

Abortion Rights and Wrongs

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"Moloch" is believed to be the name of a pagan god to whom children were sacrificed long ago. Generally, in today's world, this is considered an abomination. The idea of sacrificing a family's children, or a nation's children, to appease an angry god is repugnant to most people today.

And yet we — the American people, and indeed the people of almost every nation in the world — willingly, year after year, sacrifice millions of our children (about 63 million in the USA since the Roe v. Wade decision) to four voracious gods. Their names are Pleasure, Irresponsibility, Convenience, and Greed.

Those who are opposed to abortion on demand say that every abortion kills a human being, and that is true. They are right. Remember that word, "right."

Those who are in favor of abortion on demand, and want to continue it, say that it is a matter of "women's reproductive rights" or "women's health." But they are lying, and they know they are lying.

First of all, there can be no "right" to do something that is wrong. Can the government give you a "right" to murder your neighbor? Or steal his or her car, or rape his or her children? Of course not. No thinking person would demand such a right, or support those who clamor for it. Why not? Because such actions are wrong. Exactly as wrong as killing an unborn child.

Secondly, women's health is not at issue. Let's clear that up

Abortion advocates always fall back on this refrain: "What about the life or health of the mother? What about rape and incest? What about birth defects?" These are the so-called "hard cases."

A survey** of more than 2.4 million aborting women, performed by the states of Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Utah during the years 1996 to 2020, gives us a good estimate of the number of "hard case" abortions, since these are the numbers that abortion clinics must report in official documents to these states:

- 1.14% to save the life or physical health of the mother.
- 1.28% to preserve the mental health of the mother.
- 0.39% in cases of rape or incest.
- 0.69% for fetal birth defects, or eugenics.

The remaining 96.50% of abortions are performed for social or economic reasons.

Even the Guttmacher Institute puts the number of abortions done for the hard cases under 7%, after doing several surveys of women obtaining abortions (the Guttmacher Institute was the research arm of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the largest chain of abortion clinics in the United States. It is considered the most reliable provider of accurate statistics on abortion).

So for some 93% or 96.5% of elective abortions, "women's health" is not the reason.

Now it is true that in many of the various "hard cases" abortion may be the best of the available alternatives. But let's be clear on this: abortion — killing a baby in the womb — is always an evil. It may in fact sometimes be the least of available evils. It may become medically necessary, but is it never good or "right."

Now let's get back to the four insatiable "gods" to whom we are sacrificing our children. First, Pleasure. Have you heard the phrase, "If it feels good, do it"? Many of our people, particularly young people, have embraced this as a primary ideology. They bound from one pleasure to the next, always seeking "fun." They are being taught constantly by multiple societal pressures that that's how they should live. They are completely deaf to any feeble voices that try to say otherwise.

I am strongly pro-choice. I adamantly believe that if a woman (of whatever age) does not want to become a mother, she can, and in fact she should, choose not to become pregnant. Likewise, if a man (of whatever age) does not want to become a father, he should choose not to impregnate anyone. What is hard to understand about that?

"But," I hear both women and men complaining, "I want to enjoy life. Having sex is fun." Really? Is "having fun" more important than the life of a child? Especially having sex without bothering to use effective birth control? Apparently, for many, it is. Which brings in the second of the insatiable gods, Irresponsibility.

Female or male, if you conceive a child, do you not think you have a responsibility to that child? In fact, you are responsible for that child's life. If you abort that child, you are responsible for that child's death. Are you so hardened in your selfishness that you don't even care about what that irresponsibility costs the child — and costs you? Have you no conscience at all?

Ah, god number three — Convenience. This amounts to "I can't afford a child — I don't have the time or the money a child would require." Or "I can't be bothered." Hello — did you ever hear of adoption? If you don't want the burden of raising a child, there are people who do. Think of them before you decide to abort your baby.

Finally, Greed. Why do most abortionists do what they do? Are they so concerned with "women's reproductive rights" that they selflessly donate their time to help women? Let's face it — abortion is a business, a big business, and the more abortions they do, the more money they make. So they reduce a human fetus to the status of "a lump of tissue," of absolutely no consequence. Conscience, the Hippocratic Oath, and indeed God's will, are all tossed aside into the overflowing garbage can.

This year (2022) the United States Supreme Court has reversed Roe v. Wade. They have decided (by a 5-4 vote) that the U. S. Constitution, as amended, does not guarantee a right to have an abortion. Now each of the states must deal with the possibility of legalizing abortion, with or without various restrictions. And, not surprisingly, the abortion advocates are moaning and groaning that a woman who wants to abort her baby may now have to travel to another state! How inconsiderate!

A final thought: abortion on demand will not go away simply because it's wrong — not until the people — we — realize that sacrificing our children to the four above gods is wrong. It can never be right, or a "right," and we have to stop doing it.

Lord, please help us — please change our hearts. Amen.

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