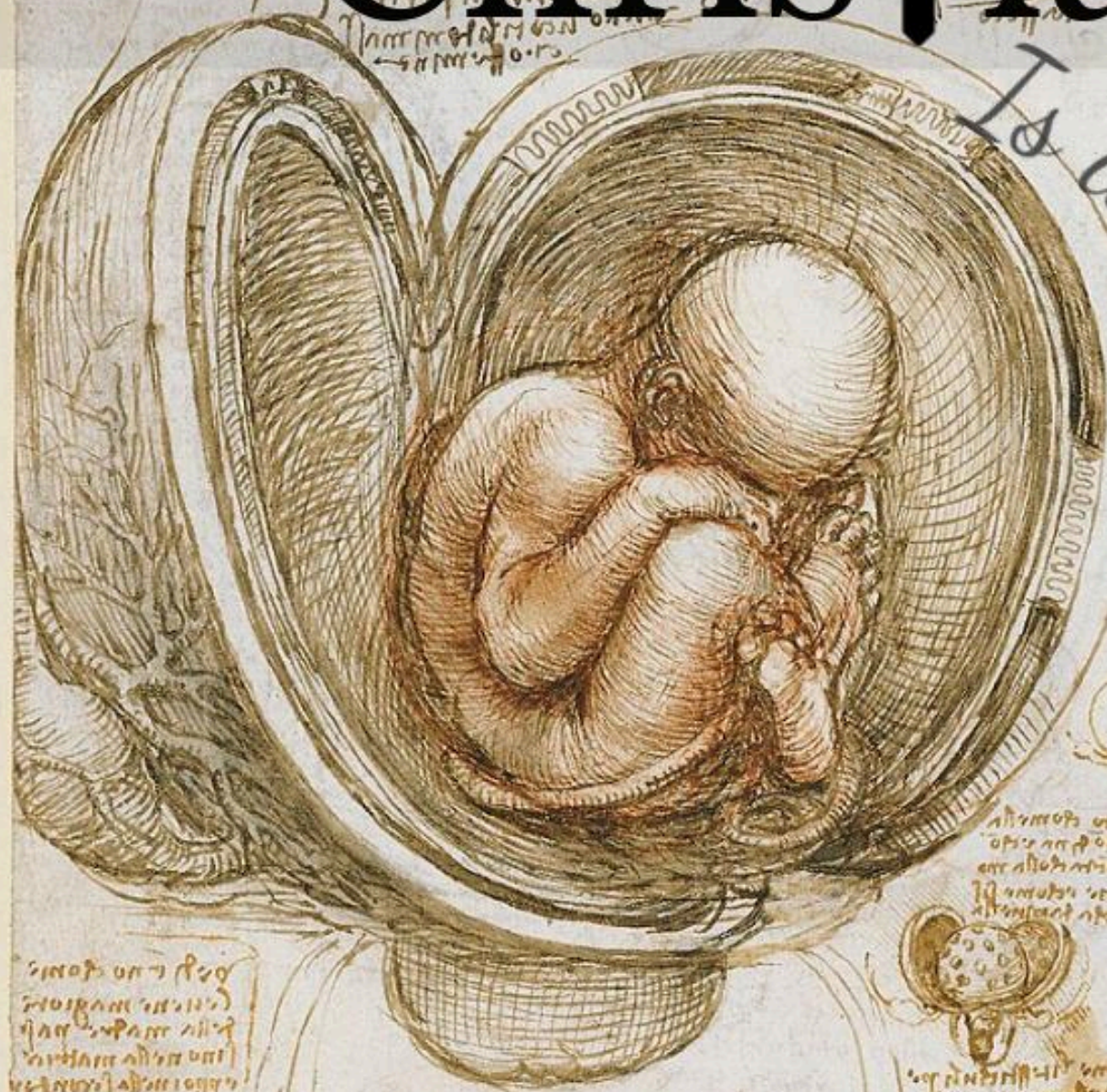


Abortion For Christians



Is it Murder?

Does
Life
Begin?



Is Abortion
Healthcare?

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Introduction

One of the most debated and heated topics in people's mouths today. The big question on a lot of people's minds... Is abortion wrong? It has plagued the media and conversations across the West, but who's right? Many people support this idea of "terminating" the life that is created during pregnancy for any reason at all; Some are "neutral" on this issue and have mixed opinions; The rest stick to the standard the Word of God gives us. In this post series, we will tackle the biblical view on abortion and how Christians should treat it. This is fundamentally a moral argument, but we will get into that in a later post. For now, we will discuss what we mean by "Abortion" and if it raises any flags.

Getting Definitions Straight

Before you begin any discussion, semantics are key to clear communication. When we are talking about abortion, and whether it is murder, we need to know what we mean by those terms. Let's start with *Murder*. Murder is the unlawful, intentional ending of a human life by another human being. Can we agree on that? If not, then please tell me where the inconsistency is. Now, let's move on to *Abortion* (Italics when referring to this definition). *Abortion* is the intentional ending of the life produced in a healthy pregnancy. Contrary to popular thought, a lot of "abortions" that abortionists use in arguments are not *Abortions* as defined, and we will see why that is important later. This definition is perfectly medically and logically sound, and I think anybody with properly functioning moral cognition can see the implications ahead.

Part 1: What Is Abortion, And Is It Murder? {Graphic Warning}

Is *Abortion* Murder?

The Bible is crystal clear that unlawful killing is wrong and an offense to God (Rom 12:19, 13:4; Deut 5:17; Exo 20:13, 23:7; Rev 21:8; Lev 24:17, etc.). Many abortionists claim that a miscarriage is an abortion, but it is no way an abortion. In a miscarriage, the baby has already died due to natural causes and not the intent of the mother's ill will to exterminate a "problem." Some also say there are laws in place that prevent babies in a miscarriage from being removed from the womb because it is an abortion. This is false, because the term is called a "medical abortion," and their abortion is simply the ending of a child in the womb; they insist that this term is an abortion. In the context of a miscarriage, the word "abortion" refers to the sudden removal of the child that died from natural causes, not the murderous will of the mother.

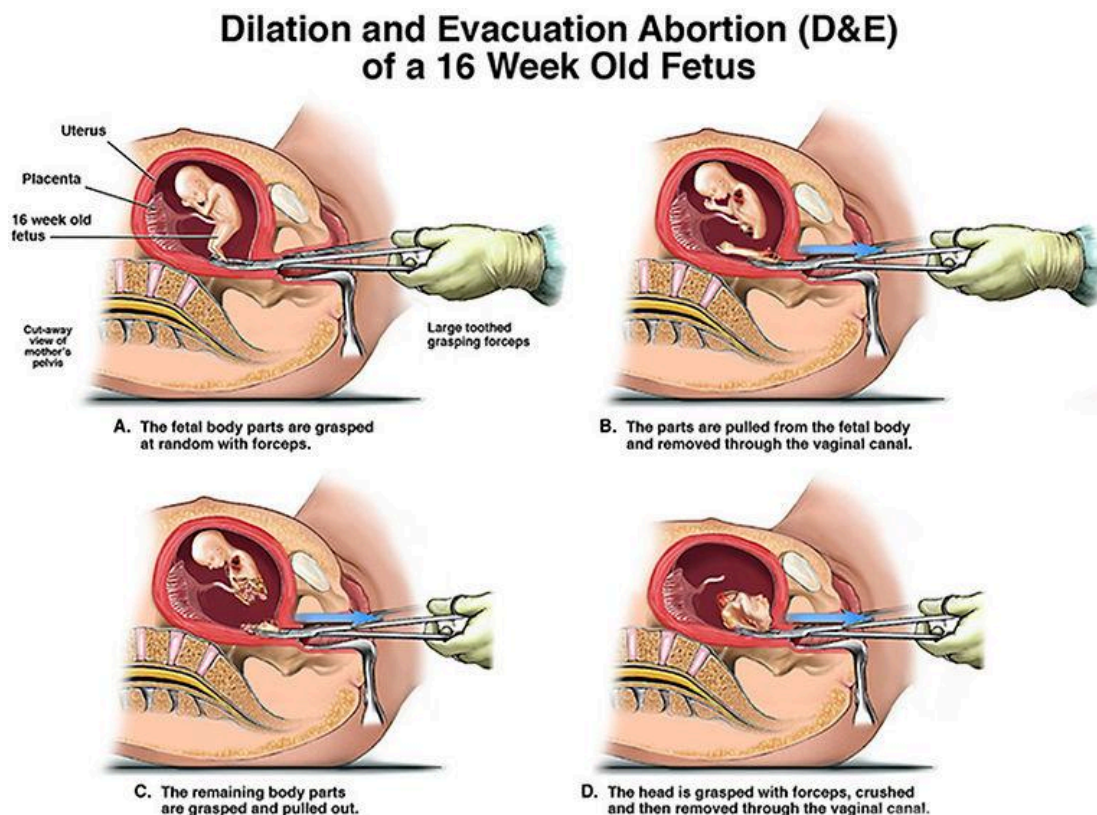
With what we know about the human body, genetics, and utero development, an *abortion* is by all means Murder of a fully human life. All arguments against this use emotional manipulation and logical fallacies. If that revelation offends you, I apologize. My goal is to tell you the truth that is external to your reflection, not out of spite or disagreement, but because if I love you, then I want you to know what's real and lie. This position will be supported in depth in a later article titled "Abortion Arguments."

Types of Abortions

There are two main types of *abortion* procedures: Medical and Surgical. Medical *Abortions* are taken in pill form to end early pregnancies before 11 weeks (not always the case). The chemical used in these pills is either *mifepristone*, which stops the production of a hormone called progesterone, which is necessary to continue development, or *RU-486 followed by* misoprostol, which is a stomach ulcer medication. A big lie that is spread about medical *abortions* is that you **MUST** have the pills prescribed by a doctor and that it is very difficult to obtain them any other way. This can be debunked by ordering abortion pills in under 30 minutes online, and if you are low on cash, some websites even offer them for free if valid reasoning is provided. One more kick to the mule is that buying these online is illegal, but as far as I know, nobody is behind bars for *E-abortions*.

Surgical *abortions* are those done in the clinic, the following methods are used.

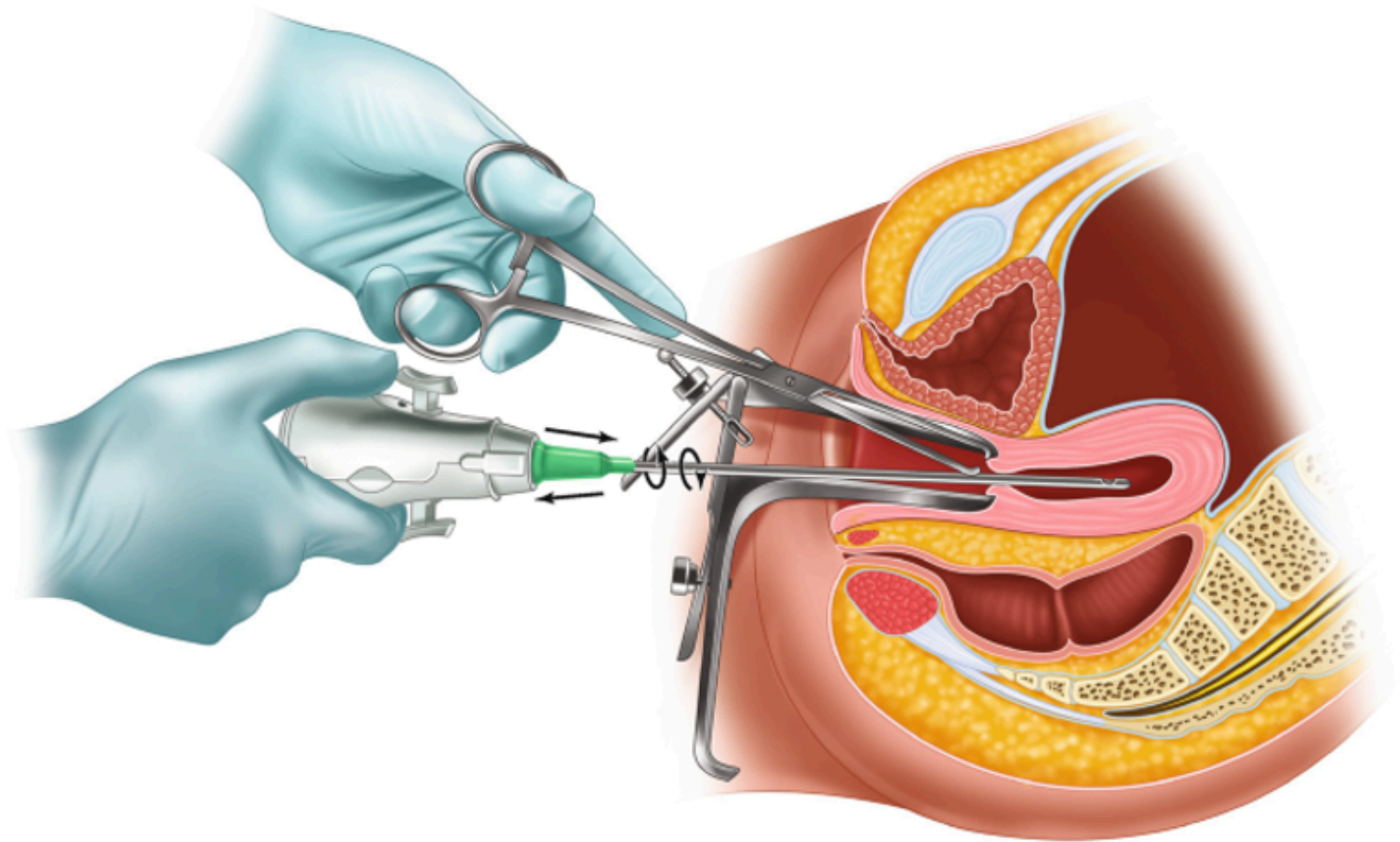
1. D&E Abortions



Depiction of a D&E *Abortion*

A *Dilation and Excavation Abortion* is when the abortionist paralyzes the cervical ring to open the womb. Using an instrument, he then slowly opens the womb, which can be very difficult because the cervical muscles are not ready to give birth yet. Another instrument is inserted into the uterus and then cuts and tears the fetus apart before removing the remnants manually. This method usually results in profuse bleeding; infection may occur; the uterine wall may be broken, which can heal, but if a blood vessel or organ is damaged, it can become a big deal; and urinary tract infections are common post-D&E *Abortion*.

2. Aspiration Abortion



Aspiration, also known as Suction *Abortion*

Aspiration (suction) *Abortions* are similar to D&E, with the cervical ring being weakened and pried open. The tool is a tube attached to a powerful vacuum that when turned on, blends the fetus and placenta before sucking them out. The risks for this method include incomplete procedure, resulting in the remains of the fetus left inside the mother, which, when rotted, can cause fatal infections; the cervix can be damaged by the violent suction, and pretty much the same as a D&E *Abortion*.

3. Hysterotomy



Hysterotomy is a method that is similar to a C-section, where the mother's abdomen is opened along with the womb. The baby is then removed from the mother's womb, killed, and discarded with the placenta. All babies aborted by this method are born fully alive outside of the womb before being killed. If a hysterotomy is done and the mother gets pregnant another time, a C-section will be required to deliver the baby (if the mother decides to let it live).

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Graphical Picture of a Hysterotomy *Abortion*. Depicted for

Many pro-abortionists say that this type of method is necessary in a case like a *placenta accreta*, but this too is false. A simple C-section can be done to save both the mother and baby. If the pregnancy is too early for this, then we should be morally obligated to hook the mother up to vitals in a hospital, and keep monitoring her and the baby. We do everything we possibly can to save

the child, and if they naturally die, we should let God take them home with Him (1 Sam 2:6-9; John 3:16; Romans 8:28; and more).

4. Saline Poisoning



5-month old that suffered a Saline Abortion. See more here:
<https://www.priestsforlife.org/resources/monica/monica3/abortedbabiesatvariousstage/retrievedfromdumpsters/abortedbaby5monthssalineabortion.html>

The last main type is Saline Poisoning. This method requires a long and thin needle to be injected into the womb and the amniotic sac. Then a salt mixture is injected into the amniotic fluid, and when the fetus breathes the fluid, the salt mixture poisons the fetus and it dies. A day later, the mother should go into labor and give birth to a stillborn, dead child. This method has been recorded to cause brain and lung damage in several women.

Is Abortion Murder?

It may be early in this series, but we can already begin to make some moral conclusions. The methods used to kill pre-born children involve violent and dangerous methods with results that are not guaranteed to be good. If Murder is the unjust killing of a human being, then killing a pre-born human being, *Abortion*, is absolutely Murder. In the next article following this topic, we will dive into the scientific facts about life, conception, and when human life begins. We know the basics of *Abortion*, it's time to dive into the deep end and make, dare I say, a further logical step. For all who are guilty of ending a pre-born human, there is forgiveness and healing in genuine faith in Christ.

Jesus doesn't offer self-forgiveness, like spirituality does with its self-worship; it doesn't offer a good feeling that lasts for a moment and leaves you empty. Jesus Christ offers Real Forgiveness, a clean conscience, and the opportunity to heal by Him putting His Spirit to dwell in you. All other things lay within the boundaries of time, space, and energy. All of those things are perishing, turning into useless heat, all winding down to a final day. A final day where no amount of money, gusto, women, video games, entertainment, food, or music will continue. None of those things will be standing, except Jesus Christ.

I pray that this series may help you identify the evils of this modern society. May we all be bathed in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and may He provide us all with the patience to read over some things that may aggravate us. In Jesus' Name.

Part 2: When Does Human Life Begin?



Before discussing any heated topic, semantics are key to clear and smooth communication. In the previous part of *Abortion for Christians*, we got the definitions of both Murder and Abortion in the context of this issue. Subsequently, we followed the logic and examined some abortion techniques and decided that Abortion, *the intentional killing of a pre-born human*, seems to be like it is murder. "Whoa, Jason! Why can't you just say it's murder?" I hear you, but if it is truly Murder, *the premeditated, unjust killing of a human life*, then a pre-born person must be proven to be fully human. This begs the question: When does human life begin? In this article, we will discuss the science behind human life and conception.

Is a Fetus Alive?

By all scientific analysis and definition, a fetus is alive and fully human. 96% (oops, I meant to say 96%) of scientists agree that life begins at conception, *the union of sperm and egg*, according to a study done by the *National Library of Medicine*. There are also legal consequences for harming a child in utero for both men and women, so life rights in utero are presupposed by the Law (except in the case of abortion, it seems).

experts' views on this matter. Biologists from 1,058 academic institutions around the world assessed survey items on when a human's life begins and, overall, 96% (5337 out of 5577) affirmed the fertilization view. The founding principles of the field Science Communication suggest that scientists

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The requirements for biological life include 1. cell organization, a fetus is made of a great and complex organization of cells, as well as cell divisions working actively towards maturation. The next is 2. Reproduction, and the cells a fetus is made of, are reproducing at a very rapid rate. In the fetal stage of development, a human fetus cannot reproduce another human, but it has the

guaranteed potential to do so given time, oxygen, and nutrition. A 1-year-old cannot reproduce another human either, so this argument is rather weak. Actually, we shouldn't even say it's a "potential human" but rather that it is a "human with vast potential".

The next requirement is 3. Growth and Development. Lo and behold, a fetus develops more complex organ systems and body parts, and at some point, just begins to gain mass. Another is 4. Energy use, and a fetus requires food to produce enough energy for itself to maintain and grow. The next requirement is 5. Maintaining Homeostasis, which a fetus does, considering if it is given the needs will live, metabolize energy, and grow. A fetus will also 6. Respond to Stimuli and can feel pain, as we will see later. The last two requirements are 7. Adaptation and Inheritance, which both a fetus has. A fetus has the inherited code from the mother and father and can adapt and develop.

A fetus, by all measures, is alive, but is it human?

When Does Human Life Begin?

Life is the condition that distinguishes animals and plants from inorganic matter, including the capacity for growth, reproduction, functional activity, and continual change preceding death. Biblically speaking, human life (bearing God's Image) would begin when the soul is united with the flesh. For the secularist's sake, we will mainly leave this out of the discussion. I am not undermining Biblical authority, but am seeking to settle this within the worldview of the abortionist. The abolitionists claim to hold to science, so let's hold them to it! Most people's knowledge of this topic comes from a very one-sided presentation of the facts and repeated errors about abortion. *The Conference on Abortion* in 1967 could "find no point in time between the union of the sperm and egg, or at least the *blastocyst stage*, and the birth of the infant at which point we could say that this was not *human life*," and they continue "the changes occurring between implantation, a 6-month fetus, a 6-week old infant, or a mature adult are merely *stages of development and maturation*" (emphasis mine). They could not find a point after the union of the sperm and egg that was not entirely human. The being was human from conception!

What About the Sperm and Ovum?

"But the sperm and egg are alive; what sets them apart from the fertilized ovum?" Sperm contains the entire genetic code of the father and has no other goal in its life than fertilization. The ovum contains all of the mother's genetic code and is, no question, part of her body. When the two meet, the 23 chromosomes from both join to create a unique being that has never existed before, with a unique genetic code that will never be repeated in another being. This being is fully equipped with a *full package of genetic code* that is *preprogrammed* and actively working towards the maturation and adulthood from the moment the two (sperm and egg) meet. Nothing has been added to this from conception till death: only nutrition, time, and oxygen. The entire human being is there, it just needs to develop and mature.

"Is it human at this point?" Well, would you say an adult came *from* a child? No, you would say that an adult was once a child in the past and has since grown and matured into an adult human. Everything the adult is was once compact in the child that was given time, nutrition, and oxygen to develop him. The same logic for an infant; it did not come from a zygote or a fetus; it once was a zygote and a fetus. The infant is simply a more developed and mature human who was once a fetus. The fertilized ovum is pretty much a zygote or the first stage after conception. "Is a fertilized ovum a human life?" Some say that it is just a blueprint for a human being, but is this correct terminology?

A blueprint is examined, followed, and then once the building is done, disposed of entirely. A blueprint does not transform into the building itself. A fertilized ovum is not a blueprint for a grocery store, but the grocery store in miniature. Given time, nutrition, and oxygen will grow into a full grocery store. This is the fertilized ovum, it is not a blueprint for the human. The blueprint is the genetic code that is already there and actively working. This is not a form of animal or plant life that develops into a human life, either. Fertilized seeds of plants and ova of animals and humans are, at the moment of conception, fully that plant, animal, or human. So no, the ovum, embryo, and fetus are not considered animal life until some arbitrarily decided stage of development.

Humans can only produce other human beings. This is very simple and basic, but also very true. When a man and woman have sex, they will always conceive a human being, it is not a fish, monkey, or dog. A plant seed will always develop into a plant of the same kind. A dog zygote will always develop into a dog. A horse fetus will always develop into a horse. A Human embryo will always develop and be born as a human being. God made it this way so that organisms can only reproduce by their kind (Gen 1:24).

Utero Development

During sex, the male ejects his sperm, and they swim through the uterine cavity into the fallopian tubes and surround the ovum. The female egg breaks the shell of her ovary, and then a sperm can penetrate the egg. At this very moment, the egg becomes fertilized. After fertilization, the fertilized ovum travels slowly back through the fallopian tube and, in about a week, would have multiplied and implanted within the walls of the uterus. Given time, oxygen, and nutrition, the fertilized ovum will develop into a human fetus, infant, and then on the path to an adult. The sperm and egg cells themselves are alive but have reached the peak of their individual development potential. Sperm is part of the father and bears the same genetic code, likewise for the egg and the mother. Nutrition, time, and oxygen will add nothing to either cell alone, and in time, the sperm or egg would eventually die. The only way they can continue is fertilization, which results in an entirely different being being created. This new being is entirely different than the sperm and egg, and the mother and father. It has its own specific genetic code packed with programming for a fully developed adult human. It may live, and it may die, but it will always be heading toward development and maintain its uniqueness.

Is this single cell a human being? A fertilized ovum will divide into multiple cells, all working towards the same goal of specialized organization and human maturation into a unified complex human being. None of us came from a fertilized ovum, but rather we all were once a fertilized ovum. To say an adult came from a child makes no sense. The adult was once a child, who was once a toddler, who was once an infant, who was once a pre-born infant, who was a fetus, who was an embryo, who was a zygote. These are all titles for stages of development. To simplify speech, we don't directly identify the subject of development in conversation because it is most likely already in the context (hence we say "fetus" and "zygote" without specifying if it is a human sometimes). Some people play semantics here and try to trap people in their own words, but stay strong to your definitions. Accurately speaking, these titles must have an identifier to complete the thought. Thus, it is a human (then the stage of development). A human fetus, a human zygote, a human embryo, a human adult. The same for all organisms, a cow fetus, a dog embryo, a whale zygote.

This New Being Is Like No Other

The zygote is not simple, it contains a long genetic code (3.1 Billion Base Pairs) that is brand new and not in any way identical or reproducible, a requirement for life. Its development is completely independent of the mother's will. The Father of Feteology, Dr. Liley says this:

"seven days after fertilization the young individual, in *command of his* environment and destiny with *tenacious purpose*, implants in the spongy lining and with display of *physiological power suppresses his mother's menstrual period*... ..the embryo develops a placenta and protective capsule of fluid *for himself*. He also solves, single-handedly, the *homograft problem*, that dazzling feat by which the fetus and mother, although immunological foreigners who could not exchange skin grafts nor safely receive blood from each other, nevertheless *tolerate* each other in *parabiosis for nine months*... ..He is *responsive* to pain and touch and cold and sound and light. He drinks his amniotic fluid, more if it is artificially sweetened, and less if it is given an unpleasant taste. He gets hiccups and sucks his thumb. He *wakes and sleeps*. He gets *bored* with repetitive signals, but can be taught to be *alerted* by a first signal for a second different one. And finally, *he determines* his birthday, for unquestionably the onset of labor is a *unilateral decision of the fetus*... ..This is the fetus we look after in modern obstetrics, the same baby we are caring for before and after birth, who before birth can be ill and indeed diagnosis and treatment just like any other-patient?" (Liberal Studies, *A Case Against Abortion*, Whitcombe & Tombs, Ltd., 1971, an excerpt from "The Abortion Handbook": <https://www.amazon.com/Handbook-Abortion-Dr-Mrs-Willke/dp/B002EIWS38>).

"A fetus cannot survive apart from the dependence of the mother," you may say. A 1-year-old cannot survive apart from parental dependence, and dependence does not constitute value (will see in "Common Arguments for Abortion").

Conclusion

Without a doubt, the moment of conception is the beginning of both life and human life. To deny this blatant fact of biology is to deny a known part of reality, the essence of close-mindedness. If you find yourself brainwashed to deny this, then this should be a moment of self-reflection for any of us under this deception. If murder is the killing of an innocent human life, then induced abortion is exactly that. From the moment the sperm and the egg meet, a brand new line of genetic code is created. All packed with the programming for a fully developed human being. We would not say an adult came *from* a child, likewise, we wouldn't say an infant came *from* a fetus. The sperm and egg are not human life in their entirety, for many factors that set them apart from the fertilized ovum have already been discussed.

Biblically speaking, life begins at conception.

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

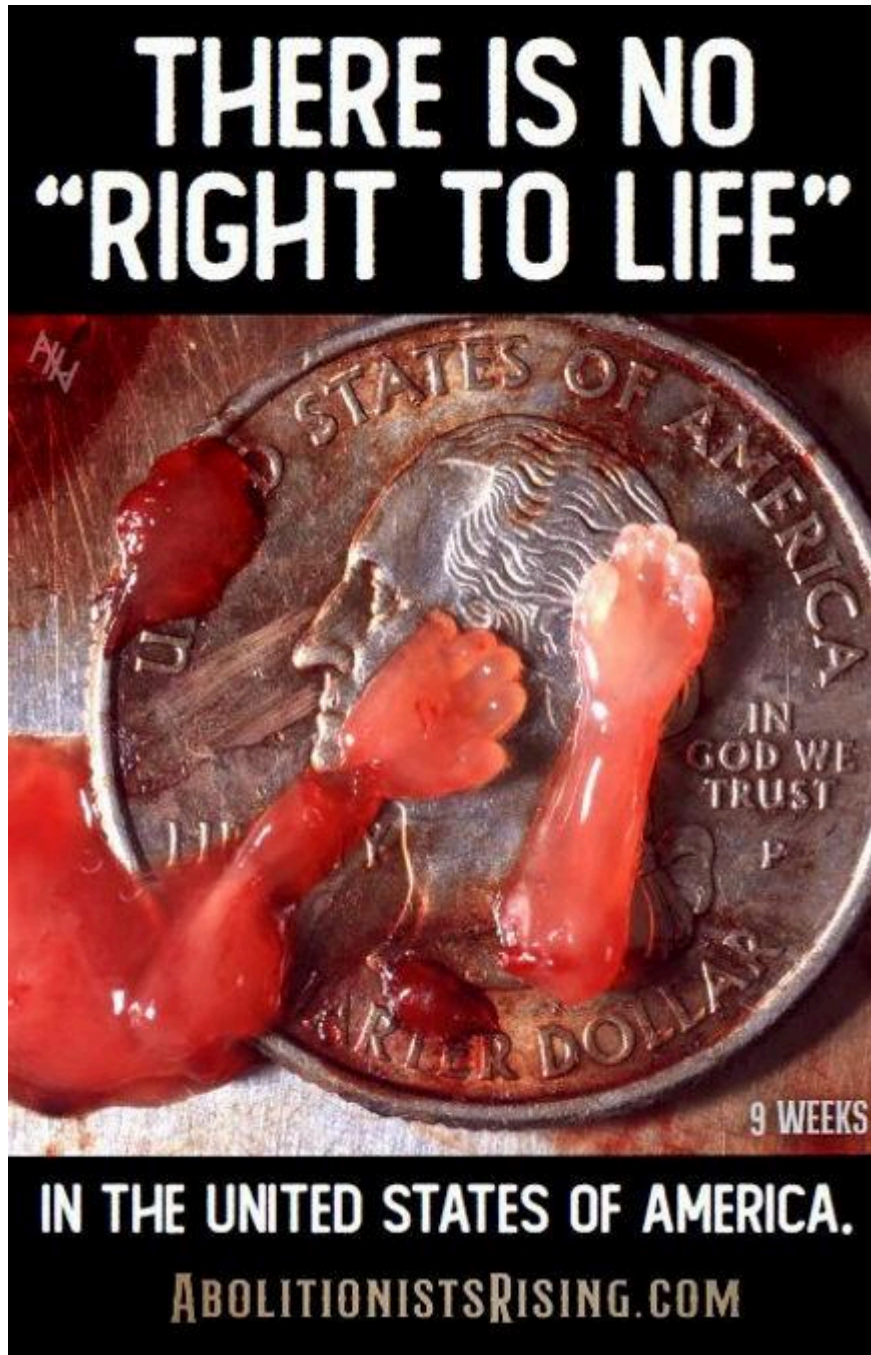
"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I set you apart, and I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5)

Moreover, in Luke chapter 1, John the Baptist is filled with the Spirit while being in the womb, displaying God's value of unborn lives. You cannot win the debate on justifying abortion by using the Bible. Neither can you with modern science.

I pray that the value of God's Image can make a true impact on you the way God meant it to. May you accept the loving grace of Jesus Christ, and humble yourself before Him and accept the forgiveness of all sin, even abortion. May that image be refocussed on the True Living God, Jesus Christ.

Part 3: God's Child, in the Womb

In this part of the *Abortion for Christians Series*, I provide a short informative about fetal development and some features thereof. I chose to begin my description at 5 weeks, mainly because shortly after this period, it can be considered that everything needed for the child is present and separated, and only requires mass building. This is also around the time when the heart begins to beat.



The Bible is clear that God's image is imbued in the child in the womb. It is also very clear that life in the womb is a fully valued human life created in the *imago dei*.

"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 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." (Psalm 139:13–15).

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born, I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5).

From the moment that the sperm and egg fertilize, a brand new genetic code is created. This code is supremely unique and will never be replicated, but there's more. The moment this genetic code is created, it begins its work directing the development of the person. From the moment this person is created, there is a massive amount of work being done to grow that person.

Check out AbolitionistsRising.com for more anti-abortion content and resources!

Human beings in the womb are not an organism with human potential, rather, it is a human being with vast amounts of potential.

The Development of God's Child in the First Trimester

At 5-7 weeks...

Beginning at the fifth week, the heart is present and has already started to beat sometime in week four. In one week (week 6), the heart will have been beating consistently at about 160 bpm. The eyes, nose, and ears begin to separate and develop, along with tiny paddle masses that will eventually grow into the arms and legs. During this week, the child will respond to a source of sound, touch, and specific movements. Skeletal movements also begin this week. When the seventh week arrives, the eyes and stomach, along with the esophagus, begin to develop. The esophagus is the cavity through which food will enter post-birth.

So by the seventh week, we have all the necessary parts in place and isolated within the body; eyes and stomach beginning to develop; a functional and beating heart with circulating blood has begun; and a system for intaking and digesting food post-birth. God's Child is almost done with their journey.

Over the Next 3 Weeks (Weeks 8-10)...

Over the next two weeks (8 and 9), the brain will become completely present with brain waves and activity. The stomach will begin to produce gastric juices, and the child will start to swallow, squint (having the facial muscles developed), and move their tongue. Brain cells are rapidly multiplying and neural pathways are forming, and the baby is now fully moving. At the tenth week, the baby's teeth begin to develop from a milky substance, solidified into a harder material. The brain is fully present and heading toward maturation, and the feet are fully formed and look like tiny adult feet. In the weeks to come, the baby will be almost fully formed.

Weeks 11 and 12 Yield...

During the tenth and eleventh weeks, the reflexes begin to develop, the lungs are fully formed, and the child begins to breathe its amniotic fluid, and at birth will breathe air. All body systems are present and functioning, and even fingernails are present. The child will often suck their thumb, and does so with passion:

"Eleven years ago, while giving an anesthetic for a ruptured tubal pregnancy (at two months), I was handed what I believed to be the smallest human being ever seen. The embryo sac was intact and transparent. Within the sac was a tiny (one-third inch) human male swimming extremely vigorously in the amniotic fluid... This tiny human was perfectly developed with long, tapering fingers, feet, and toes. It was almost transparent as regards the skin... The baby was extremely alive and swam about the sac approximately one time per second with a natural swimmer stroke... When the sac was opened, the tiny human immediately lost its life and took on the appearance of what is accepted as the appearance of an embryo at this stage (blunt extremities, etc.)." (Paul E. Rockwell, M.D., Director of Anesthesiology, Leonard Hospital, Troy, New York, Albany Times Union, March 10, 1970)

During the Rest of the Time (Weeks 13 - 18)

The thirteenth week marks the final week of the first trimester. Fingerprints are present; all the veins and organs are formed and in place; and the child will also have ovaries full of eggs if it is a girl. For the last three weeks just covered, the baby is, for all purposes, fully formed and has just been building mass. Weeks sixteen to eighteen, the eyelashes are visible. Also, being equipped

with vocal cords can cry, but can't produce sound without oxygen. From this point on, and until death, the child will simply be adding mass to itself (Aka, growing).

Early Abortions? {Graphic Warning}

Priest For Life has an amazing multi-page graphic that displays many live pictures taken of fetuses after abortions. I warn you of the gore displayed of little human parts torn apart. Follow the link out of your curiosity, it's tough to look at, so be ready. The page is organized by week, starting at 8 weeks. IF YOU ARE SENSITIVE TO GRAPHIC CONTENT, VIEW AT YOUR DISCRETION. The link to such a page is here:

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/graphic-images/index.aspx?gid=5&sid=8>

Conclusion

As we can see, very early in the development of humans, every organ system and body part is present. The child is then, in shape, a human being in miniature, and from fertilization has always been one. If size and viability determine Human Value, then why aren't we killing the disabled, the very young that we don't want, or people smaller than the majority? Arguing in support of abortion creates very slippery slopes that always fail logically, thus, it is the safest and best option to stick to God's Word instead of our own deceitful, arbitrary desires. "You Shall Not Murder. (Exodus 20:13)." Every Human being, no matter the size, viability, and stage of development, will always remain a unique Human being created in the Image of God imbued with innate value from the Creator who designed all to love God with all our hearts and care for each other and creation. To intentionally end the life developing in Utero is the Murder of a valuable Child of God. Life is God's domain, not ours (Romans 14:8; 1 Corinthians 3:23, 6:19; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Psalm 24:1-2; and More).

I hope this short article can kickstart you in learning the facts about fetal development. Many sources online offer long articles covering every little detail, by every week. Unfortunately, I do not have the time or goal to give such a detailed presentation. So thus I invite you to research just that, and to actually see what happens in the womb. May Jesus Christ help us all, and our sins be forgiven if we put our faith in Him.

Part 4: Sketchy Origins of Planned Parenthood

In the first three parts of the *Abortion for Christians Series*, we covered the issue of definitions and how, definitively, induced abortion is the murder of a human life that is made in the image of God. How do we know this is truly human life at such an early stage of development? In part 2, *When Does Human Life Begin*, we covered how, genetically and scientifically speaking, the fertilized egg is, by all means, a fully packaged human being. It is a human being with potential for development; thus, ending that would be the end of a human life. Part 3 was a short informative on fetal development from weeks 5 to 18, showing that a child represents a human being in form very early on. That is not the argument, though, for from the beginning life is valued.

Margaret Sanger & Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood is, in their own words, “the nation’s leading provider and advocate of high-quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health care for all people, as well as the nation’s largest provider of sex education”. As we will see in the next article of this series, abortion being “healthcare” is pure propaganda. The founder of such an organization is *Margaret Sanger* (I will call her Marge for short).



The person who inspired the *Third Reich's* eugenicist views, regarded by them as "the greatest socialist in America". Marge was born on September 14th (1879), in Corning, New York. She would come to form an organization called "*Planned Parenthood*" with two other women. In 1916, she opened her first clinic as a member of the *American Eugenics Society* (AES). Days after she opened this clinic, it was raided by authorities and she was arrested, where she spent 30-days in jail to pay off the fine she received. Marge even advocated for “improving the genetic composition of Humans through controlled reproduction of different races and classes (Eugenics). (American Eugenics Society, 1972)”. She also wrote these comments in her journal, *The Birth Control Review*:

A picture of Marge

“I believe in the sterilization of the *feeble-minded*, the *insane*, and the *syphilitic*,” and “The Most urgent problem today is how to limit and discourage the *over-fertility of the mentally and physically defective* (Birth Control and *Racial Betterment* EB 1919; The Eugenic Value of Birth Control Propaganda OCT 1921, italics mine).”

BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW

Edited by Margaret Sanger

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; There you can read more about Margaret and her Biography.

Marge ultimately pushed for a society that limited the birth rights of those she saw as unworthy of reproduction. In 1921, she founded the *American Birth Control League* (ABCL) and even endorsed *Buck v. Bell*, which made it so states could forcibly sterilize people deemed unfit for reproduction (this could be done with or without the participants' knowledge of such happening). Marge was known for holding very radical, controversial views about race, eugenics, and population control; she even wanted to erase African Americans!

Marge Madness!

In 1939, Marge began one of her biggest and baddest projects yet! And she chose a name she saw fit. This grand scheme was called the "*Negro Project*" and was aimed at having black doctors specifically perform on black patients to enforce the active sterilization of black people. Three years after she began this, the ABCL was renamed to the *Planned Parenthood Federation of America* (PPFA). The name change makes it seem more professional and welcoming, as opposed to the very racially focused title. Despite this, some critics claim that Marge never advocated abortion at all. This is a blatant lie and only displays a small part of her whole view on abortion.

Marge only opposed abortion in situations that wouldn't produce the birth of the best, healthiest, strongest, smartest, and desirable offspring from Caucasian couples only. Jews, African Americans, Brown-Skinned, and Low IQ White People were not allowed to give birth and were permitted abortions and sterilization programs in her view. She was even later given an honorable title in the *KKK* and also as a member: "Always to me any aroused group was a good group, and therefore I accepted an invitation to talk to the women's branch of the Ku Klux Klan at Silver Lake, New Jersey, one of the weirdest experiences I had in lecturing."

(<https://books.google.com/books?id=u9fCDwAAQBAJ&pg=PT284&lpg=PT284&dq=#v=onepage&q&f=false>)") She was even exalted by Adolf Hitler and Dr. Joseph Goebbels (one of Hitler's chief propagandists), and was a good friend with the radically racist president Woodrow Wilson and Henry Ford (who also had an acquaintance with Hitler).

Scammed Parenthood

Planned Parenthood was a decisive scheme by Margaret Sanger to fool the women of America by claiming to offer "healthcare" with the actual intention of luring them into a eugenic plot to fit her twisted views. "All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death (1 John 5:17)." She tricked them all into population control of African Americans, Jews, Brown-Skinned, and Low IQ White people she saw as unworthy to continue as Human Beings. The entire movement nowadays is just a large money grab for the doctors and people running the show. Do you know who the top demographic of abortions is? African American Women: it seems Marge hit her goal. Did you know that abortion clinic employees get in trouble if a certain quota of abortions is not performed monthly? And that the Abortion Industry generates a whopping \$2,100,000,000.⁰⁰ of profit yearly?

It is a scam that has resulted in the leading occurrence of genocide in Human History, with a vast 200,000 lives taken every day in abortions! With no legislation that forces all abortions to be reported means that this number is deflated and inaccurate; it is probably much higher than this. If you or a loved one has been involved in an abortion, and is experiencing regret or grief for the child's life. You can get help at resources like:

- <https://www.standingwithyou.org/resources-reproductive-grief/#afterabortion>

And if you are involved in or planning an abortion, look at alternatives to abortion and pregnancy help at links such as:

- <https://www.standingwithyou.org/national-resources/>
- <https://studentsforlife.org/learn/post-abortion-syndrome/#>
- <https://www.standingwithyou.org/>

Have Compassion

As Christians, we are called to spread the good news of the Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20). To let all sinners know that we are all forgiven in Jesus Christ only, especially those who support immoral practices (1 John 1:9), but to receive forgiveness, you must confess in agreement with God. If we know or are encountering a victim of the abortion scheme, we should have compassion for them (Ephesians 4:32), and offer them the truth on the biology, logic, and morality behind the issue (1 Peter 3:15). This involves not having the desire to win an argument, but to show the other person that you are not antagonistic like the media claims you are. When we display the care and love that we have towards them individually, we may become a neutral source of information that is not assumed to be driven by divisive motives (depending on the person's willingness to have an honest dialogue). We are to show them the love and forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers them and let the seeds be planted (Mark 4:14). Do not be discouraged if they aren't convinced in one conversation (Romans 1:18), we are to plant the seeds of righteousness (Hosea 10:12), and God is to draw a person's spirit to His feet (John 6:44).

Part 5: Refuting Abortion Arguments

How should we view abortion? Is it the right of the person? What about the justifications abortionists offer? In part 5 of this series, we will respond to some common responses that people often make when confronted with the abortion issue. This consists of two sections. Section one will be a short overview of some of the propaganda that is spread about abortion, and the facts that tear it down. Propaganda is any information, especially biased or misrepresented, used to promote a cause or position. If we can reveal any of the popular claims to be untrue, misconstrued, or downright false, then we can confidently say that it is indeed propaganda. Section two is refutations to common arguments posed by abortion proponents. These will include examining statistics, biology, semantics, rhetoric, and the fallibility of the human imagination. May this article bless you with the information to discern truth from lies in this age of cultural mass information.

Section 1: 8 Lies About Abortion from Modern Culture

I believe it is crucial to first understand the context behind some of the "justification" provided for abortion for any reason. It is an unfortunate truth that the movement behind abortion has borne some hefty lies that, at first glance, seem to be valid and plausible. The usual presentation of abortion is often emotionally charged, with plenty of rhetoric to create guilt or sympathy in the listeners. The arguments then play off these emotional responses to make it seem like a critical examination of them is unnecessary or somehow immoral. But we don't stop at feel-good intuitions, but rather we will examine them on a deeper level than the surface. Skepticism is a good thing, but not the only thing; we must use logical reasoning to make a sober conclusion about what may be true or false, and this involves avoiding jumping to a conclusion based on what feels best.

1. A Fetus is not a Human

This should be in the second section, but it serves as the grounds for deciding what is human. The number one misleading claim is that a fetus is not a human; indeed, if you can somehow get people to think that when a person is in the womb, they cease to be a human. If one could dehumanize a certain group, one could then make it much easier to exterminate them. Thus, the number one goal is to dehumanize the fetus, get rid of its inherent rights as the type of creature it is, and apply a standard for birth, the essence of eugenics. But a fetus is, by all means, a human being, and no studies need to be mentioned because this can be answered with a few probing questions. The first question is what exactly specifies the type of organism one may be? Is it the size? Maybe it's the appearance? Scientifically speaking, the unique genetic code it exhibits would be the fundamental identifier of what creature this is. The genetic code carries the information that, especially at the fetal stage of development, drives physical development changes as time progresses.

So if a fetus exhibits the unique genome of pigs, as time progresses, the fetus will develop into the phenotype of a pig. But the fetus was not "not a pig" before this development because it had the genetic code specific to pigs. If a fetus exhibits a genome that drives the formation of a mature human being, then that organism was, from the very start, a human being. Given that a fetus has a human genome, it, by definition, can not be any other type of organism. Moreover, appealing to a "fetus" being its own type of organism fails because it's making a category mistake. "Fetus" refers to the stage of development an organism is presently in. All organisms born via parental interaction will begin at this stage, so saying that a stage of development is somehow its own

organism makes no sense. A fetus can be any type of organism that develops in that way, but a fetus itself will not exhibit every single type at once, because its genetic code is present before development even begins.

One last point here is that the two gametes that combined to create the genetic code unique to that individual were both of a human type. This can easily be demonstrated by the fact that not all gametes are the same. Human sperm cannot fertilize a pig's egg because the genetic differences are not reproductively compatible. Thus, a fetus inside a human is 100% human, and it will exhibit no other type of organism's characteristics other than a human's.

2. Abortion is Healthcare

This is thrown out in an attempt to justify abortion, because if abortion is somehow healthcare, and we provide healthcare to citizens, then abortion should be provided for anyone who wants it. This syllogism is logically air-tight, and the conclusion is true if premises one and two are also true. But what if the premise is wrong? Does healthcare result in the intended death of a human being? If your healthcare unjustly kills an innocent person, then it is in no way actual healthcare for an individual. Healthcare improves and maintains the health of an individual; thus, if there is another person involved, then individual healthcare for both, and not all healthcare for one. This is simply logical; if there are 2 people, we acknowledge the right to life and treat the health of both of them, and a baby in the womb is no different. Premeditated Abortion of a healthy pregnancy for convenience reasons is not "Healthcare."

3. Women Simply Don't Have the Resources and Aid They Require

This is actually untrue, and some people will hold to this even after they are proven wrong... When the facts contend with theory, so much for the facts. Some will say that Planned Parenthood is the only avenue for help that offers aid to mothers. But this has been repeatedly disproven, as some Planned Parenthoods do not offer any motherhood help whatsoever. It depends on the location. There are also resources for limited mothers provided by movements such as *Students for Life of America*, *WIC*, and *SNAP* for food, non-profits like *Postpartum Support International* and *March of Dimes* for other health resources, as well as charities such as *Help a Mother Out* and *The Baby Pantry* that offer clothing and baby supplies. There are so many online resources that can also offer support through specialized programs. So there are plenty of resources for women who are not in an ideal financial situation to care for their child.

Raising children is difficult, and nobody deserves to tackle it alone. The link provided leads to a website where you can get pregnancy and childcare aid if such is needed:

<https://www.standingwithyou.org/>.

4. Late-term Abortions Don't Happen

Although rare, late-term abortions do happen, and there have been many people who have contacted abortion clinics to receive abortions as late as 30 weeks. Most of the time, these abortions are scheduled and decided over the phone, with no in-person examination conducted beforehand. As of early 2024, 9 states have no legal limit on when abortion can be done (I have not kept up-to-date with the legal situations, so this may be incorrect as of 2025). These include Alaska, Vermont, Oregon, New Mexico, Colorado, Minnesota, Michigan, Maryland, and New Jersey. There are many testimonials of late-term abortions happening. Such Testimonies include the book titled "*Why I Am An Abortion Doctor*."

<https://www.amazon.com/Why-I-Am-Abortion-Doctor/dp/1573920452>

5. No After-birth Abortions Happen

This, too, is a lie, and there is some legal work being done in Colorado, Michigan, and California. They have enacted laws that include a new legal term called "Pregnancy Outcome." The original version of this article was written in early 2024, so the status of this may have changed as of now. Kristen Hawkins says (paraphrasing here). The States are moving for abortion rights for any reason, and thus have created this new term to use. It is very vague and unclear what it exactly is; it only means 'as long as there is a dead baby, it is considered a pregnancy outcome, and when applied to abortions, a very slippery slope begins to form. If a child is born alive in the facility, it is not considered illegal because the intent is the legal pregnancy outcome just stated. There aren't even specifics on killing the child by negligence in the laws; as long as it dies, it is legal. Whether this has been passed, has yet to be, or has not, it still reveals the fact that there are people who are fighting for this concept.

There are even abortionists who openly admit to these things. *Douglas Karpen* is a late-term abortionist who admits to the abortions he has committed. He was extremely unprofessional at his job, and his clinic was reported as being filthy. Karpen admits that he has had babies born alive during his operations, and multiple women have died on his operating table due to the danger of these abortions. Another one is *Kermit Gosnell*, who testified after being arrested in Philadelphia for prescribing narcotics to women in his office (probably for the pain of his procedures). His employees even admit that multiple babies were born alive in his facility. Both of these men had filthy clinics, and one report says the tubing used for Aspiration Abortions was corroded and dry-rotted.

"There was blood on the floor. A stench of urine filled the air. A flea-infested cat was wandering through the facility, and there were cat feces on the stairs. Semi-conscious women scheduled for abortions were moaning in the waiting room or the recovery room, where they sat on dirty recliners covered with blood-stained blankets" says those included in the raid of Gosnell's clinic in 2010.

So, yes, late-term abortions happen no matter what pro-abortionists say. You can read more about what these two did at these links:

Karpen:

<https://abortiondocs.org/abortionists/douglas-alan-karpen-do/>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/27268/texas-abortionist-accused-of-killing-babies-born-alive>

Gosnell:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2013/04/15/the-gosnell-case-heres-what-you-need-to-know/>

6. Pro-life Laws prevent Doctors From Saving Lives

This is the claim that pro-life laws do not allow doctors to remove human remains in the case of miscarriage or other similar occurrences. And in some recent cases, doctors have fumbled the opportunity to save a life due to these laws. Many cite legal suits of women who didn't receive a "life-saving abortion" due to pro-life laws. Every case seen in the media of women claiming not to have received life-saving care was not for life-threatening reasons, except for one case where someone had a failed miscarriage and an infection. To this, the laws do not prevent abortions in rare cases where the mother will die. The mother had a failed abortion, and the baby sustained damage along with her. The pro-life laws do not include these situations as an abortion. Within the laws, the term "abortion" refers to the willful killing of a healthy baby. Thus, are the laws to blame?

I think the laws themselves could be more specific, to avoid confusion like this, but we should also keep in mind the doctors who should have been familiar enough with the laws to know what is acceptable and not. One case in Texas was simply medical negligence from the staff, not the abortion context that the media places on it. Pro-abortionists love to use these court stories as propaganda to further push their arbitrary evils of sacrificing your children because you can't take the responsibility to deal with the consequences of free choice in a cause-and-effect world. The answer to these is not to abolish pro-life laws, but to act logically to ensure no confusion occurs.

If these laws really did prevent life-saving medical service, there would be more than a few cases, as a few mess-ups are what we expect given human imperfection.

7. Abortion Supports Human Rights

As we have already established, the moment that sperm and egg meet, the chromosomes of both combine and create a unique line of genetic code. This being has the genetic code of Human beings only, and can only develop into one. The genetic code is fully packed with the information of a full adult, and from the moment of conception, this code is actively working at maturation. The life of a human begins at conception, not at some arbitrarily decided point in development. Do we call a rose flower a weed when it's just sprouting from the ground? No, we say it's a rose flower in early development, the same treatment for the human being (and every living organism). So, in action, abortion does not support Human rights. Once a human is formed, they have (1) a human genome and (2) life. Both are requisites for acquiring the human right to life. Abortion advocates for the right to kill a human being based on their desirability, and other finite characteristics that have 0 effect on their Value from God. Thus, abortion cannot logically support Human rights, as it defies the very thing it claims to fight for. Moreover, rights do not come from government or opinion; they come from God. Every person has the right to live because they are made in the Image of God, and without that, rights are relative. We then fall into the relativism issue, where no one's opinion of right or wrong is more valid or invalid than another's, thus rendering this theory of rights unable to produce an actual universally accepted standard, or any one theory that's better than another.

If you still claim that a fetus is not a human, you must admit to denying the scientific knowledge to stay intellectually consistent. If you still deny genetics and biology, then you have no logical right to argue against them. Why? Well, because they are a part of objective reality and not thought, and to deny them would be, might I say, *Schizophrenic* and deluded in nature. So, for you to still support the claim that it is not a human, you must become close-minded, irrational, and emotionally charged in some, if not every, aspect of intellect.

8. It's the Mother's Choice Over Her Body

Say I have two people standing next to one another, are they one person or body? Say I make them hold hands, does that make them one body? Moreover, if they were one body, would one mind have the right to the body over the other? A mother does have her own body, with organs all purpose for a specialized goal. If someone wants to cut off a healthy arm, we do not offer them the right to do so. If someone wants to cut me open, steal my organs, and sell them on the black market, does he have a right to? Is a fetus a person's organs? No, as it again has its own unique genetic code specific to that person. Arguing from a naturalistic point, the fetus is not part of the mother's body like the rest of her organs and appendages are, because all the cells of her organs and limbs contain her own genetic code. Moreover, the womb is an organ specifically designed to birth another human, so abortion for any reason is contrary to the natural design of the female.

Moreover, the fetus is not the mother; it contains its own flesh and spirit. It contains a person separate from the mother. If the mom cannot kill her 2-month-old baby, then why should she be able to kill her 4-week-old one? They are the same organism, same genetic code, same human, but at a different point in time.

Section 2: 14 Common Arguments for Justifying Abortion

Now that we have examined some propaganda spread by abortion movements, we can move on to popular arguments used to justify abortion when confronted with its obvious moral corruptness. We will take these seriously and tackle them at every level, exposing their logical incoherence and fallibility.

1. God Forgives Abortion, So We Can Still Do It

The argument here is as follows: God can forgive abortion, so we can perform abortions. This is an extremely narrow and weak argument that is often used by “Christians” who want abortion for any reason. It is an attempt at a convenience argument and aims to trap anyone who isn’t willing to speak against it. I offer a simple examination and dissection of this argument.

God forgives sin when a person repents of it. The two words used for repentance are μετανοέω (menetoeo) and תשובה (Teshoova). The Greek word Menetoeo means a change in mind, a change in the inner man, with reference to acceptance of the will of God. "Change my mind, I change the inner man (particularly with reference to acceptance of the will of God by the νοῦς (mind) instead of rejection): with ἀπό or ἐκ, the giving up definitely of the courses denoted by the following words is indicated." (Alexander Souter, A Pocket Lexicon of the Greek New Testament, 157). Menetoeo also means to think differently, and A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek Testament and the Hebrew Bible defines it as "think differently; afterward; reconsider; feel compunction (guilt)," it expresses an intellectual action concerning a topic or idea.

The Hebrew word Teshoova carries a deeper meaning than just turning from sin. It means changing your mind and returning to God's moral righteousness, and a restored personal relationship with God. The root word of Teshoova, Shoov (repent), always appears in the Bible when referring to returning to God from wickedness. So repenting means to simply change your mindset that results in righteous actions. So if God is to forgive a person of abortion, then that person must change their opinions about it and make an active attempt to turn away from that sin. If someone simply continues to view abortion as fine and does not actually repent, there is no reason for God to forgive them their sins, as they obviously do not want it.

Finally, for something to require forgiveness, it must be wrong to begin with. This is because forgiveness is done towards a sin or wrong committed against someone; thus, the thing being forgiven must be considered wrong. In this case, abortion is wrong and a sin against human life and God's will. Since God created man in His image, this would be an attack on God directly. God does forgive sin, but it must be confessed in agreement with His will. This is part of repentance, and it results in a change of will and resistance and/or a halt to sin. If we defined legal terms off the fact that God forgives, chaos would follow. Sin must be punished if God is just.

So should things that are forgiven then be made legal? If a rapist can be forgiven for his sin if he confesses in agreement with God, should the rapist be set free and rape made legal? This is repulsive logic and shows a person's natural denial of God's truth (Rom 1:18).

2. The Child will be Born Into Bad Living Conditions

This argument states that since a mother may not have the money or resources to care for the child, the child is better off dead. I must begin by asking those who grew up in poverty or limited living conditions. There are far too many people living in poverty who do not wish to die, nor their children. This reveals some level of arrogance for believing that you can decide what every person in a specific circumstance will want. Every single time in human history, when a person's value was dependent on finite and contingent things, it was later deemed absolutely wrong, and/or things didn't end well between opposing parties. A person's living conditions do not define their life value in any way, shape, or form. To adhere to this is to undermine and override the will of so many people who are not in ideal living conditions but do not want to die because of it. In a twisted way, this is abusing children to death to protect them. We should never repay evil with evil (1 Peter 3:9). Moreover, if a mother has limited resources, there are plenty of programs and online services that will lead them to pregnancy and childcare needs. Nobody is alone, unless they reject help, or worse, have people blind them to the existence of it.

Should people in terrible conditions be terminated for their own good? Should people in terrible conditions be terminated for their own good? Do the person's circumstances decide their value? Why aren't we killing poor people if this is true? It leaves far too many areas unclear to be an adequate justification or explanation. Nobody knows what the future holds, so nobody should decide another's present state, depending on what they think the future will hold.

3. A Fetus is too Small to be a Human

Some people still say that since a fetus is small in size, it cannot be considered a Human being yet. Apart from what we have established about the human nature of a human fetus, an unborn baby is very complex, and it has a few extra organs than we do. The development of a baby is completely individually driven; the mother just houses the child during its early developmental stages and provides nutrients. The baby has several extra body parts that are only grown for the time spent in utero. They create their own living quarters, the amniotic sack. They create their lifeline, the umbilical cord, and root themselves in place with the placenta. All of these are in no way under the ownership of the mother; these organs are a result of the genetic code of the child working towards maturation.

This is also flawed logic because you are making your conclusion purely based on what you can see with your eyes. We have scientific knowledge and tools that go far beyond what the human eye can perceive. It's rather close-minded and is comparable to believing in the theory of spontaneous generation despite the scientific knowledge present. If this logic were applied to other medical situations, then cancer would be diagnosed by looks. This would be very stupid and would make it so that every time we discovered cancer, it'd be too late to save the person. We would also need knowledge beyond our eyes to treat the cancer, so that falls rather hard.

4. Abortion is Okay When a Person is Raped

In this situation, a girl is raped and gets pregnant. She is either too young or too traumatized to carry and deliver the baby to full term, so we must abort the child conceived in rape. Will the abortion un-rape the person? It will most likely add to her trauma as she has to carry the trauma of being raped, and not giving their child a fair chance at life. In this situation, the rapist should be punished and put to death. Getting rid of the best evidence against a rapist is not an option, especially when that evidence is another toto person. I am not saying girls should be forced to raise their rapists' children; if someone doesn't want to raise the child, they can easily give it up for

adoption. I would also ask the child their opinion, whether those today who were conceived in rape would rather be dead. About 37.1% of the reported rape-related pregnancies decided to keep the child or send them for adoption

(<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/8765248/#:~:text=Results:%20The%20national%20rape%2Drelated,attention%20related%20to%20the%20rape>). And with the underreporting of rape cases, that number is probably higher, and thus the number of those born of rape is higher. Should all of these people be killed today? Or did the natal wizard magically impose life value onto them once they passed the mysterious veil of the womb?

Statistically, 78% of women who abort their child who was conceived in rape regret their decision, and it usually adds to their trauma. Rape is a huge issue on its own; 25% of women will have experienced attempted or completed rape in their time spent at college. From hearing personal witnesses, I will attest to that being accurate and probably higher, but does this justify abortion? This 25% is way too high and reveals humanity's evil (Revelation 17:2). Notice how in this situation, the rapist is never punished; the victims are punished. The child never gets a chance at life, and the mother is now scarred with the event and the loss of a life. This is why rapists love abortion; they can rape, and then leave without worry about the evidence making it through because it's gonna be killed! Books like "*I Am The Exception*" by Anna Richey testify to this truth. In her book, she tells her story. A girl whose father raped her and then forced her to abort the child by taking pills. Being forced, she went through the bleeding and pain from "DIY At Home Abortions." When she came to her mother to report what had been happening, she didn't believe her. So Anna didn't take the abortion pills, conceived with a child, and then used the baby bump as evidence for her mother. The father was put in jail, and she continued to carry and deliver her child, whom she loved dearly.

Society hates babies more than it hates rapists because we will bend over backward to protect the identity of the rapist by blotting out his sin. When somebody uses this argument, it reveals far more character than substance. The person is willing to use the tragedies of others to justify their evil convenience choice. Less than 1% of all abortions are rape-related

(<https://www.guttmacher.org/journals/psrh/2005/reasons-us-women-have-abortion-quantitative-and-qualitative-perspectives>;

<https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/tables/370305/3711005t3.pdf>), so using this as some absolute trump card is dishonest, considering it's attempting to throw an outlier statistic with the majority in order to justify an obvious evil, killing unborn children, something we don't do. So this argument is repaying evil with evil (1 Peter 3:9-14).

If you or a friend has been sexually abused: Get Somewhere Safe; Tell Someone You Trust; Seek Medical Care; and Meet With A Counselor. Talking about sexual assault is never easy for victims of such, and those who have been hurt by it deserve healing, hope, and love from Jesus. The effects of an event must be addressed, but aborting a child conceived in rape only extends the violence and complicates the grief of the mother. Jesus Christ has the hope they need. Abortion does not un-rape a woman, but it sure does add to the grief and guilt of the experience.

(<https://studentsforlife.org/learn/what-about-rape/>)

5. The Adoption Industry is not Fit for These Children

The adoption industry is not in a bad state; it is the foster care system that is in a bad condition. Foster care has children already born. There are more kids in foster care than in adoption services, mostly because who would want to raise a child who will move out in a few years? Not many, and I am not saying it's wrong to do so; there are people called to do exactly that, and perhaps you or I could one day be called by the LORD to do the same. This is also not undermining the current state of the foster care system; it is broken and needs to be fixed. There needs to be people in those positions of aid who actually care, love, and will lend the time and

commitment to helping children in foster care. However, the concern here is not with the foster care system, but rather adoption.

Adopting a newborn is a completely different side of the coin. There are 36 adoptive families for every single newborn that enters adoption (https://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/waiting_adoptive_families). If the child is already wanted and guaranteed a family, they should be born and adopted into a loving family who will care for them. Instead of ending that child's life so you can go to the mall next week with Stacy, maybe consider the moral and spiritual consequences of that action; give them a chance, you can find fulfillment in knowing you saved someone. Simply not liking the situation is not an excuse to take someone's life, even if it happened by "accident".

6. The Mother's Life is at Risk

If the mother's life is at risk, ideally, we should treat both the mother and the child in the womb. If that is not possible, and the child's and mother's lives cannot be simultaneously preserved, then I can see a *spontaneous abortion* being conducted to save one life when both would be lost if nothing is done. A spontaneous abortion is not the same thing as an abortion; it refers to the sudden need to remove the child from the mother. For example, a woman has a miscarriage, and the pregnancy cannot continue successfully, and a great risk of infection arises; a *spontaneous abortion* would then be necessary to prevent the decomposing fetus from harming the mother. In what way is this comparable to Ann walking into the clinic saying, "I slept with the wrong guy and now I'm pregnant, gosh, I have finals next week and cannot miss them, can you abort the child for me?" when she is perfectly healthy and at no mortal risk from the pregnancy? This is a far cry from an induced abortion, or the willful end to a healthy pregnancy for irrelevant convenience reasons.

If the pregnancy is Ectopic, then the fetus is stuck in the fallopian tube and will not survive even if something is done. Even when the spontaneous abortion (removal) is done, the termination of an Ectopic pregnancy is not considered an induced abortion (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36869678/>). Late-term abortions are never necessary; emergency C-sections can always be done instead. Late-term abortions are more dangerous because they can take hours and up to days to complete, while a C-section can be done in under an hour, and the baby gets to live. I might also add that just because there is a possibility of risk, there shouldn't be a rejection of the action. There is a risk of me crashing and dying when I drive to work, but I do it anyway because it is *necessary* for life to continue successfully, in this instance, for me to attend my occupation and make my paycheck. Moreover, there is a higher risk of crashing your car than dying in childbirth.

7. It is just a Fetus

As already discussed and refuted in section one, this is still a claim that pops up way too often. There is little biological understanding behind this argument, as is seen in the contradiction of saying "a human fetus is not human". I already explained, but let me phrase it in another, simpler fashion.

This is the argument that it cannot be considered a human being because it is a fetus. Fetus comes from the Latin word *foetus*, which means *little child*, *offspring*, or *hatching* of young. The original word meant a *child*, but that is beyond the point here. A Fetus is not just a fetus, because it is a stage of development. A dog and a human fetus are not the same, so saying "fetus" alone doesn't declare whether it is anything. Either in the context of the discussion or directly stated must be what this fetus is. An identity must be attached to the fetus before we can make a mental image of what exactly it is. Thus, a "fetus" alone only describes the early stages of development of

any organism that goes through a fetal stage. This fetus will not come out as any other kind of creature but a *Human Being*, and since it bears the genetic code of humans, it is not just a fetus but a specific member of Humanity and none else. Therefore, the fetus, in context, must be a human being for any meaningful conversation about it can begin.

8. A Fetus is a Potential Human Life

Apart from this being another contradictory statement, because a fetus is alive, and in the context, a human, it completely divorces reason from the mind. If the fetus can be anything I want, then maybe, but there is an objective world external to my mind, with objects to correspond to. A human fetus thus has truth attached to its physical being, about its being. So a fetus can actually be examined and observed to see if it fits the requirements for (1) already alive and (2) of the human kind. Lo and behold, a human fetus, in fact, is made of living cells, and thus is already living. So to say it has potential life is not accurately describing the object of a fetus, and is thus untrue about it. Since a human fetus is already living, and surely has potential for development due to its genetic code, it should actually be a life with potential. Touché, touché indeed.

9. A Fetus is a Parasite

For a human fetus to be a parasite, it must occupy some characteristics it doesn't have. Therefore, it can't be a parasite. What do I mean by this? A parasite must be of a separate species or kind and actively harm its host while gaining benefit from such. A parasite will be taking unjust advantage of the host's vitals. A fetus does use some vitals from the Mother, but not with the intent of harming or taking advantage of her. The relationship between mother and fetus is a biologically mutual (symbiotic) agreement for development. So a fetus cannot be considered a parasite by any means; this argument is therefore purely used for shock value, memorable gotcha moments, and coping with denying the truth. But to add another knife wound, in a phenomenon known as fetal microchimerism, a child in the womb sends stem cells to various parts of the mother's body, aiding in tissue repair, maternal repair and preservation, and resistance to disease and infection (<https://www.cordblood.com/blog/Fetal-maternal-microchimerism-the-surprising-bond-between-mo-m-baby>).

10. Men Cannot Say Anything About Abortion

This may stem from the argument of the mother's body, the mother's choice. If the mother is the one with the right, then men don't have it, simple as that. But this argument assumes that the child in the womb is part of her body, and as we have established, there is no objective support for this. This is false; it is claiming that since a man is not a woman and can't be impregnated, a man cannot speak about abortion. Truth is universal, not individual, so I can speak on truth despite what sex I am. This is an attempt to trump the opinion of another and is an ad hominem attack: A Logically fallacious attack on attributes of character or being that is in no way proportional to the truth of the matter. What does this mean? When someone argues this way, you have no logical reason to respond or take them seriously. Should we take them seriously? Absolutely, we should challenge them directly, dissect their claim, and dismantle them with truth if they are willing to humble themselves to learn something. But this can also be a result of being misled to believe that truth actually is relative, and nothing a person thinks can be false, an epistemologically indefensible position.

11. The Fetus is not Viable

The word Viable here means capable of independent existence. By this definition and application, a 6-month-old healthy baby after birth is not viable either. If you leave the child alone, in a few hours, they'd be dead. A baby is not capable of independent existence but depends entirely on the life support and aid of more developed humans. I will argue that this state does not change until maybe the early to mid-twenties, and some, never, as we are all contingent on our parents' aid at some point.

12. A Fetus is not Conscious

Although it is not clear whether a fetus actually has conscious awareness, theologically, it has a soul and spirit, unique to them, although the full control panel is not complete or familiar. According to scientific consensus, a fetus develops consciousness at about 20 weeks of development. The question is then, does consciousness constitute life value? What about people in comas? What about the extremely mentally disabled? We must take this into account because a person who is in a coma is not considered conscious, so should we kill them? An extremely mentally disabled individual can seem, from an outside view, to have very limited conscious capabilities, but they themselves do not want to die because of it. If a person is medically deemed brain dead, then they are not just considered unconscious, but also dead. So saying consciousness determines value is a very slippery slope argument that doesn't withstand scrutiny.

13. My Body, My Choice

This claim would pass if the fetus were the Mother's body, but as we have established in this series and this post, the fetus is in no way part of the mother but is fully individually driven. You cannot choose everything for your body! You will be denied if you ask a doctor to amputate your perfectly healthy arm because you want to. You also can't say no to an amputation if you are unconscious and need it to save your life. So, do you have full freedom to do whatever you like with your body without consequences? No, you will face consequences, which is necessary for free will and meaning. If the baby in the womb is a Human being, we are not to treat this like a single-person situation, but a two-person one. You cannot have 2 persons in a pregnancy situation and only apply the right to life to one; the right to life must be taken into account for both individuals. What if it is expensive and time-consuming to save the baby's life? I would argue that human value is far beyond any material resource. After all, Jesus saw human life so valuable that He came down incarnate to suffer for it (John 3:16). I think any other questions are answered in these other arguments and refutations.

14. Illegal Abortion Would Endanger the Lives of Women

This is the idea that if abortion is illegal, more women will seek abortion illegally, and thus more will die in childbirth. This falls painfully flat because, legally done or not, the safety of the procedure is in question, and the outcomes are not guaranteed. Also, if abortion were illegal, of course, more women would seek it illegally; it's illegal, and human beings can be morally corrupted.

If a person finds themselves in a risky operation done illegally to remove something they conceived out of the natural consequence of their act of free will, then if injured, it is their own fault for not seeking a more natural, righteous, and safe way to deliver the baby and possibly care for the child. You play with fire and get burned in the act of doing so. These people would not be

innocent by any moral standard, considering they are seeking evil to cover up their own evil, as well as their own immoral lifestyle, producing immoral fruits. If a sexually immoral person finds themselves pregnant by accident, it should be a moment of reflection on their selfish lifestyle, a surrender to repent from the actions they have committed, and an adult commitment to facing the consequences of their actions. This would apply to both men and women equally.

This would be a simple maturation of a person, and we should all be held to this standard of responsibility. Instead of this self-centered standard, in which we are the maximum of truth that Western culture has so aggressively pushed. Thus, when someone says illegal abortion endangers women, they are making an observation that shines light on the fact that people will do evil (Romans 3:23), and that does not say to commit evil to fix that.

Why Do People Argue Like This?

A major question may arise: why do these people use such logically incoherent arguments for abortion? One might not understand, or actually have another reason other than the one I am about to provide, and that is okay. I believe, with high confidence, that the majority of these people do so because of what they have done or chosen. Let me elaborate. Some of us who agree with abortion have either been directly involved in an abortion, have supported someone thinking about one, or have already chosen to support abortion. As a consequence of this, we often create our beliefs around a nucleus of what we've done. Nobody wants to be wrong, and that is understandable, but that shouldn't entail appealing to incredulity, nor does it justify constructing your beliefs around your actions. Some people believe these arguments are true because they justify the action for themselves, avoiding the guilt a reasonable person would feel, along with being wrong. This insecurity/pride can interfere with someone's ability to think critically in an objective manner.

Now, this is complex and is ultimately the result of Marxist ideology and postmodernism's claim to relativism. If there is no objective truth, then what I believe is true to me, so no matter what you say, I'm right in my own mind, and that's all that matters. This is only in line if truth really is relative, but it isn't. For a concise discussion about the nature of objective truth, check out my article *What is Truth* (<https://www.ptquestionstoeden.com/post/what-is-truth>). Anyhow, since we tend to avoid that which is unpleasant, it makes sense for someone to create their beliefs in such a way to justify what they have already done, which avoids the unpleasant truth of being wrong. But this isn't a good way to live life. Ignorance is only bliss as long as the flame producing its light can remain, and the wick of delusion is not infinite. That flawed and delusional system of life will guaranteed affect your mental health, as abandoning reason is by definition insane; as well as your spiritual health, as you are open to any truth that feels good, and satan comes as an illusion of pleasure and goodness (2 Corinthians 11:14), and the path of righteousness is narrow, so your chances of finding it alone are next to none. You need a savior.

Conclusion

As we have seen in this article, the common claims and arguments made by abortion proponents are no more than irrational suicide truth statements and fallacies of all kinds. It is not surprising that when a generation of philosophers abandon God, infiltrate the universities, abandon objective truth and by extension reasoning and logic, questions everything, creates their own truth, and most unfortunate, forgot the fallibility of their imaginations, that an entire culture would eventually latch on too, and commit one of the biggest gonocides of children the world has ever seen. May you find grace, peace, and salvation in Jesus Christ: the ultimate act of love that He performed on the cross. There is true forgiveness if you repent of your sin, turn from the irrational, and choose the object of goodness Himself. You know, He was once in that stage of development... just like

you. God the Father knitting himself in the womb, God the Son fully human and fully God at conception, from God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5)

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13)

Part 6: Where Do Human Rights Come From?

In the final part of Abortion for Christians, we will examine the final and most foundational objection and argument against pro-abortion. This article will cover the fact that, at the core, this is a moral argument: what is right and wrong for a person. Thus far we have seen that human life begins at conception, and to say otherwise is to simply not cohere to the definitions of human and life, and what they mean scientifically speaking; that since murder is the killing of innocent human life, abortion is the murder of human life; the weirdly socialist and communist eugenic origins of the leading figure in the abortion movement, Planned Parenthood and how it was originally purposed to keep black people from producing children and in poor conditions, which ultimately worked out as of today; and that the popular claims and arguments proposed by culture are all logically fallacious. Now we must see why abortionists must sit in God's lap while denying His existence, just to make their claim that "abortion is a woman's right."

This is a Moral Argument

The decision of whether abortion is objectively morally wrong or right is purely a moral decision. Applying certain axioms and presuppositions to actions and ideas to determine what is "right/good" or "wrong/evil". It is a moral judgment, and thus we can ask what moral standard we are using. The pro-abortion perspective completely relies on the assumption that all morality is relative and that the only real standard is the individual's preferences. This presupposition is what makes, in their own minds, their position impenetrable. This is also why insults and ad hominem attacks are common in these discussions, because if truth is subjective, then whoever has the power has the truth. This means that when you cannot logically defend your position, you attempt to embarrass your opponent to get the crowd's support, and/or to boost and reassure yourself. Intellectual honesty is a second objective; their main tactic is that of abuse of power. Ts, whenever anybody objects, they can easily pull out the trump card of "this is my truth," but is this actually true? Do we all have our own individual truth that is true regardless of other people's opinions? In other words, is it true for everybody? If truth is subjective in toto, then the abortion argument completely falls apart morally speaking.

The Logic Applied to Itself

The statement is a truth claim: all truth is relative, and no objective truth can be known. i want you to read that one more time and see if you can spot the problem. It's a self-refuting statement! The claim "truth is relative" claims to be itself the only objective truth that can be known, but there is no objective truth to be known. So under its own rules, the claim is false. The claim contradicts itself, so it is not logically coherent. We often decide what we believe based on what we like and what we have done. It is an attempt to cover up one's own sin, a reaction to the moral law God has placed in all our hearts.

What Standard Are We Using?

Another concern is which moral standard is being used to determine whether abortion is moral. What underpins the morality applied to these claims? Without an objective morality in the universe, no one has a solid reason to consider one standard "better" or "more moral" than another. But what is morality? It consists of the principles and axioms used to judge what is good or bad. When you assert that one standard is superior to another, you are applying an external

measure and imposing it on another moral standard. How can this happen when morality is relative? Morality cannot originate from oneself, as another person's morality is "just as valid" or "just as invalid" as any other; the distinction shouldn't matter if there is no true morality (more on this shortly). If there is a moral law above the human mind, it suggests a law-giver for those laws, capable of imposing them on us.

Most often, people respond with a utilitarian approach to morality, suggesting that actions are moral if they maximize happiness and minimize pain overall. Any moral standard that rejects an external source is inherently a relativistic system of truth, which cannot yield a single "best" moral framework, as it is subjective and not objective. If morality is derived from unguided processes, there is no reason to trust this process as a reliable path to moral truth. Indeed, there is none! Moreover, many behaviors considered immoral stem from instinctual actions, but that does not make them moral. Therefore, an external moral standard must exist, and God is the only explanation capable of producing such an immaterial law. So, if you claim "Abortion is moral according to my standard," you have missed an opportunity for a solid defense, as you have contradicted the principles of your own worldview, which holds that no standard is superior to another.

Where Does Morality Come From?

To dig a little deeper into moral relativism, these claims are often made within a relativistic framework of morality. There is no objective morality to rule over an individual's own decided morality, and each person's life experience is the determining factor for what is right and wrong. What if someone's experience leads them to an uncontrollable sex drive? Or a desire for one type of person to die based on bad experiences with one specific person? People's life experiences can lead them to perform acts that are deemed wrong, so morality does not originate in experience since it can be applied to the outcome of those experiences to determine if they are right or wrong. So then, where does morality come from?

"Whatever a Person Feels Is their Right is Valid"

Some argue that a person's perception of a human right is equivalent to a moral right. However, consider the scenario where someone decides that individuals under six feet tall have no right to life because they feel intimidated and unsafe. This approach lacks a solid standard, as it can fluctuate daily or even hourly based on one's mood. It also does not establish a standard superior to anyone else's. Moral rights do not stem from individuals, as a standard is imposed on people's feelings, and whenever you declare something "wrong," you reference something beyond yourself for validation.

"Human Rights Come From Group Census"

Perhaps morality doesn't originate from individuals, but if the majority of people agree on a particular moral system, it might be considered correct and "better." As long as most people concur on a moral standard, that standard is deemed good and moral. However, how do we decide which group is right when two groups disagree? What if one group views children as suitable for marriage? Is that incorrect? Morality cannot stem from groups, as it can be used to assess whether those groups are wrong.

"Whatever Law the Government Passes Decides What is a Human Right"

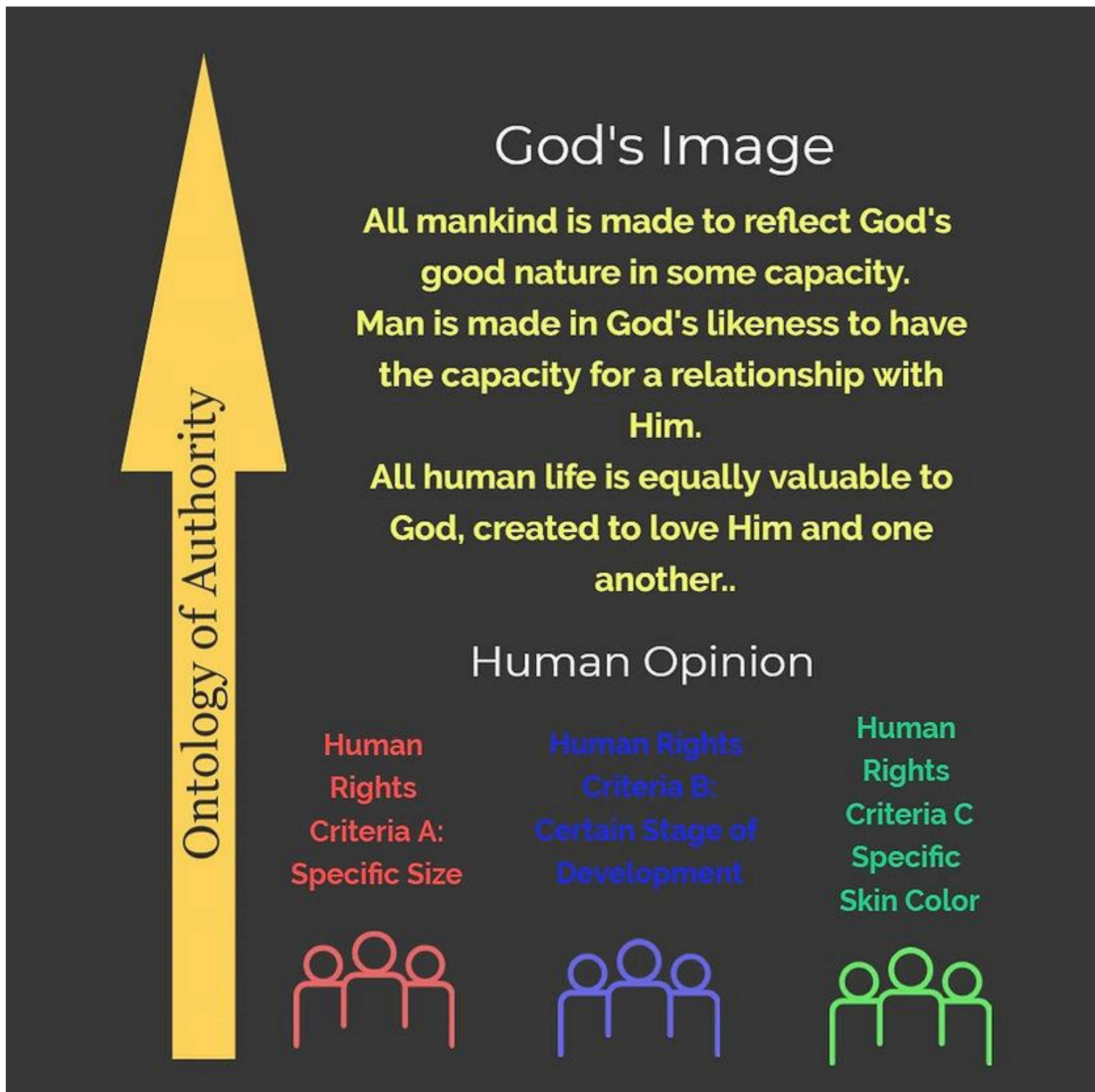
Many people will jump to the law of the government as what decides what a person's rights are. Far too many people think like this without even noticing, "Well, it must be okay since it's legal". What if a government enacts laws that infringe upon the rights of its citizens? Say to force them to work on construction projects without pay. Morality does not come from human-decided law, since morality is often applied to various laws to determine when a government is being evil. Moreover, the U.S. Constitution grounds human rights in their creator, or God, and not in what the government may decide.

"If It Means Human Flourishing, It is the Person's Right"

The interpretation of flourishing is crucial. If flourishing is equated with survival, then numerous inhumane actions might be justified in the name of survival and reproduction. If it is understood as maximizing happiness for as many people as possible, then telling both significant and minor lies could be deemed acceptable. No single definition encompasses all aspects of life. For instance, if forcing someone to reproduce with you ensures survival, then one might argue that such an act is justified for survival. Similarly, consuming another person might be considered acceptable if it means ensuring one person's survival. This represents a slippery slope argument.

"So, Where Do Human Rights Come From?"

Since the rights of a person supersede human minds, their emotions, groups, laws, and biological urges, human rights cannot originate from any of these areas, even within a relativistic context. It appears that an external source is referenced to justify human rights. Universal human rights are intangible and external to us. What real-world entity can serve as a foundation for human rights? Thus, human rights are intangible constructs imposed on humans and must come from a Law-giver to impart life value upon us. Given that morality is an intangible concept, it is logical to suggest it originates from a transcendent mind rather than a material entity or mind.



The arrow represents the ontological hierarchy of moral authority. On the human level, all opinions for human rights lie on the same elevation of authority, and thus cannot produce a single best theory. If any one system claimed authority, they would have to appeal to something external to itself in order actually to be "better." Thus, once God is introduced, a standard outside of human opinion finally exists and can be appealed to in determining what is good or a human right.

Claiming there are objective moral rights implies they are binding regardless of human opinion (see diagram above). To assert that someone's rights are being violated is to refer to a standard beyond the human mind. Thus, even if slave owners believed their actions were justified, there exists an external standard that assesses the moral value of their actions and the rights of those they 'possess.' Therefore, if someone uses personally developed morality to judge the essence of morality, assuming such an essence exists, they lack the ontological authority to assert objectivity over it. There is no morality superior to God because morality emanates from His very nature.

Stealing From God to Make Your Point

So by what objective standard is abortion a human right? Under an atheistic or relativistic one, you must steal inherent human rights from God while denying His existence. If there is no objective morality, then there is nothing outside of a person's opinion by which to determine what is right or not. If there is no creator of life, then there are no human rights. Therefore, without a steadfast standard like God, you cannot justify any morality.

Now, this is not to say that people who deny God's existence cannot be moral, but if there is no God, then there is no moral or good to compare any opinion to, thus it is a matter of mere opinion and nothing more. Human rights only make sense if God exists. So by simply knowing that something is moral does not mean morality is possible or expected under an atheistic worldview. This is like saying that you can read and know what a book says without there being an author who wrote it. The focus is not on whether or not you know morality, but where it is. Just as there would be no book without the author, so too would there be no ultimate moral law to know if there was no ultimate Law-giver.

If the natural world is all that is, and you support naturalism, then there too ceases to be any possibility that an immaterial moral law could even exist; thus, it is a matter of personal opinion as well. The government's laws do not determine human rights either. Now, you do not have to appeal to God to make a law, and that is not what I am saying, but you do need to in order to ground it in anything other than human preference. This is exactly why the U.S. Constitution appeals to there Creator for the grounding of human rights. It says that even if this document is changed, human beings still have the right to life because they come from God and not laws decided by human interest. This means that no matter what your political views are, without God, there is no possibility of human rights. Without God, you cannot justify rights.

Just as the source of morality must be external and ontologically "higher" than human opinion, so too must moral rights for human beings. If God did not create man in His image with a right to life from the value God puts on him, then there ceases to be such a thing. Relativism fails to offer a mechanism for determining which moral system is superior to another: they are all equal because there are no objective human rights. Besides, every relativist will never be able to live out relativism fully, because the moment you even speak you appeal to things outside of your opinion to define words.

Is Abortion a Human Right?

After the discussion on human rights, we can now ask, Is abortion a human right? Do humans have the right to kill innocent and vulnerable lives? One of the ten commandments is "thou shalt not murder" (Exodus 20:13), and elsewhere murder is described as an immoral action (such as Deuteronomy 5:17). Murder is the intentional killing of an innocent human life. It is stripping someone of their right to life with no justification, and convenience is not a valid justification for killing someone. So, going by the rights that God has established in humans, the moral law He demands, the fact that human life begins with a unique genetic code created the moment a sperm cell fertilizes a female's egg, then from the moment of conception, human beings have a right to life, and to end that is murder. Any objection is a mere subjective opinion and/or purely emotional and not logically substantiated. Abortion is the murder of a human life. When we have two individuals involved, the baby is in no way the mother's body; it has its own body and organs created and developed according to the unique genetic code it has.

Humans do not have a right to murder one another just because it may be hard to care for them, or a lack of finances, as the standard for human life is grounded in the God who created it and has

ontological sovereignty over it. In Philosophy, there are three primary branches: Metaphysics, which explores the nature of existence and knowledge, addressing questions like "do we have free will," and what is real; Epistemology, which focuses on rationality and theories of knowledge; and Ethics, which examines what is good and evil. Within Metaphysics, there is a sub-branch called Ontology, which examines the nature of being and its connections to other entities. Therefore, God, by ontological definition, holds sovereignty over Human life as its creator. Abortion is not a "human right."

Why Supporting Abortion is Spiritually Dangerous

You may well find every argument presented here convincing. You may also continue to support your pro-choice friends in their endeavors. But is this truly loving? Is being "tolerant" the right approach when nearly one million children's lives are at risk? In today's society, tolerance implies that all perspectives must be accepted as equally valid. However, some perspectives view others as less true and hold different beliefs, which are then labeled as intolerant. How can all perspectives be considered equal except those that don't regard others as equally true, if all perspectives are supposedly equally valid? How can you regard all views and opinions as equal yet reject one perspective? Wouldn't that make you intolerant? Indeed, you must violate the principles of "tolerance" to uphold them. If this modern interpretation lacks logical coherence, what does tolerance truly mean?

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

Tolerance is an impartial, fair, and permissive attitude towards opinions, positions, preferences, people, and worldviews that differ from one's own. For tolerance to be expressed, there must be disagreement. How can you tolerate those with whom you agree? That would essentially ignore the concept of tolerance. A distinction between the two positions is also necessary. Tolerance involves acknowledging disagreement and differences without surrendering them to agreement. It is a permissive acceptance of difference, free from personal animosity, focusing only on the ideas. Disagreeing with someone's ideas doesn't mean they hate or look down on you. As Christians, we are encouraged to oppose wrong and evil ideas but to love the individual and help them recognize their misconceptions. Pointing out someone's errors isn't hatred, nor does it express it, because people's identities aren't defined by their opinions and feelings. People are more than their opinions. If you truly care about others, you would want the best for them, and the best is for them to understand reality.

"...clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit." (Job 10:11-12)

Why is accepting abortion as morally equivalent to its opposition considered spiritually risky? Supporting abortion poses spiritual dangers. Believing it is right encourages emotional reasoning, which undermines the necessity of maintaining emotional stability during a decision as significant as human life, making the emotional arguments purely instrumental in winning an argument and not seeking truth. This belief encourages the acceptance of a sin, and if one sin is allowed, we may start to view other sins similarly. You can see where that leads... It's not a favorable moral position with God. This perspective also paves the way for changes in lifestyle and behavior. It allows for more "liberal" and "fluid" practices, often leading to beliefs that are detached from external influences and/or God's moral law. Our lifestyle should be centered on God; however, the idea of "my body, my choice" encourages a self-centered way of living. When we shift our focus

away from Christ and depend on our own resources, we start pursuing the satisfaction of random emotions and desires. Things that are not concrete and will fail.

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

Scripture is very clear that humans are, well, human from birth and are bestowed with dignity and value. Even our LORD, Jesus Christ, was not treated like a "parasite" in the womb along with John the Baptist.

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:41-44)

If the Messiah was regarded as a person in the womb, then all humans should be as well. Other verses like Job 10:11-12 and Psalm 139: 13-16 speak about God knowing us while we were in the womb. In Jeremiah 1:5, God tells Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." If God knows us before we were born, and while we are in the womb, then in God's eyes, a fetus is surely a full human being with a right to life.

Conclusion

God desires a genuine love relationship with you. This means that He doesn't want you to try to justify your sin. He wants you to confess to it and repent from that way of life, shifting the focus from a self-centered life to a Christ-centered one. He wants you to surrender your will to His, because He knows all, and He guarantees the outcome with Him. He is the ultimate good, the standard itself, so trusting in Him does not make you a mindless robot of religion; it frees you from the bondage we all have to our own fallen nature. If God wanted you to seek yourself, and that He's not that important anyway, does He really have your best eternal interest in mind, when hell is the logical outcome of denying Him?

Since God's essence is inherently Good, all that is good stems from His nature. The initial step in following Jesus Christ involves paying attention to that small, righteous voice that tugs at you when you witness injustice or suffering. It's that feeling in your heart when you lie, the shame you experience when you sin, and the voice of God, urging, "Please stop this, you are hurting yourself; you have no idea what I have planned for you!" Trust in Jesus when He invites, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30). May your heart open to the truth of Christ, may He mend your flaws, and may you come to know Him through a genuine loving relationship. Amen.

"Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. See how the evildoers lie fallen, thrown down, not able to rise!" (Psalm 36: 7-12)

