

Hello. Thank you for allowing me to share with you today. For my ethics paper, I decided to focus on the ethics of abortion. To start, I came at it by answering the following two questions:

1. What is in the womb of a pregnant human female?
2. Is, what is in the womb, a life?

The struggle:

- If it is a human life, separate from the mothers, what value do the methodologies assign to it?
- What value does scripture assign to that life?

Challenge:

- Make a strong case apart from Christianity

I wanted to research the issue, with this particular focus, to combat the following arguments:

- What is in the womb is not human (clump of cells, a parasite)
- A fetus is not alive, emphasizing the use of life and fetus as ways people dehumanize the life in the womb.
- Keep your religion out of my vagina, emphasizing you do not need Christianity to know it is a human and it is a life.

## The Science:

- According to scientific consensus, "at fertilization, the human being emerges as a whole, genetically distinct, individuated zygotic living human organism."
  - Short answer, Yes, it is human.
- Scientific consensus affirms the "fertilization view," which states that the biological view of a human's life begins at fertilization.
  - Short answer, Yes, it is a life, and it is alive.

## Challenge:

- Some views "move the goalpost," switching the focus from human life to human life -and- personhood.
- Term: Abortion – Deciding to end the life in the womb when not necessary to preserve life of mother.

## Methodology: Life – In and Out of the Womb

### Primary:

- Natural Law Theory – I concluded from this view, Natural Law Theory leaves no room for justifying abortion.

### Secondary:

- Natural Rights Theory – I feel this holds to the same standard as Natural Law Theory and leaves no justification for abortion.

### Challenge:

- What about cases for rape? I feel both methodologies call for the punishment of the rapist, support for the mother, and life for the offspring.

## Divine Command Theory:

- **Since morality is defined by God and His commandments within Divine Command Theory, I feel it leaves little room for debate.**
- **Mankind is "Imago Dei," in God's image.**

### Term: Murder

- **The World's Definition: the unlawful premeditated killing of one human being by another.**
- **Biblical:**
  - **To murder (to murder, kill, crush)**
  - **Someone who has committed homicide:**
    - **Act with premeditation, meaning murderer.**
    - **Acting without premeditation (as with homicide, found in city of refuge)**

## Scripture:

Genesis 1:26-28, Let us make man in our image.

Exodus 20:13, You shall not murder.

Luke 1:41/44, Elizabeth pregnant with John the Baptist and Mary pregnant with Jesus.

- Pro-choice arguments mention "personhood," but scripture is clear on the person/identity of babies in the womb.

## Miscarriage vs Premature Birth

Exodus 21:22-25, Two men fight and hit a pregnant woman.

Debate among translations if this is a miscarriage or premature birth.

Pro-choice advocates use this to assign a lesser value to life in the womb.

The context of scripture points to all human life being in God's image and is not lesser because it is in the womb, and it is not less worthy of life because of its location.

Scripture points to pregnancy and babies as a blessing.

Quote from Dr. Meredith G. Kline regarding abortion:

The most significant thing about abortion legislation in Biblical law is that there is none. It was so unthinkable that an Israelite woman should desire an abortion that there was no need to mention this offense in the criminal code.

## Conclusion:

The CDC reported 613,000 abortions in 2022 from 48 areas  
(46 states, D.C. and NYC)

- The most liberal of data shows that only 2.5% were performed due to risks to the mother's life, and 1.5% due to rape and incest.
- 20% of women who report site not wanting to change their life's goal and disrupt their current trajectory.

## Perspective:

- 20% of 613,000 is 122,600 babies killed because the mother valued the world more than they valued the life God blessed them with.

## Self-Reflection – Christians:

### Challenge:

- If you are Christian, and you support abortion, either directly or indirectly, or if you are completely apathetic to it –
- Take a moment to consider, the pagans who sacrificed their children to idols did so for blessings, wealth, prosperity, and to appease their gods.

Deuteronomy 12:31 states, "You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods."

- Abortion is modern day child sacrifice, be it to the idol of comfort, prosperity, responsibility, etc.
- If you are a Christian, it should give you pause if you are calling evil "good," supporting what God has declared an abomination, and not being against what God hates.

Pray ...

I'm glad God is patient, loving, and full of Grace.

I pray that the views on abortion change, and I pray for those who have abortions that they come to Christ and find peace in His loving Grace and Acceptance.

Thanks and God bless