodily, physical, earthly form! God did not look upon the human race as untouchable, far from it, for 'He dwelt among us', laughing, loving, longing, languishing with us humans! God has forever sanctified human life and invested dignity in the human race when He became a man in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ! Jesus is 'God with us' – Immanuel – imparting value to an otherwise valueless human existence. The great fact of human history is the fact that this planet is a visited planet – visited not merely by angels in spirit form, but visited by the Creator Himself in bodily form! God became a man, embodying himself in human flesh! This fact alone forever establishes the truth of the sanctity of human life! The human form, the result of God's special creation according to Genesis, is the very same form that God chose to live in for 33 years!

Therefore if the human form is a specially created form and if it is the very form that God chose to embody Himself in while living on earth. What institution or law, or nation, or individual has a right to destroy that human form? Life is sacred because of the fact of the Incarnation!

Does Christianity really teach that the human body is sacred and that human beings therefore have dignity? Yes! Christianity, in its early days confronted a heresy called Gnosticism, which asserted that human flesh was evil and profane, and therefore to be despised. This heresy contended that because the human body was evil and God is altogether good, that God therefore could not have anything to do with human flesh. They concluded, on the basis, of the erroneous logic, that Jesus did not really have a human body, but that he only appeared to have one. They believed that Jesus was not a real human being, but only some phantom or ghost-like being.

The Book of 1st John was written to refute the heresy of Gnosticism, and to prove that Jesus was not only God, but that He indeed was truly man, with a real physical body. "Christ was alive when the world began, and I myself have seen him with my own eyes and listened to him speak; I have touched him with my own hands. He is God's message of Life." (1 John 1:1)

While the ancient world philosophically and practically disregarded the human body at best, as of little consequence, and at worst, as an evil network to be despised, Christianity clearly taught that the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit'.

However, while the New Testament highly regards the human body, the New Testament seldom views the body as a separate entity. The New Testament usually speaks of human life in its totality, including the spiritual and psychological elements of life, as well as the physical element.

On one hand, the New Testament refutes the cynical modern-day contention of some chemists and philosophical humanists who contend that man is merely a chemically and psychologically determined animal. On the other hand, the New Testament nowhere exhorts man to worship the body or consider it as the most important feature of human life. Christ calls us to a holistic view of life, teaching us to value all of life – body, soul, and spirit – with all of the God-sanctioned expressions of these divinely created capacities.

COMPASSIONATE LIFE OF JESUS!

To the extent that a person truly seeks to be Godlike – i.e., more particularly, Christ-like – to that same extent will he learn to cherish fellow human beings. Christ's responses and attitudes toward people as He lived and moved among individuals and among the crowds in Palestine, is the model for the followers of Christ to imitate. Christ truly loved people, and so must we, if we are to be truly human.

John Stott gives us a brief, but vivid, picture of Christ's compassionate attitudes towards human beings. Notes Stott: "It is true that he drew attention to the evil and ugly things which issue from the human heart". "For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts of lust, theft, murder, adultery, wanting what belongs to others, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, pride, and all other folly. All these vile things come from within; they are what pollute you and make you unfit for God." (Mark 7:21-23)

"Jesus also spoke, however, of the 'value' of human beings in God's sight. They are 'much more valuable' than birds of beasts, he said. What was the ground of this value judgment? It must have been the doctrine of creation, which Jesus took over from the Old Testament, namely that human beings are the crown of God's creative activity, and that he made man male and female in his own image. It is the divine image we bear, which gives us our distinctive value. "Jesus despised nobody and disowned nobody. On the contrary, he went out of his way to honor those whom the world dishonored, and to accept those whom the world rejected. He spoke courteously to women in public. He invited little children to come to him. He spoke words of hope to Samaritans and Gentiles. He allowed leprosy sufferers to approach him, and a prostitute to anoint and kiss his feet. He made friends with the outcasts of society and ministered to the poor and hungry. In all this diversified ministry his compassionate respect for human beings shone forth. He acknowledged their value and loved them, and by loving them he further increased their value." Jesus' life of compassion is seen, not only in His practical acts of love for the multitudes such as His feeding of the thousands who were hungry because of their listening to Jesus' teachings for several hours. "That evening the disciples came to him and said, 'It is already past time for supper, and there is nothing to eat here in

the desert, send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy some food." But Jesus replied, *"That isn't necessary—you feed them!"* "What!" they exclaimed. *"We have exactly five small loaves of bread and two fish!"* "Bring them here," he said. Then he told the people to sit down on the grass, and he took the five loaves and two fish, looked up into the sky, and asked God's blessing on the meal, then broke the loaves apart and gave them to the disciples to place before the people. And everyone ate until full! And when the scraps were picked up afterwards, there were twelve basketfuls left over! (About five thousand men were in the crowd that day, besides all the women and children. (Matthew 14:15-21)

But also in Jesus' personable love as He singled out persons for special attention to individualized needs. In the midst of a crowd, Jesus singled out Zacchaeus in order to bring personal salvation to him and to his household. (One day Jesus called together his twelve apostles and gave them authority over all demons—power to cast them out—and to heal all diseases. Then he sent them away to tell everyone about the coming of the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. "Don't even take along a walking stick," he instructed them, "or a beggar's bag, or food, or money not evens an extra coat. Be a guest in only one home at each village. "If the people of a town won't listen to you when you enter it, turn around and leave, demonstrating God's anger against it by shaking its dust from your feet as you go." So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News and healing the sick. When reports of Jesus' miracles reached Herod, the governor, he was worried and puzzled, for some was saying, "This is John the Baptist come back to life again" and others, "It is Elijah or some other ancient prophet rose from the dead." These rumors were circulating all over the land. "I beheaded John," Herod said, "so who is this man about whom I hear such strange stories?" In addition, he tried to see him. After the apostles returned to Jesus and reported what they had done, he slipped quietly away with them toward the city of Bethsaida". (Luke 19:1-10)

In the midst of a crowd, Jesus singled out one solitary woman whose body had been amazingly healed as a result of her having touched the hem of Jesus' garment. "A woman who had been sick for twelve years with internal bleeding came up behind him and touched a tassel of his robe, for she thought, "If I only touch him, I will be healed." Jesus turned around and spoke to

her. "Daughter," he said, "all is well! Your faith has healed you." And the woman was well from that moment. (Matthew 9:20-22)

In the midst of a thronging crowd of people who were, focused, on Jesus, an overlooked and despised blind man became the object of Jesus' attention and healing power. Jesus was very concerned with the masses of humanity, and He had great compassion in His heart for these large crowds of people, for Jesus saw them as "sheep without a shepherd."

Jesus taught the multitudes and He distributed bread to the multitudes, and large groups of people often followed Him. However, Jesus never was awestruck by the crowds, and He was never too busy to give His attention to individuals or to small groups of needy folks. Jesus always upheld the dignity of the individual person!

Notes William Sangster, "The ordinary man, when he thinks at all, is half-paralyzed at the thought that he does not matter. The world is run he believes...by 'high-ups'. For all the lip service paid to him by politicians, he feels that he is just one of the masses'. He suspects that he was: planned for, planned on, and planned over, but not, treated as a person. He feels, at times, less than a pawn in a game played over his head by the people in authority, and he awaits the next crisis, or the next depression, or the next war, powerless himself to put it off. The evangelist treats him as a person; assures him...that he is dear to God – dear enough to shed the precious blood. He is, so the preacher affirms, so intimately known to God that the hairs of his head are all numbered, and God has set such store on winning his love that He gives His own Son for the gift of a sinner's heart. I he will trust God for it, new life will flow into him – the life of God. It is wonderful for a 'mass-man' to become an individual; a person 'Meeting' with God does it. Cardinal Newman knew, in the hour of his conversion 'two and two only absolutely and luminously self-evident beings, I and my Creator". Luther knew it. He said "It is the personal pronouns that matters". In an age of personal futility the evangelist has a sovereign opportunity so to offer the life of God to people that futility will vanish in conscious effec-

tiveness, and each newborn soul knows himself a person in the sight of his Maker." (Daily Readings; pg. 184)

Jesus loved not only the souls of persons, and thus emphasized their need for repentance of sin resulting in forgiveness and eternal life, but Jesus was also very concerned for persons whose bodies were racked with pain wasting away because of a variety of diseases. It is true that Jesus' primary ministry was to see and to save the last ones, but it was also true that Jesus' mission on earth was to heal the sick and to feed the hungry. Jesus saw persons from a 'holistic' viewpoint - with physical, mental, emotional, and social needs, as well as spiritual needs.

As the Great Physician, Jesus gave much time and effort in restoring sick and crippled bodies, as well as in saving lost souls. If Jesus cared so much for physical suffering, should not every earnest believer today be concerned, in the name of Christian Compassion, in ministering physical cures to hurting bodies, as well as declaring the Good News of Salvation to lost souls?

If the body was so important to Jesus, as seen by the large amount of time which He gave to this involvement in His public ministry, should not every believer today give as much attention to the physical bodies of the multitudes of sufferers throughout our disease-ridden world, especially among the masses in many poor countries. It is not "Either-Or", but "Both-And" - i.e., "Both salvation of the lost souls and healing of the sick and diseased bodies."

JESUS' ATONING DEATH!

The fact that Jesus died for humanity should forever elevate human dignity. Man wallowing in sin has lost his dignity, but man redeemed from sin has regained his dignity! The vilest of sinners are important to God, for every sinner has the potential of sainthood! Because Christ died for all, all have infinite value!

William Temple said, "My worth is what I am worth to God; and that is a marvelous great deal, for Christ died for me." Regardless of his physical, mental, moral, or spiritual condition, every man has value and dignity! Why, because no man can be called

valueless for whom Christ died! Because Christ died for all, no one is beyond hope! No one is unlovable! No one is unredeemable! Because the most valuable person in the universe died for sinners, and no sinner is without hope as all, can be saved! Man's dignity is not based upon his moral performance, or upon his utilitarian value. Man's dignity and worth is based upon the fact that he is a creature who has been redeemed by the Blood of the Savior!

Christ redeems one powerfully in order to use him productively! "Whatever Christ touched He dignified, and no matter how despised a person or creature may be, Christ has a use for him. No matter how ordinary, ill-educated, disfigured, ill-born, one-talented or obscure a man or woman may be, Christ has a use for them and He gives them dignity by that use." (Sangster's Daily Readings; pg.85)

The same night in which Jesus was betrayed, He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me'." (II Corinthians 11:24)

This is another principle in the New Testament, which emphasizes the sacredness of the Human Body. The fact that Jesus' death (which was the death of the body), was the instrument of eternal Redemption for Mankind, forever teaches that the human body cannot be carelessly dealt with.

THE PRINCIPLE OF STEWARDSHIP OF THE HUMAN BODY!

One result of the teaching of Gnosticism was a careless disregard for the use of the body, and an excessive indulgence of the body in acts of gross immorality. The Gnostics reasoned that the soul of man was good but the body was evil, and therefore one could indulge the body of lustful acts and leave the soul untouched and unharmed and unpolluted in the process.

Paul refuted this heresy and contended that the body is the vehicle of expression of the soul and that the action of the body vitally affects the soul. "You say Food for the stomach and the stomach for food and God will destroy them both. "The body, however,

is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body." "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies." (I Corinthians 6:13b, 15-20)

From a quick look at I Corinthians 6:13-20, we may learn some basic and important truths: Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit (note verses 13, 19). Our bodies are not to be abused. Examples of abuse of the body are overeating and sexual immorality. (Note verses 13:15-18) Obvious other abuses of the body include destroying the body with the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Failure properly to exercise the body and failure to give the body proper rest and sleep are other examples of body abuse. Killing one's own body – suicide – is out of the question! It is never right, and is never a Christian option. Killing other bodies – murder and abortion – obviously is always wrong.

Let us expand on this second point a little. The Bible warns believers against the dangers of both sensualism and hedonism.

SENSUALISM is a worship of sex. Remember, God created human beings, male and female, and God intends for His wonderful gift of sex to be enjoyed by the totally committed Christian couple within the sole context of marriage. It is not sex itself that is sinful; it is the abuse of sex that is sinful. Sex, properly used, is for procreation – to bring children into the world – and for marital pleasure and for communication of marital love. Sex outside of marriage or before marriage or selfishly within marriage is to abuse one of God's choicest and most beautiful gifts.

Wrote Paul, "That is why I say to run from sex sin. No other sin affects the body as this one does. When you sin this sin it is against your own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18, Living Bible)

Wrote the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, "Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (2nd Timothy 2:22)

Now let us look at HEDONISM. Hedonism is the worship of pleasure. Never forget that sin is always an abuse of one of God's gifts, an evil perversion of something that is good. Pleasure is a gift from God. The Bible says that God has given us all things richly to enjoy. There are eternal pleasures for those who serve the Lord. It is the Father's good pleasure to give His children the joys and riches of His Kingdom. It is the joy of the Lord, which is our strength. For the believer, there is a joy, which is unspeakable, and full of glory. Yes, pleasure is a gift from God. But when people become pleasure-obsessed, rather than God-obsessed, then pleasure is turned into a false god to be worshiped rather than as a gift from the true God to be enjoyed.

Pleasure and joy are by-products, which come to the one whose main concern in life is to please God. The Bible speaks of those who are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." When people make pleasure their main goal in life, they have turned pleasure into a god to be worshipped. Thus, they become hedonists. The Bible speaks of those "whose god is their stomach." Satisfaction of physical pleasures – like eating food – becomes more important to them than worshipping the true and living God.

Again remember Paul's words to the Corinthian Christians: "Take the matter of eating. God has given us an appetite for food and stomachs to digest it. But that does not mean we should eat more than we need. Don't think of eating as important because some day God will do away with both stomach and food." (1 Corinthians 6:13, Living Bible)

Our bodies are to be used in such a way that God receives honor and glory. "For God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God, because he owns it." (1 Corinthians 6:20, Living Bible) Keeping our bodies strong and our

minds alert brings glory to God. We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. "And so, dear brother, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy - the kind He can accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask?" (Romans 12:1, Living Bible)

Our bodies are temporary, subject to decay and to death. God will eventually do away with our bodies. Therefore, it makes sense that no one is ever to worship the human body. Respect and care for the body - Yes! Worship of the body - Never! Our focus of attention in life, therefore, should not be on our dying bodies, but on our never-dying souls. Wrote Paul to young Timothy, "Bodily exercise is all right, but spiritual exercise is much more important and is a tonic for all you do. So exercise yourself spiritually and practice being a better Christian, because that will help you not only now in this life, but in the next life too," (I Timothy 4:8, Living Bible)

Our primary focus must be on the spiritual dimensions of life, and only secondarily on the physical and material dimensions of life. With all of our modern-day emphasis on sports and physical exercise (body building) and dieting (losing weight), let us never neglect our spiritual exercising (meditation on the Word, Prayer, Worship, and Compassionate Involvement). "God is going to raise our bodies from the dead by His power just as He rose up the Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 6:14, Living Bible). Physical death does not end all. God will give Christians a new body - a resurrected body -, which is deathless, incorruptible, identifiable, perfectly healthy and patterned after Christ's resurrected body!

PRINCIPLE OF THE SUPREME LAW OF LOVE!

"Pay all you debts except the debt of love for others - never finish paying that! For if you love them you will be obeying all of God's laws, fulfilling all His requirements. If you love your neighbor as much as you love yourself, you will not want to harm or cheat him or kill him or steal from him. And you won't sin with his wife or want what is his, or do anything else the Ten Commandments say is wrong. All ten are wrapped in this one, to love your neighbor as you love your-

self. Love does no wrong to anyone. That is why it fully satisfies all of God's requirements. It is the only law you need." (Romans 13:8-10)

That scripture shows that love is not a mere sentiment but right actions towards other human beings. Is taking the life of an unborn baby consistent with a life of love?

PRINCIPLE OF LOVE AS COMPASSIONATE ACTION TOWARDS THE HELPLESS AND NEEDY!

"But if someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well, and sees a brother in need, and won't help him—how can God's love be within him? Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions. Then we will know for sure, by our actions, that we are on God's side, and our consciences will be clear, even when we stand before the Lord." (1 John 3:17-19)

One who takes the life of an unborn child will have to question if his actions are consistent with love and such a doctor or consenting parent, who is connected with abortion, will have to contend with a guilty conscience eventually.

Wrote James, "Dear brothers, what's the use of saying that you have faith and are Christians if you aren't proving it by helping others? Will that kind of faith save anyone? If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him, "Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat hearty," and then don't give him clothes or food, what good does that do? So you see it is not enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no faith at all—it is dead and useless." (James 2:14-17)

Compassionate action toward fellow men is the standard for righteousness. Again, these Scriptures show that the human body is important and worthy of being rescued from death – be it starvation which is explicitly stated, or be it an unborn child which is implied from the principle.

PRINCIPLES OF THE GOLDEN RULE!

*"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that man should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."
(Matthew 7:12)*

Writes Barclay: "This saying is the top most peak of social ethics, and the Everest of all ethical teaching. It is possible to quote rabbinic parallels for almost everything that Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount; but there is no real parallel to this saying, it is something that has never been said before. It is a new teaching, and a new view of life and life's obligations. It is not difficult to find many parallels to this saying in its negative form. The negative form of the rule involves nothing more than NOT doing certain things; it means refraining from certain actions. It is never very difficult NOT to do things. It is one thing to say,

'I must not injure people; I must not do to them what I would object to their doing to me' that the law can compel us to do. It is quite another thing to say, 'I must go out of my way to help other people and to be kind to them, as I would wish them to help and to be kind to me.'" (Barclay's Matthew, pgs. 278-280)

Even stated negatively, the Golden Rule of the Jews would forbid the taking of another life, yea, even that of an unborn baby. How much more does the positively stated Golden Rule of Jesus forbid the taking of human life – born or unborn? Would the doctor, who aborts an unborn child without that unborn child's consent, have wanted his own life aborted before his own birth? The Golden Rule of Jesus has much to say about the proper and respectful treatment of other people, including unborn babies

PRINCIPLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY, FOR DEEDS DONE IN THE HUMAN BODY!

"Do not let sin control your puny bodies any longer; do not give in to its sinful desires. Do not let any part of your bodies become tools of wickedness, to be used for sinning; but give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to

be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes." (Romans 6:12-13)

The body is either the instrument of sin or the instrument of righteousness. The body is the vehicle of expression of morally accountable actions. God is sovereign over life and death. Whatever a man sows, he must reap. Judgment for sin is found in sin's harvest – namely, a life plagued with guilt and separated from fellowship with the Creator.

One does not really break the Laws of God; the Laws break the offender. He who ignores the objective, absolute Laws of God regarding the sanctity of life, and becomes a law unto himself, not only hurts the innocent, but also reaps God's judgment.

Those who arbitrarily or selfishly decide to end the life of an unborn child are operating their lives upon a subjective, relative ethic rather than the objective, absolute Biblical ethic. In the time of the Judges (of the Old Testament), it is said, "Everyone did that which was right in his own eyes." Those people reaped the judgment of God then, and surely people today who operate with this relative ethic will also reap the judgment of God. For God, the Author of Life is alone to decide in the issues of life and death. God alone has the right to terminate human life. Because life is sacred to God, life must be sacred to man.

The whole message of the New Testament is the message of Salvation of man – including the healing of the body and the cleansing and restoration of the soul. Anyone, who does not value all life and does not seek to save it is challenging the very values of Almighty God and is in danger of severe punishment. Man is accountable directly to God for the way he handles human life.

**PRINCIPLES OF THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF JESUS AND
SUBSEQUENT RESURRECTION OF THE BODIES OF
TRUE BELIEVERS!**

The resurrection of Jesus was bodily, and it is not to be confused with the widely held doctrine of immortality of the soul. It is fashionable today in some scholarly circles to disassociate the

resurrection from anything involving the body of Jesus. This is a misuse of a term, for the concept of resurrection implies body. In fact, it is redundant to say, 'Bodily Resurrection'. That is like saying, 'Widow Woman'. When one says 'resurrection', he has already implied 'Body'. The concept of an immortal soul, separate from the body, is a pagan idea, traceable back to pagan religions, centuries before Jesus. This is one fallacy refuted in John's Gospel."
(Dr. Frank Stagg, Prof. of New Testament Interpretation, at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Kentucky).

The fact of the Resurrection conclusively establishes God's positive attitude toward the human body. God is forever identified with humanity, through the resurrection body. If God thinks so much of the human body that He raised Jesus' dead body to life, then what man has a right to think so little of the unborn human body to kill it? The unborn baby is a body, mind, and soul with infinite possibilities, and to kill it is to kill God's potential, and indeed, to play the role of God.

I Corinthians 6:14 says: "And God hath both risen up the Lord, and will also rise up us by his own power." If the human body is so important that God will resurrect the body of every believer in the future, then what right has anyone to destroy the body of a person - especially the body of an unborn immortal babe?

CONCLUSION

Man derives his value from God. God has shown in His mighty acts that He highly regards man. It is now time for us all to be reminded that all of life, as God has created it, is precious and is to be cherished. A young American black man, rebelling against the inferiority feelings inculcated in him by some white persons, wrote these words on a banner, which he displayed in his room: "I'm me and I'm Good, 'cause God don't make junk!"

In his amazing article entitled 'The Weight of Glory', C.S. Lewis notes, "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But, it is civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals, who we joke with, work with, marry,

snub, and exploit – immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously – no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption. Our charity must be a real and costly love, with deep feeling for the sins in spite of which we love the sinner – no mere tolerance, or indulgence that parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment. Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses. If he is your Christian neighbor he is holy in almost the same way, for in him Christ – the glorifier and the glorified, Glory Himself – is truly hidden."

"To the masses of the western world the news that all men are more than things was proclaimed by the Christian gospel and was celebrated in its central mysteries. It proclaimed the news to all men that they were not brute things, to all men without exception, the weak, the outcast, the downtrodden, the enslaved, and the utterly dejected. The influence of that gospel has been inexhaustible. It anchored the rights of men in the structure of the universe. It set these rights apart where they were beyond human interference. Thus, the pretensions of the despots become heretical. Since that revelation, though many despots have had the blessings of the clergy, no tyranny has possessed a clear title before the tribunal of human conscience; no slave has had to feel that the hope of freedom was forever foreclosed. For in the recognition that there is in each man a final essence – that is to say, an immortal soul – which only God can judge, a limit was set upon the dominion of men over men. The prerogatives of supremacy were radically undermined, the inviolability of the human person was declared." (By Walter Lippmann in 'The Good Society'; quoted by George Roche in 'One by One'; pg. 208)

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Part II

*"EXPOSING OUR NATIONS '
SILENT HOLOCAUST!"*

THERE IS 'WONDER WORKING POWER' IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS'!

This broken-hearted sinner asks, not for justice' (i.e., to be treated as he deserves to be treated - condemnation), but he asks for 'mercy' (i.e., to be treated in a way that he does not deserved to be treated!

What the sinner most needs is what the God of mercy is most ready to give - Forgiveness! Reconciliation with the Father, all because of the atoning and the justifying blood of the Son of God! "The blood, the blood. O hallelujah, it cleanses me!"

If there is true repentance and if there is genuine faith in Christ, God is able and He is glad' to take a very sinful and to transform him into a very good man - a godly man, a man who will be impassioned to follow Jesus Christ the remainder of his days!

'Tears' are flowing - that is, 'tears of joy and exaltation' that the lost ones are now found, that the bound ones are now free., that the despairing ones are now the hopeful ones, that the selfish ones are now the self-giving ones, that the grasping ones are now the giving ones, that the filthy minded ones are now the pure-minded ones, that the broken ones are now the healed ones!

The greatest evidence that Christianity is authentic and that Christianity is a 'powerful force' in the world is this: A wicked man can become a righteous man, a bad man can become a good man. "I once was lost, but now I am found; I once was blind, but now I see."

The total transformation of a 'wretched man into a kind, loving, thoughtful, generous, tender hearted, kind, long suffering, patient, self-controlled and loving man! There is no power anywhere that can turn a wicked man into a godly man, a selfish man into a caring man - except the power of Jesus Christ! "Christ receives sinful men, even me with all my sin!"

WHEN I ACCEPTED CHRIST, MY LIFE DRASTICALLY CHANGED!

I have a long way to go in the 'Christian life' (in terms of becoming more 'Christ like' in my character), but I must (briefly) state a fact: When I prayed (as a child) "God, save my soul!" my life was drastically changed.

I wanted (almost immediately) to start reading my Bible, and to start memorizing a lot of verses from the Bible, and to start praying consistently in a private place, and to start telling others about the love of Jesus at my school. Also, following my conversion to Christ, I found it 'easy' during my teen years to obey my parents.

A few months after my conversion, I became eager to learn about my 'Faith' from my loving pastor (in whose home I spent much time, being trained). During my high school years, I began to explore the possibility of becoming a pastor. I never 'dreamed' at the time I prayed that simple prayer (to be 'saved'), that my life would so greatly 'change'!

Great changes came to my life, as a result of my repentance and my faith in Christ. God genuinely 'saved my soul'. I was not then, and I have not been since that time, 'perfect', but the direction of my life decisively changed on that historic day, and I have been gradually changing ever since the day of my conversion. Admittedly, I have not always 'walked' as I should have walked, close to my blessed Savior.

I have never deliberately 'walked away from my Savior', but sometimes I have not kept in 'close step' with my Savior. Through my 'tears of repentance' (at times when I spiritually 'drifted'), God, in mercy, restored me.

I want to have a 'closer walk' with my Lord, for the remainder of my passing life! The famous song "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" appeals to me. That song expresses the 'desire of my heart'! But, I must acknowledge that I have shed many (internal and external) 'tears' - tears of repentance - during my long spiritual 'journey'!

Of course, since that initial commitment (to be 'saved'), I have had to shed a lot of 'tears' - including 'tears' of repentance. But, nevertheless, I know that the power of Christ 'saved' me on March 12, 1956 (when I was 11 years old). It was a wonderful, divinely-wrought transformation of my entire life! There is no 'power' (for transformation) like the power of Christ!

TRUSTING GOD'S 'ULTIMATE COMPENSATION'

'Suffering' (tears) is the 'common denominator' of mankind! Mysteriously, there seems to be an unequal distribution of suffering in this world! Only God understands why some persons suffer more than other people suffer.

The one concept that has brought great solace to me, as I look at the seeming unjust and unequal suffering that some persons experience, is the concept of 'compensation'. That is to say, that God (who is an absolutely 'just' God) will 'bring good in eternity' to those who unjustly suffered wrong here on earth!

This concept can be applied in 'numerous cases', but I think of this concept (of compensation) as it applies to the tragedy of 'abortion'! If there is ever a 'case' of injustice, it is the 'case' of an 'innocent', a 'helpless', a 'vulnerable' baby being 'murdered' in its mother's womb!

This 'developing human being' - so cruelly destroyed - will be vindicated by Almighty God in eternity! The millions of unborn babies, who cry out for justice, when they prematurely enter heaven, through the murderous act of abortion, will find justice, through the 'hand' of their Creator! The Creator of these little human beings will 'compensate' these 'little ones', for their loss in not being allowed to be born.

The all-just God will compensate these little ones, for the fact that they never were permitted to breathe the fresh air which God had provided for them on His 'green earth'! The Creator in some way will compensate these murdered babies.

CHRIST'S DEFENSE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PERSONS!

How very great is the loss when a 'cruel' consenting doctor pierces the beating heart of one of God's choice children (the unborn baby which is developing in a normal way in his mother's womb)! The punishment for such a 'crime' can only be determined by an all-just God - a God who Himself sheds many 'tears' each time another one of His little children dies through the brutal act of an abortionist doctor! I fear for the 'fate' of anyone who kills one of God's 'little ones'!

It was Jesus Himself who warned against mistreatment of children: "If anyone offends these little ones, it would be better for that person if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he be cast into the deepest sea!" Can 'language' be stronger than that! That statement makes 'chills go up and down my spine' that Jesus was a strong champion of all weak persons, and is there anyone weaker (more vulnerable) than an unborn baby?

The weakest and the most vulnerable among us - unborn babies - are being slaughtered, as if they were 'birds' being hunted by marksmen in a Nebraska corn field! The eagerness with which pregnant women, who want the 'extra cells' extracted from their womb, is greater than the eagerness of 'professional fly fishermen' who are eager to 'take a catch' home after a day at the stream!

Those who offend the little ones should be cast into the deepest sea (with a weight around their neck)! In other words, those who murder innocent lives (namely, unborn babies), should be executed! According to Jesus, those who deliberately kill babies (and that are the meaning of 'abortion') should be put to death! Such a 'criminal act' deserves the 'death penalty'! How else can you interpret these 'damning words' of Jesus? (Of course, all sinners deserve the 'death penalty').

Jesus' message is the message of grace and forgiveness and restoration - and that message applies to women, and to consenting doctors, who have killed babies. God forgives any person - and rescues from death - if there is genuine repentance and sincere trust in Christ.

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL" - UNBORN BABIES!

Jesus' warning against 'baby killers' must be taken seriously! Everyone who is knowledgeable of the findings of science; knows that 'human life begins at conception', and that all of our characteristics as humans are determined at the time of conception. Development of the human person is what takes place during the nine months in the womb, following conception. To abort at any time is to kill a developing human life!

To take life, at any stage, is to take the life that God has allowed to be conceived. No amount of rationalization (proposed 'reasons' and 'excuses') for the 'termination' of the baby will be acceptable to any 'reasonable' person, and the Creator of the baby claims total ownership of this 'little creation'! To take the life of an unborn baby is to take the life that God Himself created! - dismembering the body of vulnerable babies!

God have mercy on the 'mass murderers' (who dismember body parts for their own 'kicks')! God have mercy on abortion doctors who also dismember human beings (all in the 'name' of 'legal rights' and for a 'good gain' financially)! Surely, the God of the Universe knows all things and all persons (the murderers and the abortionist doctors).

We are horrified when we hear about the murderer (who abuses his murdered 'victim'), and we strongly 'back' the death penalty for him. However, on the other hand, we do not 'raise a finger' (manifest no outrage) against

the multitudes of abortionist doctors in our country who regularly kill the miniature human beings (in their mother's womb)!

These hard-hearted doctors kill these 'little human beings' by using all kinds of 'medical' instruments (sharp tools and other death-dealing tools) - and these 'medical devices' are designed to crush the baby's skull, or to pierce the baby's heart, or to dismember the little baby's body!

Abortion, without doubt, was 'born' in the 'pits of hell'! The devil laughs every time a baby's body is torn to bits, and, in contrast, the Lord weeps when one of His little 'creations' is destroyed. Those who kill what God has created are 'fighting against God'. Destroying a baby is destroying God's 'property', and this killer/thief will not go unpunished!

To stand before the 'Great White Throne Judgment' with the blood of the innocent babies on your hands is to stand before a Righteous Judge whose punishment will be meted out without favoritism and without leniency - to unrepentant and hardened sinners (including abortionist doctors)!

The abortionist doctors do not allow even the woman to see the mangled parts of her one-time healthy baby! Those parts, the result of the doctor's violent 'surgery', are casually 'dismissed' by the doctor as simply 'unwanted tissues'! How could there be any greater 'crime' than the 'crime' of killing an unborn human life? No abortion is hidden from the all-seeing eye of Almighty God!

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The Old Testament pagan religions that carried on their horrendous practices (involving the sacrifice of children - sacrificing them to the fires of Moloch) incurred the 'wrath' of the living God. Just as our all-just God was 'sadden', 'shocked', and 'angered', in reaction to the practices of pagan nations, so the reaction of God to the practice of 'abortion' today is also great sadness, great 'shock', and great 'anger'!

Such a widespread evil, among the many other evils that are practiced today without hesitation (such as pornography) - is definitely 'courting' the judgment of God! How long will evil men and woman (and teens) 'try the patience of God'?

The second reason we should spend considerable time contemplating the 'horrors' of abortion is very 'basic', namely, because this atrocity too often fails to elicit the kind of response in the hearts of Christians that it 'ought' to elicit! There is too much 'indifference' to the 'horrors' of this 'pagan'. It will be a fearful thing to 'stand before the Judge of the Universe' and try to give

Him your excuses and your reasons why you killed His little child! No pregnant woman can claim 'right over her own body', and, on this basis, decide to abort the life within her. Both her body and the body of the baby within her belong to the One who created both bodies!

It is wrong for a woman to kill her own body (suicide), and it is equally wrong for her to kill the baby within her! Neither her body, nor the body of her unborn child belongs to her. You are not your own. You belong to your Creator. If any woman kills herself or kills her own developing child (in the womb), that woman will have to answer to God - to the Creator of all human life!

Jesus said that offense against a child carries with it a harsh penalty! Can there be any doubt as to the final destiny of those who 'offend' the little ones? Can there be a greater way to 'offend' a 'little one' than the 'offense' of outrightly and deliberately removing that developing child from his mother's womb? Let us not be 'numbed' by the casual attitude of society regarding 'abortion'!

Let us call this 'act' for what it is - MURDER! And Jesus said that 'offenders of children' (murderers) deserve to DIE! Either repent deeply for your 'murder' of children (and turn decisively in faith and surrender to Jesus Christ), or face the judgment of eternal death! Repent or Perish - that is the decisive choice that every woman, who has aborted, must make! And that is also true for every 'consenting doctor' who has the blood of many babies 'on his hands'!

WEEPING OVER UNBORN BABIES!

Why spend time contemplating 'abortion'? First, this atrocity is doubtless the worse atrocity in America today. It is an atrocity that is regularly ignored. This horrendous activity is 'justified' in various ways. This practice that kills thousands of babies every day has become 'normalized' in our modern society. It is the 'silent killer', for abortion is performed in the secret chambers of an abortion clinic, hidden from the view of the public.

If the public actually saw the horrible abortion procedure being performed, and if the public witnessed the tragedy of little human parts (severed arms and legs and heads) being extracted from the womb of the mother, there would be a 'public outcry'!

There would not be enough toilets where people could vomit! A most

'sickening sight'! We are moved to 'outrage' when we learn of mass murderers who not only put an end to human lives, but who choose to dismember their victims and put them in refrigerators or dump them in nearby rivers!

We (rightly) call such murderers 'monsters' (insane persons or demon-possessed individuals), but why do we call abortionist doctors and aborting women 'civil and intelligent persons' who are simply 'exercising their legal and personal rights'?

Such persons (doctors and aborting women) should be called by their 'proper titles' - namely, cruel and selfish and heartless and wicked persons, and, in the case of aborting doctors, greedy and grasping 'materialists'! Lining their pockets with lots of money, through the outright (unapologetic) slaughter of innocent babies! There could not be a more horrendous 'crime' than the 'crime' of dismembering body of vulnerable babies!

LEGAL RATIONALIZATIONS HAVE MURDERED MILLIONS OF BABIES!

Satan's way is the way of death. Satan is the author of falsehood and lies and deception. Satan is the author of death - death to everything that is good. Satan is the promoter of death, including the death of millions of unborn babies! There is no 'good' within Satan! Satan is looking for persons (abortionist doctors) who will be his 'agents' of death.

Without doubt, the Supreme Court Justices (7 out of 9 on the 'Bench') in 1973 were 'agents of death', when they legalized the practice of abortion! These seven men, supposedly intelligent men, whose 'ruling' promoted the killing of babies, have much 'blood' on their hands, as they stand before the 'Righteous Judge of the Universe'.

No amount of 'rationalization' will 'cover' for their 'sin among sins' - the sin of murdering millions of babies. We are (rightly) 'horrified' when we learn about 'mass murders' (murderers of a dozen persons), but these Supreme Court Justices (1973) who legalized 'the practice of abortion' - with their sophisticated 'black robes' and with their 'intellectual postures' and with their authoritative-looking countenances - these men have (by their 'liberal ruling') become 'promoters' of the practice of 'mass murder'!

No amount of 'rationalization' (excuses) can get them 'off the hook' of responsibility of 'mass murder'! Of course, I am 'seeing' these 'chief judges'

(and the responsible women and the responsible doctors) through the 'prism of Christian teaching'. I am thankful that God, and God alone, who is 'perfect in perspective', can render 'just judgment' in eternity!

These 'innocent babies' will 'rise up' and they will condemn their unrepentant murderers! What a dreadful (horrifying) day in eternity that will be for those abortionist doctors (and for the unrepentant women who chose abortion). The unborn (aborted) human beings will surely be 'compensated' by a just and holy God!

We have a just God who looks upon every 'abortion procedure' on earth with holy wrath (intense anger), on one hand, and with abounding compassion, for the slaughtered babies, on the other hand! Wrath against the murderers, and compassion for the 'helpless' human beings whose bodies were 'ripped out' of their mother's womb!

A MYRIAD OF 'EXCUSES' FOR CORRUPT HUMAN BEHAVIOR!

Sin, among human beings, manifests itself in many ways and at different places. The Bible (in Isaiah) notes that human sin is 'terrible beyond description'. "The heart of man is desperately wicked, and who can know it?" The Bible (Romans) says that "all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God. There is none that is righteous, no not one!"

Sin (especially in the 'case' of abortion) often manifests itself in the form of 'rationalization'. Rationalization speaks in different 'ways', but, 'bottom line' it is 'making excuses for one's wrongs' - making excuses for one's behavior that clearly defies the 'laws of God'.

This 'silent holocaust' has taken the lives of millions of babies (about 55 million precious lives, at the time of this writing). This number equates to the combined number of U.S. citizens who live in several major cities! Six times the number of persons that Hitler's regime killed! A number that staggers one's imagination!

It is important to reiterate what has thus far been stated regarding the horrors of abortion! We are (rightly) shocked when we learn, from news accounts, that there are 'mass murderers' who, after they kill their innocent victims, decide to dismember the bodies of their murdered victims! It is demonic enough to kill a person, but the demonstration of the 'demon' that is in the killer is made even more 'vivid' when the killer has a 'passion' to dissect the corpse!

Think for a minute! Abortion, legally permitted in our country, is the dismemberment of a human body! The tearing apart of the limbs of a little baby! The crushing of the tiny skull of a developing (alive) human being - a human being that is living in the warmth of his mother's comfortable womb! The most dangerous place for a human being to be living is in the womb of his own mother! One in three babies will never make it out alive, from his mother's womb.

The womb, for millions of babies, is as safe as if he were standing before an enemy's 'firing squad'! Those prisoners who stand in line (blind fold), know that they will soon be shot and killed! The small baby, in the womb, awaits a safe entry into God's beautiful world (where he can use his God-given five senses to 'fall in love' with life).

Instead of living in a 'safe and warm place', the unborn baby is living in a 'prisoner's cell', just awaiting his 'call' to go to the 'death chamber' (the abortion clinic) where he will receive the termination of his very young life. Those prisoners who have received the 'death penalty' likely feel 'less pain' as they are dying in their 'death chamber', than do the babies who receive their 'death sentence'! It is a painful experience for a small human life to be dismembered!

It is likely (probable) that babies who are aborted 'feel' considerable 'pain' as the doctor's sharp instruments are piercing their little bodies. Would you not 'feel' lots of pain, if your body was pierced, and if your limbs were torn from your body? This brutal (pagan) death-dealing procedure- the outright killing of babies - is more than our minds can grapple with!

There are many manifestations of the devils savage and cruel and hateful 'works', but this 'work' is one of Satan's worse 'works'! Abortion comes directly from the 'pits of hell'! How could the devil be so hateful? How could Satan find so many cruel 'servants' (abortionist doctors)? The outbreak of evil is widespread and it is rampant, but, of all the evils that are manifest in our society today, abortion is likely the greatest evil - the greatest manifestation of the presence of Satan! Jesus said that He was the 'way, the truth, and the life', in contrast to Satan who is a murderer 'from the beginning' (according to Jesus' words in the Book of John).

"I can't help my 'behavior', that is 'just the way I am'." "If it 'feels good', then it must be alright for me!" "I am a 'relativist', and, therefore, I don't believe that there are any 'objective laws'!" "I was born with certain 'hereditary inclinations', and, therefore, I see no wrong in marrying some-

one of my own gender!" "I reject the 'moral codes' of my upbringing, because my parents were 'outdated' and 'irrelevant'!" "The Ten Commandments were given to the ancient Jews, not to modern society."

'Rationalization' lies at the 'heart' of the entire 'abortion' movement! 'Women's health' is the biggest excuse for allowing abortion. As if it is an 'unhealthy thing' to be pregnant, and to give birth to a beautiful child! 'It would be Inconvenient' to give birth to another child, especially at my age!

Excuses and more excuses - and most of them (perhaps all of them) are centered in 'selfish' (self-centered) attitudes! As if a pregnant woman has 'control' over her body. Every one of us humans belongs solely to God - because Christ created each of us, and because Christ died for each one of us! By 'right' of creation, and by 'right' of redemption, we belong to God! "Ye are not your own; ye are purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ!"

All of the 'rationalizations' fall like a 'deck of cards', or like a 'lined up roll of dominos'! None of the rationalizations (regarding abortion) 'hold water'. None of the (self-centered) rationalizations can stand the scrutiny of the Creator of all Life! Only if the pregnant woman's life is 'at serious medical risk' (that is, if her life is 'at stake') should the procedure of abortion be performed. And such a 'situation' is rare!

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE 'GOLDEN RULE'?

I wonder how many abortionist doctors have ever heard of the 'Golden Rule' - one of the most basic teachings of Christianity. It is the 'rule' that even children believe in, and if a child's friend disobeys that 'rule', there is a little uproar by the child who has been 'violated'! "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you!" If a child's friend wants to be treated kindly, then he wants his friend also to treat him kindly!

A simple (important question) is this: "Would an abortionist doctor have wanted to be aborted when he was in his own mother's womb?" I think not! So, does an abortionist doctor think that the baby he is aborting desires to be aborted?

Do unto others (the unborn babies) what the unborn babies (if they could talk) would like to have done unto them! If you (the abortionist doctor) are glad that your mother did not abort you, then you should treat the unborn baby in the same way that you were treated. Your mother let you live, so you should let every other human being live (a creature that is made in

God's image)!

Just as your mother allowed you to be born, so you (the doctor) should allow all unborn babies to be born! "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Simple justice, simple fairness, basic rightness, basic compassion! Don't do unto an unborn baby what you would not want to be done unto you - abortion!

Not only is the abortionist doctor terribly wicked when he aborts a baby, but he is terribly unfair and terrible unjust! If an unborn baby had the ability to talk, and if he were asked if he wanted to be born into a world of beauty, what do you think his answer would be? It is a gross violation of the 'rights' (and privileges) of the unborn baby when you abort him!

We talk, in our society, about everyone's rights (including the rights of women), but what about the 'rights' of the unborn baby? Abortion is a 'gross violation' of the rights of an unborn baby, and when his 'rights' are violated (through the act of abortion); those 'rights' can never be restored. His 'rights' (as far as this world is concerned) are gone FOREVER!

THE RIGHT TO 'LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS'!

The 'rights' of a 'black man' that are (cruelly) violated, can (with proper reformation in our society), be restored. Why? Because, as long as there is physical life (breath) within a human being, even if his 'rights' have been violated, there is the possibility of the restoration of his denied 'rights'! But, when the physical life of an unborn baby is killed (aborted), there is no possibility of any restoration of that baby's 'rights'!

During the days of slavery in America, the 'rights' of the slaves were (cruelly) denied. Some of those black slaves died before the end of the Civil War, and, therefore, the 'rights' of those slaves were never granted to them! They sadly died without their 'rights' ever being realized (enjoyed). Other

slaves, who outlived the days of the Civil War, fortunately were granted certain 'rights' (thanks to the 'Emancipation Proclamation' by Abraham Lincoln). The slaves were freed from their 'masters', and, as free persons, they enjoyed certain 'rights'!

The unborn babies who are killed (within their mother's womb), like the slaves who died during the Civil War, never got to live long enough to 'enjoy their legitimate rights'. The 'right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of

happiness'! Never got to see the 'light of day', never got to 'hear the sweet songs of the birds', never got to feel the warm breast of their mother, never got to run and jump and play with their friends, never got to sing in their church's choir, never got to graduate from high school and attend a fine Christian College, never got to be employed in a satisfying job, never got to run the marathon!

Never got to walk down a church isle where a beautiful bride was waiting for him to exchange vows, never got to hold his firstborn girl in his arms, never got to laugh with his 'corny' friends, never got to hug his lifetime bride at his 50th- wedding anniversary!

Never got to care for his ailing wife who had to go to a nursing home, never got to congratulate his great grandchild for his job promotion, never got to weep at the grave side of his departed wife, never got to grieve alone within the confines of his home where he finds solace from the God whom he has served all of his long life, never got to feel the presence of the 'holy angels' as they hover over him, to carry him finally to his heavenly home!

When a baby is killed in the womb, a lifetime of 'potential' is killed at that moment! Think of the 'potential' in lifetime service and in productive labor, that has been 'killed' during the last few decades (since 1973) - the 'potential' of the lives of 55 million persons - all of whom were created 'in the image of God'!

Every one of the 55 million persons (aborted) had an 'unbelievable potential'. It is no wonder that we (as a country) are so 'very poor', for we have 'killed' a large portion of our population!

How much 'richer' (in every way) our country would be presently, if all of those precious, never-dying souls would have been spared the 'piercing instruments' and the 'knives' of those abortionist doctors! If only each person (unborn baby) would have been given the chance ('right') to live! It Makes Me Want To Shed A Bucket Full Of Tears! I ask myself: "How could a pregnant woman and a consenting doctor, be so 'hard-hearted', be so cruel, be so selfish, and lack a 'conscience'!"

Don't they realize (in their heart) that they are killing innocent human life? How can they resort to such vast 'rationalizations', all based on 'self-centered' considerations? How can they ignore the obvious 'fact' that they are destroying the life that God has created, the body of a never-dying

soul, the body that is wonderfully developing from the moment that life came into existence at the time of conception?

WHO CREATED THE UNBORN BABY - THE WOMAN OR GOD?

Don't they realize that, by killing this unborn baby, they are killing the very 'life of God', the unique and wonderful life that God has created, the life that Christ claims as His very own, because of His redeeming death on the cross?

The unborn baby belongs to God, for it is God who brought the baby into existence, and it is God who alone has 'charge' of the inner development of this new life! To 'violate' this new life, is to 'violate' God's sole property, and anyone who destroys God's property is 'in for serious trouble' (tragic consequences)! The 'wrath of God' abides on the destroyer of God's property (abortion).

Doesn't this pregnant woman (ready to abort), and this 'greedy' abortionist doctor know that there is a big 'No Trespassing' sign placed inside the womb of every pregnant woman! God has made it 'clear' that every unborn baby 'belongs alone to the Creator'! There is no excuse! The signs are in clear view: 'Hands Off' - 'No Trespassing- 'don't disturb the normal (amazing) development of the growing baby within the womb'!

The womb, created by God, to carry new life, is sacred 'territory' (God's territory), and no human (doctor) dare 'touch' God's property (the womb and the unborn baby within the comforting womb, where life is thriving and is growing)!

Pity the 'thief' (doctor) who 'tampers' with God's property, and who (after 'tampering') decides to 'outrightly steal' the property (take the baby into another property - namely, the property of a trash can)! There can be no more sickening sight than the sight of a trash can that contains severed limbs of a small baby - a trash can filled up with small body parts (bits and pieces of arms and legs and torsos and crushed skulls)!

There is no doubt that abortion is the 'work of the devil', for abortion is the 'death knell' for a human being (baby) who is created in the 'image of God'. Jesus Himself declared (book of John) that the devil is a murderer - a destroyer of all that is sacred and precious (human life).

Those who murder others (whether it is Hitler or whether it is an abortion-

ist doctor) are 'agents' of Satan' himself. The death scenes of Hitler (gas chambers) and the death scenes of the abortionist clinic are alike - the visible manifestation of Satan's 'culture of death', the outward manifestation of the murderous agenda of the chief murderer in the universe - Satan himself!

When you 'boil down everything' to basic reality, every person in the world is either an 'agent of life' or an 'agent of death'! Every person is either for Jesus (who is the 'way of life') or for Satan (who is the 'way of death')! Jesus said that if you are not 'for' me, then you are automatically 'against' me!

Every person (whether he realizes it or not) is 'on the side of life' - that is, on the side of Jesus - or he is 'on the side of death' - that is, on the side of Satan! Many there are who are working for Jesus (even though they fail to realize this), and there are (tragically) others who are working for Satan (even though they fail to realize this)!

Every person (in his heart and in his intention) is either for 'life' or for 'death'! Many abortionist doctors (oblivious to the total seriousness of what they are doing) are, in reality, involved in the agenda of Satan himself - the death agenda of the chief murderer of the universe! It is a frightening thing for a person (abortionist doctor) to wake up in eternity someday, and realize that he/she has been a 'star player' who advanced Satan's earthly agenda (destruction of the human race)!

WHAT IS OUR NATION'S VERY WORSE ATROCITY?

Abortion is the 'worst of all evils'. If a 'terrorist' broke into our country and killed 100,000 American citizens, we would not only be filled with 'horror', but we (through our military might) would fight back. We would have 'hatred' towards the 'mass killers' (even though Jesus said we are to love our enemies). Yes, we are not given permission (by Jesus) to 'hate' the terrorists, but I believe Jesus would give us permission to 'fight back' the aggressive actions.

There have been 50 times more unborn babies who have been aborted during the last 40 years (as died in our theoretical scenario of 100,000 terrorists breaking into our country)! We react strongly when there is an 'actual enemy' threatening us (or actually attacking us, as in the Great War of the 40's), but we are rather complacent in the face of millions of

unborn babies being aborted (and these babies are not enemies, but merely developing human beings who deserve to come into this world, the same as we deserved to come into this world)!

The most deadly force that struck our nation during the last few decades (since 1973) - the enemy that took more of our America citizens, our beloved 'little ones' - has been the 'killer army' of abortionist doctors (along with aborting women)! If foreign terrorists had invaded our country and had killed a huge portion of our population (nearly 60 million of our citizens), our country would be aghast and terrified and intensely angry (and rightly so), but why have most Americans become complacent in the face of widespread killing of a massive number of unborn babies - killed, not as foreign terrorists but by American doctors (who justify their murderous actions on the basis of an evil Supreme Court Ruling)?

American Judges giving permission to destroy our own American citizens (the most vulnerable and helpless persons in our society - the murder of human beings because these little lives are termed 'unwanted tissue')! There could be no spectacle - the spectacle of brutal killing of babies - that evokes the wrath of Almighty God more than this spectacle (abortion)!

How much longer will God allow such widespread killing (with judicial 'approval'), until the 'measure of His holy wrath' is filled! Nations are subject to God's judgment, as well as individuals are subject to His wrath. God is a forgiving God - even of abortionist doctors and of aborting women (as I will soon note) - but there does come a time when God's judgment finally is unleashed upon unrepentant persons and nations!

Perhaps the most 'popular' (well-known) Commandment of God (Exodus 20) is 'Thou shalt not Kill'. But, apparently, our society (led by the Supreme Court) does not believe that God 'meant what He said'!

The 'slaughter houses' of America are the 'blood-stained' abortion clinics! Since abortion was legalized in America (1973), those abortion clinics have been the 'death chambers' where millions of human beings have lost their lives! It is my understanding that there were at least 100 million persons who lost their lives during the 20th century, as a result of wars and tyranny in various countries!

We are shocked and troubled when we view (in person or on a T.V. documentary) the 'gas chambers' that were used to kill Jewish people (and oth-

ers) during World War II We can hardly imagine how 'cruel' the Nazi regime was! No mercy, only brutal treatment of human beings, who, in the eyes

of the Nazi regime, were not humans! That is most horrible, and we ought to be 'shocked' at the inhuman treatment that the Jews received. At least 9 million lives were lost, because of the insane and devilish treatment that so many received!

HOW COULD HITLER KILL SO MANY PERSONS?

We ought to be 'shocked' because of the atrocities during the War. Cruelty and torture are never to be 'excused' or 'rationalized'! Why are we so 'shocked'? First, because we believe that those who are mistreated (killed) were members of a 'human family' (of which we are members).

Fellow human beings should never be tortured and killed (simply because they happened to be of a certain race, namely, Jews). Secondly, we are 'shocked' because our own 'eyes' behold the 'context' in which the evil was 'carried out'.

We see, with our own eyes, the results of the atrocities that happened during the War! We view the 'gas chambers', and we view the deep ditches that contain scores of dead Jewish bodies! The shriveled, starved Jewish men (and women), as they are being herded into box cars of trains, ready to go to the death chambers!

We are (rightly) horrified at the sight of degeneration and death! We ask ourselves how such 'evil' could ever have happened - happened in our own 'civilized' western culture. Then we remember what the Bible says about the corruption of 'human nature' - "The heart of man is desperately wicked, who can know it?"

Rationalization - that is the 'foundation' by which so much 'evil' behavior can be 'justified'. When Hitler believed that Jews were not really 'human', he could allow himself to kill them in mass. There is a sad 'comparison' that can't be overlooked, at this point in our examination of the practice of abortion.

Just as Hitler denied that Jews were 'truly human', there are many persons in our society (including pregnant women, and abortionist doctors) who do not believe that the 'contents in the womb' is 'really human'. Therefore, us-

ing this 'false reasoning', just as Hitler easily used his 'false reasoning' when he killed Jews (i.e., when he called them non-humans), so, it is 'easy' for a woman to have a doctor 'extract' the 'non-human' contents from her womb.

The second reason why Hitler 'got by' with so much 'mass killing' is because he kept his murderous activities 'behind closed doors' as much it was possible. Just as Hitler moved in cunning ways (quietly and 'at night'), so abortion clinics seek to be 'undercover' and 'out of reach' to the general public!

There is the well-known saying: "Out of sight, out of mind." In other words (as in the 'case' of Hitler), if you don't 'see' something (as evil as mass killings), you won't be thinking about it (and, therefore, you won't be talking about it to others).

After Christians have suffered so very much, and as they have fought against this atrocity (abortion) for so many years, family society in general (including non-Christians) are beginning to become more 'aware' of this societal 'wrong'. I read recently that there are (finally) more people in America that are 'against' abortion, than there are people 'for' abortion!

There is a countless number of women who are deeply troubled and regretful, because they underwent an abortion in their past! Many of these same women are taking to the internet to share their 'story' - their story of healing from the devastating consequences of abortion! It seems that the 'tide is slowly turning' toward a renewed 'respect for life' in our society!

IMAGINED CONVERSATION WITH A LIBERAL-MINDED WOMAN!

Perhaps you and I can imagine ourselves carrying on a dialogue with a liberal-minded (modern-day) woman. This debate would not be 'easy', but when God uses us as a mouthpiece for 'truth', change, sometimes, can happen, even in the mind of a woman who contemplates having an abortion. The following is, what I think, is a realistic 'debate' with a woman who has learned the meaning of 'rationalization' (when it comes to arguments that are often used by 'liberal women'). The following is that rather 'heated' debate:

'God' (if there is a 'God') has no jurisdiction over my body! And it is not 'convenient' for me to have a child (or another child) - a child that I did not plan, and a child that I do not 'want'! Don't tell me that the act of 'abortion'

is the most 'selfish thing' I could decide to 'do' - that is my own business!

"If there is a 'Great White Throne Judgment' (following my physical death) - a 'Day of Final Accountability' where all my 'earthly deeds' will be 'judged' by a Supreme Being' - well, I will 'take my chances' and, as a 'practically-minded' (earthly-oriented) person, I don't have time to even think about the future!

"I feel 'rather comfortable' with my decision to get an abortion, for, after all, there have been about 50 million other 'fetuses' (extra tissues) which have been 'cleansed out of the wombs of other women' who didn't choose to let the 'little creature' fully develop!

"'Freedom' to be the women that we choose to be (granted by the highest court in the country in 1973) - that is 'all that counts'! So, I am an 'independent, modern-day woman', and I am not about to let anyone 'take away my own personal freedom'!

"The 'radical' (hateful) 'conservative Christians' can leave me alone, and they don't have a right to 'champion their cause' (of 'moral uprightness') with the purpose of making me 'feel guilty'! Maybe I don't want to bring 'the little thing' inside of me, to 'full term', and go through the 'pains of childbirth', only to give up my 'baby' for adoption!

"Who are they to tell me that 'life begins at conception', and that, to abort means 'to take the life of a never-dying soul'? Why do they keep telling me that the DNA of a human being is 'established' at the very time that 'the sperm enters the egg'?

"Why do they keep telling me that there is an amazing 'heart beat' (in what I call 'the little creature') just a few weeks after 'conception'? Evidence of real life', independent of myself - that is what they tell me! There is 'no right' to destroy this living and developing 'human being' in my womb! They tell me that God chose me to be the 'proud mother' of a beautiful baby boy/girl!

"A divinely-given gift from heaven! Yes, a gift that involves great sacrifices 'to rise to maturity, but nevertheless a gift that shall give me 'untold happiness'! And I am told there will be some loving persons (at least one person, if not the father) who will give loving support to me, when I give birth to the developing child within me - and also loving support to me dur-

ing the many years, which the child will become a maturing person. "

In spite of my 'self-centered approach to life in general' and as it applies to my attitude of 'having a baby', these so-called 'radical conservatives' have tried to express a lot of love, concern, and compassion IO me - and they have actively offered practical 'aid' and support to me.

"Maybe I should seriously (and prayerfully) consider the 'eternal value' of the 'little one' inside of my womb! Maybe it is true that there is a 'loving Creator' who has given me the amazing 'privilege' of 'bearing a child' and of 'raising a child' to become a responsible and loving adult! I now understand the reality in this 'matter'. I choose 'life', rather than 'death'!

"I have decided to bring my baby to full term, and I will be a grateful 'new mother'!"

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO THIS NATIONAL MORAL CRISIS?

In light of the tragedy of 'mass killings' of millions of unborn babies, what should be the God-honoring response from Christians? After the Supreme Court Ruling (1973), my local 'Right to Life' Committee asked me if I would present a 'paper' on the subject of Abortion from a Biblical viewpoint. I presented that 'paper' in which I shared 10 reasons why life is precious, and that, therefore, abortion is so very 'wrong'. I remember, also, that, shortly after that Ruling in 1973, a handful of persons (including myself) 'marched in protest' against 'abortion' around some city government buildings!

During the last four decades, I have spent many hours bewailing the fact that the highest court of our land could be so 'stupid' and so 'evil' as to legalize the killing of babies! Of course, occasionally, I have spent some time in prayer about this 'devilish practice' (the widespread, legalized killing of the most innocent and the most helpless persons in our society).

I have decried the fact that our society could be so intent on locking up 'criminals', and yet be so lenient when it comes to granting pregnant women the so-called 'freedom' to kill their own babies!

In the 'name of women's health and wellbeing' (very broadly defined to mean almost anything), our Supreme Court Justices (with no legal precedent) 'ruled' to allow women to slaughter (murder) their own 'flesh and blood' children! This practice is no different (but much more widespread)

than the practice of the ancient heathen peoples who sacrificed their sons and daughters to the 'fires' of their gods!

There could be few, if any, practices (of wholesale slaughter) that could be worse than the wholesale slaughter of unborn babies. Could Hitler's 'self-made law' (his 'final solution' to eliminate all Jews in Germany) be any worse than America's 'written law' that permits the arbitrary 'elimination' of all unborn babies that women 'deem' unnecessary and unwanted? Hitler's 'law' ('final solution') destroyed about 9 million Jews and other 'unwanted' persons.

As noted earlier, all of those whom Hitler killed were considered 'non-humans', and, therefore, they were easily disposable! Thus far, after the passage of about 40 years (since the ruling of 1973) have been the killings of not 9 million as happened during the Nazi regime. I say there have been the killings of approximately 55 million unborn babies (but as was true of Hitler), all of these babies that were killed were considered non-persons!

Those who practice abortion probably could not involve themselves in this 'inhuman', this 'bloody', this 'soul-chilling' practice if they truly believed that the 'contents' in the womb, the developing 'creature' inside the womb, was truly a 'human person'!

If they truly believed that, what they call 'unwanted tissue' was truly a developing life - a life that began at conception - they would have to be very hard-hearted and 'devil-controlled' to abort.

These persons (pregnant women and attending doctors) are 'masters in rationalization', demonstrated by the fact that all of them declare (with strong conviction) that whatever is in the womb it is definitely not a 'live human', it is only unwanted <extra tissue' that needs to be removed from the womb! These abortionist doctors are 'masters of rationalization'! They assertively declare that the contents in the womb are 'unwanted tissues'!

If they honestly believe that the contents in the womb is a developing human being (a human being whose existence began at the time of conception, and at which time all the human characteristics were 'received'), then they would have to either conceal their belief from others, while they aborted the baby (concealment to avoid criticism from others), or they would have to openly confess that they were, indeed, involving themselves in an outright act of murder.

Either 'concealment' of their knowledge of reality (that the womb contains a human being), or outward and blatant confession that, even though the doctor knows that the content of the womb is a human being, the procedure is going to happen anyway (with full court approval).

Whether it is concealment of knowledge, or whether it is outright (blatant) admittance of the knowledge, in either case, murder is the result! But most abortionists, obviously, choose the 'way of concealment' of the 'truth of the matter'!

Few doctors, who regularly provide the 'procedure', want to admit that they are 'murderers'. Few doctors are willing to admit that, as a result of his killing of a lot of babies, he is 'lining his own pockets' with lots of dollars! Some doctors will spend a lifetime 'living high', rolling in lots of money, all 'at the expense' of human life - at the loss of human lives!

Such greedy and grasping and selfish doctors should be reminded of the impending judgment that someday will be rendered by the 'Judge of the Universe'! Jesus clearly warned everyone: "If you offend one of these little ones, it would be better for you if a millstone were tied around your neck, and you be cast into the deepest sea!" There is no greater 'offense' to a 'little one' than to kill that little one - to kill him while he is still in his mother's womb!

I 'fear and tremble' for pregnant women who choose to kill their offspring (while it is still in her womb).

I 'fear and tremble' for the abortionist doctor who (with various motives) chooses to use his medical knowledge, not for good purposes, but for murderous purposes!

I 'fear and tremble' for those Supreme Court Justices who (in 1973) succumbed to the 'pressures of women' ('women's rights' and the 'health of the woman')! When they signed their name, legalizing abortion, on that fateful day in 1973, they signed the 'death warrant' for millions of 'little ones'!

IS GOD WILLING AND ABLE TO FORGIVE 'BABY KILLERS'?

There is a 'mountain of guilt' to 'go around', but an immeasurable amount

of that guilt has to be 'properly assigned' to the Supreme Court (1973)! It is true (wonderfully true because of Christ's atoning work) that 'where sin abounds', grace 'super abounds'! It is true that there is no 'sin stain' so deep, but what the blood of Jesus goes deeper yet!

There is no sin (even the sin of abortion) that is unforgivable! "Christ receives sinful men, even me with all my sin." Those who repent of their sins will realize that God hides their sins in the 'sea of His forgetfulness'! "As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sins from us!" "If we confess our sins (to God) - admit that we have been 'wrong' about our life and our wayward ways - then God will forgive us all our sins, and He will cleanse our hearts from all unrighteousness!"

Great is God's ability and God's willingness to forgive us for all of our sins and to cleanse our hearts from all wrong motives and from all our wrong desires and from all of our wrong purposes in our lives!

Divinely-wrought 'transformation' is at the 'heart' of Christianity! I once was lost, but now I am found. I once was blind, but now I can see. I once was a wretch, but now I am redeemed and made pure and holy within my heart! "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound!"

Those doctors, who once got their hands 'bloody' with the 'bloody procedure' of abortion, can (by God's grace) have 'clean hands' and a 'clean heart' and a 'renewed mind'! Once an 'agent of death', but now an 'agent of life'! Working no longer for the 'evil one' (devil), but now working for the 'righteous One' (Christ)!

ENLIGHTENMENT WHICH BRINGS 'BROKENHEARTEDNESS'

Woman who have 'aborted' a baby are not 'hopeless', in terms of the possibility of 'moral reform'! With the 'passage of time', and with the increased knowledge (enlightenment) regarding the nature of the developing 'fetus' (unborn baby), and, most importantly, as a result of a woman's openness to the 'Holy Spirit', many women make a 'moral U-turn' in their thinking and in their inner spirit, regarding abortion. A total change in attitude from one of embracing abortion, to one of rejecting abortion!

The woman who, at one time, carelessly regarded abortion (as a legitimate alternative), now regards abortion as a horrible (murderous) practice! She is broken-hearted because of her previous involvement in the

'dirty movement'; 'tears of regret'. Now how she has repented of her 'great transgression' (the killing: of her unborn baby).

Her anguish is almost more than she can bear! But, she now has (by faith) accepted the forgiveness from God that she so desperately needed! She, for many years, lived with a heavy burden of guilt, but she has learned (gradually) what it means to receive God's forgiveness, and (importantly) she has learned what it means for her to forgive herself

FORGIVENESS GRANTED AND RECONCILIATION REALIZED - HEREAFTER!

What has given her great 'comfort' is the knowledge that someday (after her earthly life has ceased), she will actually see her child again, in heaven! When that 'grand meeting' happens, she (as his mother) will have the chance to bow at her child's feet, and plead his forgiveness!

She knows that, because of the grace of God, her child will grant forgiveness to her. Then, after her 'tears' are wiped away (her tears of repentance), she will then experience 'tears of joy' in anticipation of the heavenly life that she and her son (and many others) will share forever!

She anticipates her heavenly home where she will praise the blessed Savior, and where she will have enjoyment of all the heavenly citizens with whom she will fellowship forever! Even though she occasionally sheds 'tears' now (because of her regrets and because of her loneliness without her child), her 'joys of forgiveness' and her 'joys of peace' far outweigh the 'tears of regrets'!

She knows that God is a forgiving God! The great crime (done to her child and done to herself and done to her husband and done to others) - her great crime has been forgiven! And, most importantly, the great crime done against God Almighty has been forgiven - and all because of her faith in atoning blood of Jesus.

David (in the O. T.), after he had sinned most grievously, said something rather 'strange'. He said, "Against thee, and thee only, O God, have I sinned!" Obviously, David had sinned against many human beings, but David made it clear (by this statement) that all sins are first and foremost sinned against the One whose commandments we have broken!

When we sin, we sin against God, even though the consequences from our sinning are definitely felt by many persons around us. The act of abortion

is a serious transgression, first, against Almighty God, and only, secondarily, against people! Sin (including 'killing' babies) is the breaking of God's well-established Laws.

One of the commandments is 'thou shalt not kill'. Sin is defined as the 'transgression against the known laws of God.' As noted previously, the 'body' of every person is 'owned' by Almighty God. Therefore, when anyone defiles (aborts) a human body, the one who defiles (kills) a body is defiling

(killing) the property of Almighty God! To kill a human body (unborn baby) is to kill God's creation (to defile God's property).

"WHERE SIN ABOUNDS, GRACE SUPER ABOUNDS"

When one asks God's forgiveness for her personal involvement in the act of abortion, that woman is asking God to forgive her for her act of 'murder'! Only when a woman realizes the seriousness of her act (of abortion) can she experience the proper 'sorrow' that is integral to the act of true repentance. Only when there is recognition of the depth of her act of sin, can she experience the depth of God's forgiveness and the joy of a clear conscience! She must understand the reality that 'sin abounds' in her life, before she can truly experience the grace of God that 'super abounds'!

Only when a woman realizes that what she has done is 'wretched' and 'devilish' (and nothing less), can she experience the amazing forgiveness of God which issues forth in a loving and a Christ-centered life! From the vileness of sin, to the purity of righteousness! "Old things have passed away, behold, all things are become new!" That is the genius of the power of the resurrected of Christ.

Despicable persons (including women) can become delightful persons (including women)! The possibilities of God's 'grace' are fathomless! Never underestimate what changes can be wrought in the heart of a humble, repentant, trusting person (including a woman who was a part of the 'abortion movement')!

God specializes in things that are thought impossible! God, because of Christ's 'finished work' on the Cross, specializes in the drastic changing 'corrupt human nature'! If a person 'gives God a chance', God will do wonders for that person! Someone said that there are no hopeless situations in life, only people who have grown hopeless about those situations!

In light of the calamities (so many calamities) that have transpired during the last 40 years (widespread abortion), it is easy for us (believers) to 'grow hopeless' that there will ever be significant changes regarding abortion! We wonder if there will ever be a significant decline in the number of abortions!

We wonder if there will ever come a time in the history of our country when there will be the outlawing of this gruesome practice. But, even though we get discouraged and we become angry regarding the 'trafficking of human life' (killing our babies), we must (as believers) continue to pray, continue to preach, continue to write, continue to dialogue, continue to march, continue to contend for just legislation!

If God used reluctant Jonah to hold an evangelistic meeting in one (large) ancient city, the result of which was the rescue of the multitudes from God's impending judgment, do you think that God, in mercy, could save our country from certain destruction?

If history provides a 'lesson' for us, God will, indeed, have mercy on our murderous country, If enough of our citizens (including the repentant women who experienced abortion) pray, IF we repent of our sins, IF we call upon the Lord for mercy, IF we decide to forsake our evil ways, and IF we decide to follow the blessed Savior for the remainder of our lives!

TEARS OF 'RECONCILIATION' IN HEAVEN!

Perhaps it is necessary (for a while) that, when in heaven, there be the shedding of tears, as a part of the act of reconciliation between a child who was aborted, and the child's mother who 'engineered' the child's abortion.

Women who chose abortion, but who were later converted to Christ, whose grief is great and whose 'tears of repentance' are abundant - will she have a chance in heaven to bow before her child to ask his forgiveness for her cruel treatment of him? I believe that the repentant (Christian) woman will surely have that opportunity.

If all in heaven are reconciled, then this means that there must be an actual meeting of mother and child, during which time 'the account of guilt can be settled' once and for all.

Tears! Tears! And more tears! Can you imagine how wide and how broad is the 'river of tears' that come from the 'eyes' and from the 'heart' of doctors (abortionists) who have found forgiveness at the 'foot of the cross of Christ'! God does not despise a broken spirit and a contrite heart!

Christ receives the most sinful person on earth - if that sinner has a desire to turn his back on his past life - turn his back on his lifestyle of wickedness! The one-time abortionist doctor who 'weeps the tears of remorse and regret and repentance' is the doctor whom God is willing to transform completely.

Whereas this doctor did not hesitate to use his medical instruments to destroy unborn babies, now this same doctor campaigns to guard each man's dignity - to guard the dignity of every unborn baby! He, as a believer in the Living Christ, wonders how he could have been so blind to the beauty of life, blind to the Sanctify of Life. He once was a campaigner for 'women's rights' (i.e., the 'right' of women to kill babies). Now he is a strong advocate for the 'rights of the unborn babies' (the innocent victims of abortion).

The one-time abortionist doctor has repented deeply of his wicked involvements in the 'murderous movement' of America (the 'movement' that has killed millions of innocent babies)! He now has a complete 'change of mind', and he has a 'new heart of compassion', and he has a strong determination to end the messy, miserable, mean 'abortion business'!

WILL THERE BE A 'RIVER OF TEARS' IN HEAVEN?

Several years ago, I heard about a popular 'campaigner for life' (a highly respected person in the 'right to life' movement). This doctor, before his amazing conversion to Christ, was responsible (directly or indirectly) for approximately 40,000 abortions! I believe that some way, some time, God will surely provide opportunity for this now-committed Christian doctor to find reconciliation with those thousands of children who now live in heaven!

When persons (who were involved in abortions) are thoroughly converted here on earth, should there not be a 'setting' in eternity where reconciliation can take place? If this concept matches reality that will come to pass someday in eternity, then it is likely (probable) that when those 'reconcile-encounters' take place in heaven, there will be the shedding of many tears

- tears of repentance; certainly, but also tears of joy.

Eventually, as the Bible indicates, all tears will be wiped away! I think, however, that those tears will only be wiped away, after full reconciliation between persons has taken place (and that involves all believers who, upon their arrival in heaven, need to make things right with anyone with whom there was a 'division' on earth).

WHAT WILL 'RECONCILIATION' BE LIKE IN HEAVEN?

Heaven is a place where perfect peace and understanding 'rein', so this means that any 'deposit of divisions' (any misunderstandings) that remained when a fellow Christian died, must be resolved in heaven.

These 'reconciliation encounters' are not only for mothers who need to receive forgiveness from babies who were aborted, but these 'reconciliation encounters' are, of course, for everyone who enters heaven who needs to resolve conflicts that were not taken care of while fellow believers lived together on earth!

Since the ability to express 'emotions' among heavenly citizens will be much greater than the ability of earthlings to express emotions, it is likely (probable) that there will be great emotions demonstrated during the heavenly 'reconciliation encounters' (as forgiveness is sought and as forgiveness is granted)!

When strong emotions are expressed, during a time when open confession is given, and during a time when sincere forgiveness is sought, it is within this 'context' where heavenly-oriented relationships are experienced, that likely (probably) there will be the shedding of many 'tears'! Tears shed from the eyes of 'heavenly bodies', but tears, nevertheless!

How can forgiveness be sought and how can forgiveness be given among heavenly citizens (who desire to 'clear up' what was left unresolved on earth), without a broken spirit and without the shedding of many tears?

FINDING 'FINAL RECONCILIATION' IN HEAVEN!

Recently, a news report featured a man who, when he was 19 years old, killed both of his parents. In this gripping program, this young man (now about 32 years old), obviously spoke from his prison area. This young man openly (vividly) shared the details regarding his gruesome murder of his

parents. He said that he (an adopted child with Korean parents) was abused by his parents, when he was a mere child.

This young man was, obviously, intelligent, and he was articulate in his ability to speak. He seemed to be calm and relaxed and confident as he spoke. He was uncanny in his ability to unfold the details of his 'sordid story'. He said that he shot his parents, almost simultaneously, and that he had, after he shot them, no feeling whatever. No feeling of guilt at all! After he shot them, he said that he went to the upstairs of his house, and he had a cold drink! Then he said he deliberately called the police, to let them know what he did, and to inform them that he would be waiting for them to pick him up!

After this 19 year old man went to prison, eventually he became a 'Christian'! His life was drastically changed for the good! He said that, because he became a Christian, he became a 'new man'. Even though his parents were not what could be called 'good parents', this young man said that he took full responsibility for his actions - for his 'crime'! He said that he deeply regretted that he had murdered his parents, but what he said at the closing of the brief interview was very 'revealing' (and comforting)!

He said that he believed in 'redemption'! He said that when he gets to heaven, where he knows his adoptive parents are (for he said that his parents were Christians), he plans to ask their forgiveness for what he did to them, and he plans to tell them of his genuine love for them. After he makes reconciliation with his parents, he said that he looks forward to a life of enjoyment with his parents forever in heaven!

EMBRACING GOD'S JUST DEALINGS!

Tragedies of one kind or another strike all persons in our world! No one is exempted from suffering! We live in a 'fallen world'; therefore, all persons are sinners, by choice and by nature.

The universal consequence of sin is suffering - suffering that comes because of wrong moral choice, suffering that comes because of natural disasters, suffering that comes because of disease, suffering that comes because of mental disorders (like depression), suffering that comes because of relational conflicts, suffering that comes because of war! All of the above-stated sufferings are the direct or the indirect consequence of the 'historic fall' of man (in the Garden of Eden).

In light of all the different kinds of suffering, and in light of the degree of suffering, there are many persons (including some Christians) who struggle with doubt and even with bitterness in their general viewpoint of life.

Some suffering persons feel that they are the objects of 'cruel fate'! Some philosophically-oriented persons cannot reconcile the fact that there is the continuing presence of suffering in this world, and at the same time there is supposedly the presence in this world of a God who is both 'all-powerful' and 'all-loving'!

If God is 'all-loving', why does He allow so much suffering in the world? If God is 'all-powerful', why doesn't He use His power to wipe out the terrible suffering in the world? Does God really love His suffering creation?

- 1. Does God really have the power to 'end' the terrible suffering? If God really loved the Jewish people who suffered most horribly, during the Nazi regime, why didn't He bring comfort to those suffering persons? If God is all-powerful, why didn't He rescue those suffering persons from going to their horrible deaths (in the gas chambers)?*
- 2. This dilemma seems even more difficult when one considers that the Jewish people (historically) have been considered God's 'chosen people'. Out of the 9 million Jews who lived in Europe at that time, 6 million of these Jews were killed by Hitler! Why didn't God (the just Judge) 'strike down' (destroy) Hitler and his henchmen before Hitler could 'lift a hand' against God's 'choice people'. Wouldn't the fact that God is all-loving and all-powerful 'call for this'?*

WHAT ABOUT THE 'UNMERITED SUFFERING' OF GODLY PERSONS?

Serious-minded persons (including serious-minded Christians) have often asked the aforementioned questions (and other similar questions) regarding the 'mystery of human suffering'. Some good, but incomplete, answers have been given to these questions, in an attempt to satisfy men's minds and to comfort men's hearts, but, honesty demands that we must admit that all inquirers probably have as many questions as they now have answers regarding 'human suffering'.

Finite persons (regardless of their high level of intelligence) can hardly fathom the 'mind of the infinite God'. The Bible says that God's 'ways' are higher than man's 'ways', as high as the heavens are above the earth, and so are God's thoughts compared to the thoughts of man!

It is right and it is proper for humans to inquire and to probe and to contemplate the ways of God, for God gave humans a mind that, in some ways, reflects the mind of Almighty God. God has been pleased to reveal some of His thoughts and some of His ways to finite man.

God primarily reveals truth about Himself through the written Word (the Bible), and secondarily through the 'pages of Nature'. "Let this mind be in you who was also in Christ Jesus" - this statement amazingly states that God has been pleased to reveal to man some of the thoughts that are in the mind of the glorious Son of God! This seems 'too good to be true', but God has willed it to be true.

Because we humans (at our very best) are still members of a 'fallen race', imperfect in our body and mind and spirit, and because we humans are subject (even at our best) to mistakes and to misjudgments, we humans (including Christians) must not be dogmatic or proud in our claims to understanding the ways and the will of Almighty God!

The fact that equally intelligent and equally godly persons (Christians) disagree about important matters (like the mystery of 'human suffering') demonstrates the fact that (at best) Christians now (on earth) perceive 'reality' as if they were 'looking through a colored glass' (not through a 'clear glass'). At best, we humans, who are very limited in our capacity to perceive 'reality' from God's perspective, can understand only a small portion of the whole 'horizon of truth'.

What we see of truth is most wonderful, but we can only see the bare outlines of reality. We can see only a small part of reality, as if we were peering through a 'hazy, colored window'!

We must continue to ask questions and to seek solutions to the 'riddles of life' (to the troublesome questions regarding the 'dilemmas of human suffering'), but, amidst all our continuing 'honest and diligent inquiries', we must humbly admit that the 'half has not yet been told', that there is so much that we finite creatures will never know!

We must have a teachable, humble, prayerful attitude, for God cannot and

will not reveal Himself and His exalted 'ways' to the proud and haughty and self-reliant and close-minded persons!

The conclusions we draw regarding the difficult and the complex issues of 'human suffering' must be 'tentative' conclusions, that is, 'tentative' conclusions unless the Bible speaks explicitly and clearly regarding some 'aspect' of the broader topic.

Whether these mysteries (regarding 'human suffering') will be revealed to us earthly creatures, we do not know. Probably some questions regarding the 'mysteries of human suffering' will never be fully revealed to humans, while we roam the beautiful fields of this amazing earth. Will our questions

regarding the 'unmerited suffering' of godly people only be answered when 'earth's sufferers' get to heaven?

Will God unlock the mysteries, and will God clearly reveal the meaning of His sovereign purposes (i.e., purposes for so much suffering on this planet)? Will God think it necessary (or desirous) to give an answer regarding the mysteries of human suffering, an answer from the perspective of His 'eternal purposes'?

When we (by God's grace) 'end up on those heavenly shores' (in our home of no ending), will our inquiring mind be satisfied and will our crushed spirit be healed, as these resulted from earth's experiences of great suffering?

Or, will our joys and our glory and our health be so perfected, that we heavenly citizens (clothed with our heavenly body) have no recall or remembrance of the trials (sufferings) that we experienced on earth? Perhaps, in our 'heavenly state', we will have no interest whatever to ask questions regarding the mystery of human suffering (as we personally experienced it on earth).

Will the heavenly citizens (who were aborted babies on earth) have any need or have any desire to ask God for an explanation for their premature death at the hands of a selfish mother and a cooperating doctor? Will those millions of Jews who were slaughtered by the Nazi regime need to or want to ask why they were the unfortunate victims of evil persons during an evil regime on earth? No one knows the answers to these honest and penetrating questions.

God is the 'Great Compensator', and God will abundantly 'compensate' persons who died prematurely (like aborted babies) and who died unjustly (like the Jews in the concentration camps).

Remember: God is a debtor to no man. God will surely 'pay' those who deserve to be paid (even though their deserved 'pay' is a long time in coming)! God will 'make it up' to those who suffered at the hands of evil persons (like aborted babies and like Jews who suffered terribly and unjustly).

Make no mistake about it: God is a perfectly just God, and no wrong escapes God's attention! Sooner or later (on this earth, or in eternity) God will 'balance the books' (the books of justice). All evil will be punished and all righteousness will be rewarded. Though the wrong seems often so strong, God is the Ruler yet. God will 'redress all wrongs'. He will vindicate His justice!

Sinful men think they can commit evil, with impunity (i.e., they think they can sin 'in secret' without any accountability or any punishment). So much of the suffering in our world is the result of the criminal actions of evil men. Often, persons are irresponsible in their behavior (such as a drunkard who disturbs an entire household, or like an irresponsible husband who divorces his wife and, thus, greatly hurts his children).

There often is a chain reaction affect, as a result of the sinful actions of an adulterous husband, and (tragically) that chain effect of suffering can go on for many years. To break God's moral laws, not only brings suffering to the lawbreaker, but the lawbreaker, in turn, negatively affects many others (obviously his wife and his children, but often his extended family members).

DOES GOD REALLY CARE FOR THE FATHERLESS CHILDREN?

The suffering, caused by another's irresponsible (sinful) behavior, is often intense, and the 'tears' flow and flow from the eyes of innocent victims. Only God can fully understand the intensity of the pain that children feel, after their father abandons their mother, and they no longer have the security that a father gives to children! Think of the pain of refugee children, left alone, following an attack by 'terrorists'!

How can one calculate the degree and the longevity of the pain that these orphaned children feel? "Jesus, thou art compassion, pure unbounded love thou art, enter every trembling heart." Jesus is the great 'Rescuer' of the

lost and the dying, the heartbroken and the despairing. There is never a sorrow, but what Jesus shares it! He sees every 'tear' that the helpless and the hopeless shed! Jesus was 'a man of sorrows, who was acquainted with grief'; There is no one who understands the human plight like the loving Jesus! Jesus loves and understands the 'plight' of the fatherless child!

WHAT CAN THE HOLY SPIRIT DO ABOUT HUMAN SUFFERING?

We may not fully understand with our mind why 'certain things' (suffering) happen, but when our mind is 'void' of understanding, our hearts, nevertheless, can 'feel' the sympathy and the love of our blessed Savior. The Bible calls the Holy Spirit (the 3rd person of the Trinity) the 'Comforter'. This word in the original language means 'the one who is called alongside of a needy person'.

That needy person might need a 'comforter' (a companion) to go with him to a legal court, to aid him in making a proper defense. Another needy person might need the 'comforter' to go with him through one of life's difficult experiences, like a hard trial, or like a heartbreaking sorrow! The 'Comforter' (Holy Spirit) is man's 'Helper' (companion) - the one who is called alongside of a needy person!

When our hearts are breaking, when our dreams have died, when our inner spirit is damaged because of our own moral failures or because someone around us (like an abandoned father) has deeply hurt us, or because we are facing the trauma of a terminal illness, or because we have lost an important job, or because we as a teen are facing the ridicule or bullying from our school peers, or because, or because, or because!

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