

Is Abortion a Viable Option? An Abbreviated Fact Sheet for Speaking the Truth in Love

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A careful study of what is involved in abortion, reveals that much misinformation and the withholding of accurate, albeit unpleasant, information, are widespread practices in the United States and throughout the world. Of special concern is that this lack of correct information is hurting women and young people we love, and doing so with significant and long-lasting consequences. In any consideration of this question pertaining to personal matters, and especially in teaching others, such as in accord with the current law in Colorado requiring school sex education to address this issue, sound science and other important knowledge and wisdom should be cautiously considered, including the following.

A compelling argument opposing abortion can be made from both a Biblical rationale and a secular rationale. Use either rationale according to whether you are talking with a confused Christian or someone else who is a non-Christian.

Pertaining to the latter, the secular argument should include the following and many other citations from sound science, logic, compassion, and common sense. When using this rationale, it is necessary to explain the importance of discerning sound science from flawed—and therefore unpersuasive—“science.”¹ Also watch for, and effectively counter, logical fallacies in the arguments attempting to justify abortion. To help you do so, see my paper, “[Logic: A Primer on Common Logical Fallacies](#),” which is also available on both of my websites. When examining the facts about abortion, beginning with the very first one below, how can anyone not feel great compassion contemplating the huge harm that women experience in abortion; especially how can a Christian—within whom is dwelling the Holy Spirit, Who has given the believer in Christ a regenerated heart and mind—not have overwhelming compassion? The answer is we do have such compassion, which is why we do all we can to help women choose life over death for her son or daughter now growing within her, because we have compassion for both of them.

When reasoning with a Christian, the most important basis of our rationale to avoid abortion is God’s Word. His will is clearly evident in the Bible. At the same time, God supplies—and expects us to use—the solid rationale referred to in the previous paragraph. Therefore, let us now turn to the strong argument for opting for the life-giving decision to choose life and offer any help the woman needs to do so and to rejecting the painful, harmful, and destructive decision to abort, which—most seriously—is disobedient to God.

1. *Abortion harms women*, a fact that is not widely reported and is known by relatively few. Significant numbers of women report, both anecdotally and in [careful scientific research](#), that after an abortion they suffer such emotional results as clinical depression; an increase in women seeking mental health care and prescription drug use (contrasting pre- and post-abortion figures); addiction; grief; long-lasting guilt; remorse; regret; shame; anger;

¹ See my essay, “[Science: Distinguishing Between Sound and Flawed Science](#),” on my general website at <https://fromacorntoak12.com/> and on my academic website: <https://seelyedward.academia.edu/research>. All of the resources on both of my websites are free, and both websites are secure.

anxiety; fear; self-hatred and corresponding lack of self-worth and self-esteem, including feeling unworthy of love; self-destructive behaviors, including promiscuity, poor choices, as well as self-punishment, including wanting to die and suicidal thoughts; and, the research also shows, suicide.² Other studies reveal additional harm, including but not limited to, PTSD, self-anger, becoming involved in unhealthy relationships, a greater likelihood of miscarriage in subsequent pregnancies, premature birth, labor complications, risk of death, difficulty bonding with other children, sexual dysfunction, and many other disorders.³ Abortion is associated with a much higher risk of developing cervical cancer.⁴ Women who have repeated abortions with no intervening live births have a much higher risk of breast cancer.⁵ Sound science shows that abortion worsens and compounds, rather than relieves, problems. It also hurts, as well as kills, girl and boy babies, as is documented below. Not only girls and women but boys and men need to hear and reflect carefully on the implications and applications of this information.

2. Not only the abortion itself harms women, but many, especially young women and girls, are also harmed by being illegally forced, coerced, or pressured to have abortions against their will.⁶ The Center Against Forced Abortion (CAFA) of The Justice Foundation reports that “Voluntary abortion is legal under *Roe v. Wade*, *Doe v. Bolton*, and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, **but involuntary abortion is illegal in every state.**”⁷ (Emphasis CAFA).

How widespread is this coercion? A U. S. study reported in a 2017 and published in the JOURNAL OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS, disclosed that

² A. D. P. Efferson, “New Research Confirms That Abortion Hurts Women,” *The Federalist*, January 24, 2018, <https://thefederalist.com/2018/01/24/new-research-confirms-abortion-hurts-women/> (Accessed 8/19/20) This article cites the largest such study in the world (877,181 participants; 163,831 of whom had an abortion) of mental health risks associated with abortion; the study by Pricilla Coleman was published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, which used data from 22 studies between 1995-2009. Coleman’s study revealed an 81% increased risk of mental health problems following abortion, including a 34% increased risk of anxiety disorders; 37% for depression; 110% for alcohol use/abuse; 220% for marijuana use/abuse; 155% for suicide behaviors. European Center for Law & Justice, “ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls,” p. 5 <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/ECLJ-Written-Contribution-to-Working-Group-Aug.-31-2020.pdf> (Accessed 9/14/20) and “Huge 2011 study: Abortion and mental health: quantitative synthesis and analysis of research published 1995-2009,” <https://aaplog.org/huge-2011-study-abortion-and-mental-health-quantitative-synthesis-and-analysis-of-research-published-1995-2009/> (Accessed 9/29/20)

³ Sandy Anderson, “Abortion hurts women,” *Open Forum, Reporter-Herald*, August 17, 2020, p. 4A.

⁴ Dr. Joel Brind, Endocrinologist, in a December 3, 1992 press release quoted in “Abortion Hurts Women,” Lynn K. Murphy, Life Research Institute, <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/abortion-hurts-women-11977>. (Accessed 9/18/20)

⁵ H. L. Howe, et al., “Early Abortion and Breast Cancer Risk among Women Under Age 40,” 1989, 300, quoted in *Newsletter of Association for Interdisciplinary Research in Values and Social Change*, Winter 1993, 6-8, referenced in “Abortion Hurts Women,” Lynn K. Murphy, Life Research Institute.

⁶ European Center for Law & Justice, “ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls,” p. 2.

⁷ Allan E. Parker, President, The Justice Foundation, “How Does The Justice Foundation’s Center Against Forced Abortion (CAFA) Save Lives?” Email news release, August 14, 2020.

58.3% of women said they aborted to make others happy, 73.8% indicated that their decision to abort was not entirely free from even subtle pressure from others to abort, 28.4% aborted out of fear of losing their partner if they did not abort, 49.2% reported believing the fetus was a human being at the time of the abortion, 66% said they knew in their hearts that they were making a mistake when they underwent the abortion, 67.5% revealed that the abortion decision was one of the hardest decisions of their lives, and 33.2% felt emotionally connected to the fetus before the abortion.⁸

One of the ways the CAFA's free service functions is to give a [legal but caring letter to the parent](#) who is coercing his or her daughter to have an abortion. The CAFA has also produced legal letters to be given to others who are involved in trying to unduly influence a woman to have an abortion. One example of what is done and how well it works is described by Allan Parker, who quotes a CAFA worker.

*Recently a fifteen years old high school student was being forced to have an abortion by her father. I sent the "Dear Parent" letter with her to give to her father. After reading the "Dear Parent" letter, he said "I guess I can't make you legally abort." She had her baby, graduated from high school and her father is now a proud grandpa, and loves his grandson.*⁹

Another, and especially vicious, form of coercion occurs in the growing clandestine and underreported, yet lucrative, sex trafficking industry. Many women and, mostly but not only, female children are victims of sex trafficking, one aspect of human trafficking, which numerous sources, including the United States FBI and CDC, accurately refer to as "a form of modern day slavery."¹⁰

⁸ Priscilla K. Coleman, Ph.D., et al., *Women Who Suffered Emotionally from Abortion: A Qualitative Synthesis of Their Experiences*, JOURNAL OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS, Vol. 22 No. 4, p. 115 (2017), available at <https://www.jpands.org/vol22no4/coleman.pdf>, quoted in European Center for Law & Justice, "ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls," pp. 4-5.

⁹ Allan E. Parker, August 14, 2020. <https://thejusticefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Dear-Parent-Letter-Final.pdf>. (Accessed 9/7/20)

¹⁰ Patrina Mosley, "Abortion and Sex-Trafficking Are Undeniably Linked Abuses Against Women," *The Federalist*, <https://thefederalist.com/2020/01/31/abortion-and-sex-trafficking-are-undeniably-linked-abuses-against-women/> (Accessed 9/8/20) This article contains both much sound research data and also very enlightening and moving testimonies from female victims. See also Brad Mattes, host of "Facing Life Head-On" in the brief documentary video, "Sex Trafficking and the Abortion Connection Part 1," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZyu28SNbJ8&feature=youtu.be> (Accessed 9/8/20) In addition see "Abortion Enables Sex Traffickers," July 27, 2019, Human Defense Initiative, <https://humandefense.com/abortion-enables-sex-traffickers/>. This latter article, as do the other resources in this note, cites how the abortion industry "defend[s] abortion to secure their paycheck at the cost of sex trafficking victims and preborn lives. Abortion is being used as a tool of the sex trafficking industry to trap women not only in abusive circumstances, but also in slavery." (Accessed 9/8/20) "What We Investigate: Sex Trafficking," <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/human-trafficking> (Accessed 9/15/20) "Sex Trafficking," <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/trafficking.html>. (Accessed 9/15/20) Sex trafficking is growing year by year. The National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) maintains one of the most extensive data sets on this issue in the U. S. Just in the year 2019, 14,597 persons were identified as victims and survivors of sex trafficking, not including an additional 1,048 who were trafficked for sex and labor, and many others who have not been able to contact the hotline due to being kept from communicating

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Students and all other women contemplating abortion, personally and/or academically, need to discern the motivation of abortion counselors, including abortionists. Again, observe the old adage: follow the money. Abortion administrators have quotas they must meet, which incentivizes several forms of pressure they employ to compel girls and women to abort. Those in the abortion industry admit that it is highly lucrative, and providers have much to gain by withholding and distorting information about abortion, which they typically do pertaining to the data in this paper.¹¹

3. *Abortion is dangerous; it is neither safe nor rare*, as much publicity and urging from abortion providers errs in asserting. In fact, a plethora of research has convincingly established that abortion is exceedingly dangerous and takes a very significant toll on the mother's body. For example, in Finland, a huge study of nearly 10,000 women who died for any reason within one year after childbirth, abortion, or miscarriage between 1987 and 1994, disclosed that women who had abortions were 3.5 times more likely to die within a year than those who carried their babies to term. Another study of abortion and childbirth records in California between 1989 and 1997, similarly revealed significantly higher death rates after abortion: women who had an abortion were 62% more likely to die from any cause than women who gave birth. An enormous Danish study of nearly 500,000 Danish women who aborted their children both before and after 12 weeks' gestation between 1980 and 2004, found that higher death rates for both groups that are statistically significant, contrasted with women who died after natural childbirth. A subsequent "meta-analysis of nearly 1000 studies concluded that a woman's risk of premature death increases by 50% after having an abortion, and that this lethal effect lasts at least ten years."¹² Even abortionists testify that in the very rare cases of a medical emergency, the course of action should be to deliver the fetus prematurely and do all possible to save the child, "because to go through the stages required by a surgical abortion (laminaria, stretching the cervix, etc.) would cause more, not less danger to the mother."¹³

with the outside world and for other reasons indicated, such as fear and embarrassment. From 2007 through 2019, 63,380 total situations of human trafficking were identified by the NHTH. Most of the victims are children.

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/sites/default/files/Polaris-2019-US-National-Human-Trafficking-Hotline-Data-Report.pdf> (Accessed 9/15/20)

¹¹ See Nancy Flanders, "Fact checking the fact checkers: Yes, Planned Parenthood is an abortion business," May 4, 2020, <https://www.liveaction.org/news/yes-planned-parenthood-abortion-business/> (Accessed 10/4/20) Social issues journalist, Mary Margaret Olohan, reports on Planned Parenthood's most recently released statistics in "Here's How Many Abortions Planned Parenthood Performed Within a Year," *Daily Caller*, <https://dailycaller.com/2020/01/06/planned-parenthood-abortion-2018-2019/> (Accessed 10/4/20). See also Melanie Israel, https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/01/23/planned-parenhoods-annual-report-is-out-heres-what-you-need-to-know/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTkRGbU1XVTJOak0xWWpZeSIsInQiOiJ4bUpvRTlTMGlFY1dVVUxZb0ZLcFJnZ2J2QjINTnRxBVBFUzBvdmtPbTAzRW1HQVks3ZnpwaEh5SmUwRFVEeThUOGlOS3oyXC9xUHNROVBrZVlwU3E3WVU5RkVNeFpjUXVkd1lGWE03Z3BYdnJUTnlxd1RkV1dXaitqbkhb1FzeG4ifQ%3D%3D (Accessed 10/4/20)

¹² European Center for Law & Justice, "ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls," p. 4. This report includes documentation of the Finland, California, Denmark, and meta-analysis research.

¹³ Peter Cermak, "What Percent of Abortions Are Medically Necessary?" Human Life International, May 18, 2019 <https://www.hli.org/resources/what-percent-of-abortions-are-medically-necessary/> (Accessed 9/29/20)

The organization, Operation Rescue (OR), has produced a video and print documentation of the generally unreported dangers of abortion, wherein they cite the cases of 100 women who were hospitalized by botched abortions just in 2019. Former employees describe extremely unsanitary conditions. The organization emphasizes that there were far more than 100 serious complications to abortion that year; these are only the ones that OR was able to document through 911 records, photos taken at the scene, or statements by eyewitnesses. OR President Troy Newman adds, “We believe this is just the tip of a very ugly iceberg. Abortionists want everyone to think abortion is one of the safest procedures, but in truth, it carries life-threatening risks that threaten women on a daily basis. The public has a right to know the truth about the dangers of abortion.”¹⁴ These very serious and dangerous developments, occurred throughout the United States. Some abortion clinics had multiple occurrences where an ambulance had to be called to take patients to a hospital; the video documents 13 cases in one clinic, at Margaret Sanger Planned Parenthood in New York in 2019. Much other evidence exists as well.

4. *Abortion is never necessary to save the life of the mother*, contrary to continuous false and misleading publicity. Physician leaders of the American College of Pediatricians, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, and several other medical organizations representing over 30,000 doctors across the United States documented this fact, which they published via a letter in the journal, *Public Discourse*, in 2019.¹⁵ This reality is not new; in the 1990’s, I was told by a Chicago physician, who served on the board of one of Chicagoland’s major hospitals, that the technology existed then to “pull any woman through a pregnancy without need for an abortion to save her life.”
5. *The science of biology explains that human life begins with the joining of male and female gametes, the male sperm and the female ovum, a union called fertilization or conception*.¹⁶ The fertilized ovum becomes a one-celled zygote, forming a unique genetic unity with its own DNA, thus becoming a separate human being from his or her mother and father. Development of the new human life begins at this time, and within hours, the genetic coding establishes the color of the new individual’s eyes, hair, and skin, sex, body type, and certain other features.¹⁷ By the end of the third week, the backbone, spinal column, and nervous system are developing, the heart is beating, and

¹⁴ Troy Newman, “Video: 100 Women Hospitalized by Botched Abortions in 2019, Exposes the ‘Safe Abortion’ Lie,” Operation Rescue, 1/15/19, <https://www.operationrescue.org/archives/video-100-women-hospitalized-by-botched-abortions-in-2019-exposes-the-safe-abortion-lie/> (Accessed 8/12/20) <https://www.dailywire.com/news/planned-parenthood-exec-makes-major-admission-amanda-prestigiacomio> (Accessed 8/28/20)

¹⁵ Donna Harrison, M.D., Michelle Cretella, M.D., John Schirger, M.D., David Stevens, M.D., and Jane Orient, M.D., “It Is Never Necessary to Intentionally Kill a Fetal Human Being to Save a Woman’s Life: In Support of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2019/02/49619/>, February 17, 2019. (Accessed 8/13/20) See also Peter Cermak, “What Percent of Abortions Are Medically Necessary?”

¹⁶ “Life Begins at Fertilization with the Embryo’s Conception,” <https://www.princeton.edu/~prolife/articles/embryoquotes2.html> (Accessed 8/13/20)

¹⁷ Gary Bergel with C. Everett Koop, M. D., *When You Were Formed in Secret* (Elyria, Ohio: Intercessors for America, 1985), p. 1-2.

the brain is beginning to form, even before the mother knows she is pregnant.¹⁸ As reported in the *Daily Mail*, scientists in Britain have reported in the scientific journal *eLife*, that a baby's first heartbeat begins 16 days after conception.¹⁹ In the second month, even before a woman without using technical means can be certain she is pregnant,²⁰ her baby's brain waves can be detected, recorded, and read; eyes, ears, nose, lips, tongue, fingers, and toes are clearly seen; and jaws form. "A miniature infant has developed...All is now formed, and until adulthood the changes in body will be primarily in dimension and in the refinement of working parts....The unborn child at this stage is termed a fetus, which is Latin for 'young one' or 'offspring.'"²¹ Within 12 weeks, the baby has toenails, fingernails, and fingerprints, giving him or her another indication of separate identity; his or her vocal cords are completed; and he or she can feel pain.²² Technology permits the mother to see her baby's development on sonograms via ultrasound. "From the moment of fertilization, a human being meets all of the scientific criteria for a living organism and is completely distinct from her/his mother, not part of her/his mother's body. This is scientific fact."²³

Testifying before a U. S. Senate Judiciary subcommittee, Dr. Micheline Mathews-Roth, then associate professor of medicine at the Harvard Medical School and a physician at the Brigham and Women's Hospital said, "It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception, when egg and sperm join to form the zygote, and that this developing human always is a member of our species in all stages of life."²⁴ In another testimony Mathews-Roth said, "it is scientifically incorrect to say that a human life begins in the mother's womb—by the time the growing embryo arrives [having travelled down the fallopian tube] at the mother's womb [to embed into the soft wall of the uterus²⁵] to implant in it...it is already 5 to 6 days old!"²⁶

The chairman of the Department of Medical Genetics at the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Hymie Gordon, also testified, "By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception." In addition he stated, "now we can say, unequivocally, that the question of when life begins... is an established scientific fact.... It is an

¹⁸ Mayo Clinic Staff, "Fetal development: The 1st trimester," <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/pregnancy-week-by-week/in-depth/prenatal-care/art-20045302> (Accessed 8/19/20) and Bergel with Koop, p. 1-5.

¹⁹ Mark Prigg, "A baby's first heartbeat is just 16 days after conception: Breakthrough could lead to new cures for congenital disease," 11 October 2016, <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3833015/A-baby-s-heart-beats-just-16-days-conception-Heartbeat-breakthrough-lead-new-cures-congenital-disease.html> (Accessed 8/28/20)

²⁰ Mayo Clinic Staff, "Fetal development: The 1st trimester," <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/pregnancy-week-by-week/in-depth/prenatal-care/art-20045302> (Accessed 8/19/20)

²¹ Bergel with Koop, p. 1-7.

²² Bergel with Koop, pp. 1-8,9.

²³ Donna Harrison, M.D., et al.

²⁴ "Experts Clash at Abortion Hearings," *The New York Times*, April 26, 1981, <https://www.nytimes.com/1981/04/26/weekinreview/the-region-in-summary-experts-clash-at-abortion-hearings.html> (Accessed 8/30/20)

²⁵ Bergel with Koop, pp. 1-3.

²⁶ Dr. Micheline Mathews-Roth, "Testimony of Dr. Micheline Mathews-Roth," March 19, 2003, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/matthews-roth_testimony_03_19_03.pdf (Accessed 8/30/20)

established fact that all life, including human life, begins at the moment of conception.”²⁷ Dr. Watson A. Bowes, Jr., of the University of Colorado Medical School, testified as well that “the beginning of a single human life is from a biological point of view a simple and straightforward matter—the beginning is conception. This straightforward biological fact should not be distorted to serve sociological, political or economic goals.”²⁸ Outstanding physicians and researchers in the United States and internationally maintain the same position; many of them are quoted in the citations herein documented.

6. *Abortion procedures are dangerous for the mothers and usually lethal for their baby.* As seen above, many women are severely harmed by abortion, and some even die. Most babies do die. Contrary to those who argue for the “pro-choice” movement, which must be considered does not include the living, fully human, baby’s choice,²⁹ abortion is neither safe nor rare. As of August 2020, well over 60 million babies have been aborted.³⁰ In addition to the babies’ tragic deaths and the huge health, safety, moral, and spiritual implications involved, think of other vast, wide-ranging, and far-reaching implications for the whole world—to cite just a few, pertaining to our country locally, statewide, and nationally: e.g., the loss of many more millions of families with their knowledge, skills, and productivity that could have filled, and provided, jobs for themselves and others; the loss of more than 60 million taxpayers helping to bring down the nation’s staggering and crippling national debt (well over 26.7 trillion dollars³¹) that will burden our children and grandchildren who will have to pay it; and the loss of a multitude of other contributions the aborted children could have made, including their love, community service, and much other help.

Many children are born alive during a botched abortion; their outcome is not pleasant. Since 2003, over 300 publicly documented cases of infants born alive after an abortion attempt have been reported. At least 143 of those babies died during a 10-year period in the United States. The CDC indicates the number is likely much higher. In other countries that keep more detailed records, it is. In a recent five-year period, 766 infants died in Canada after birth from failed abortions. Those infants who survive a botched abortion are severely harmed and left to die alone, unless as has occurred, a

²⁷ Dr. John Ankerberg and Dr. John Weldon, “What Does Science Reveal About When Life Begins? Part 1, <https://jashow.org/articles/what-does-science-reveal-about-when-life-begins-part-1/> (Accessed 8/31/20)

²⁸ Dr. John Ankerberg and Dr. John Weldon, What Does Science Reveal About When Life Begins? Part 1. Randy Alcorn, “Scientists Attest To Life Beginning at Conception,” <https://naapc.org/why-life-begins-at-conception/>

²⁹ Abby Johnson, a former director of a Texas Planned Parenthood clinic, was quickly changed from an abortion advocate and promoter to a strong antiabortion messenger, when she saw on an ultrasound a fetus fighting for its life to escape the sharp probe about to end its life. Abby was so revulsed by what she saw that she left the abortion industry, became an opponent, and ultimately helped produce her story in the film, *Unplanned*, showing what abortion actually involves, of which many people are entirely unaware. <https://www.abbyjohnson.org/unplanned-movie> (Accessed 8/29/20)

³⁰ <https://www.bing.com/search?q=abortion+totals+since+1973&FORM=QSRE3;> <https://checkyourfact.com/2018/07/03/fact-check-60-million-abortions/> (Accessed 8/29/20) U. S. Senator Rand Paul states that there now have been more than 62,000,000 abortions, over 4,000 each day and over 1.6 million every year, in an email on September 6, 2020.

³¹ U. S. National Debt Clock: Real Time, <https://usdebtclock.org/> (Accessed 9/4/20)

compassionate medical worker cares for the infant, adopting him or her or placing him or her for adoption.

Anecdotal accounts are gripping. For just one example, Rosa Rodriguez, who kept her aborted baby, Ana Rosa Rodriguez, explained that she will tell Ana Rosa why she only has one arm. She also is glad that the abortionist, who sliced her baby's arm off during the abortion attempt, has been convicted on assault and illegal abortion charges.³²

Abortion, as has been seen and recorded on sonograms, is a painful procedure for not only the mothers but especially for the infants, beginning in the first trimester. Abortion procedures are very grim and vary according to the stage of pregnancy.

In the first trimester, chemical and surgical procedures are employed. The former include the RU 486 pills that block the natural hormone, progesterone, which nurtures the needed nutrient lining of the uterus, thereby starving the baby as the lining disintegrates. The RU 486 technique utilizes two potent synthetic hormones that are referred to with the generic names of mifepristone and misoprostol that produce chemically induced abortions typically between the fifth and ninth week of pregnancy. Serious and well-documented side effects are associated with the RU 486 and accompanying prostaglandins, which include severe hemorrhaging, nausea, vomiting, pain, and death has also occurred. Some research indicators raise concern that RU 486 could negatively affect future pregnancies, including the inducing of miscarriages or severe malformations.

Providentially, a process called Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) has been developed, but to be effective it typically must occur within 24 hours after swallowing the first (mifepristone/RU 486) pill and before the second abortion pill has been taken. It is not effective if used after the second (misoprostol) pill has been ingested. The APR process consists of the pregnant woman consuming a large dose of progesterone, which overrides the blocking of progesterone that the first pill, mifepristone, has been doing. While some reversal attempts have been successful when started within 72 hours after taking the first abortion pill, it is best to begin the APR within 24 hours, and it must be done prior to taking the second abortion pill.³³

³² Samuel Maull, "Mother plans to tell daughter of botched abortion attempt," Associated Press, *Ocala Star-Banner*, Feb. 25, 1993, included in Carole Novielli, "CDC data proves babies still being born alive during abortions," <https://www.liveaction.org/news/babies-born-alive-abortions-continue/>, November 21, 2018. (Accessed 8/29/20) In Great Britain, a 2007 study published in the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* reported that about one in thirty abortions after 16 weeks' gestation result in the baby being born alive; after 23 weeks, the number reaches 9.7%. The *Daily Mail* reported that 66 babies survived abortions in just one year but were "allowed" to die. Libby Barnes, "1,200 too many: A look at born-alive abortion statistics," May 23, 2013 <https://www.liveaction.org/news/1200-too-many-a-look-at-born-alive-abortion-statistics/> (Accessed 8/29/20) Maridian Baldacci, Family Policy Alliance email, September 25, 2020. On September 25, 2020 President Donald J. Trump signed an "Executive Order on Protecting Vulnerable Newborn and Infant Children" that requires all hospitals receiving Federal funds to provide the required treatment needed for "[e]very infant born alive, no matter the circumstances of his or her birth..." https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-protecting-vulnerable-newborn-infant-children/?bbeml=tp-9w_HI50_QEC6FnRVSIB4Fw.jdn-XjDmOOkeEaqc95rwIMQ.rV6FwbvtvPDECfNIMJHweOng.lI0KoQBQ-V0uS_NXTJmVxuQ (Accessed 9/28/20)

³³ American Pregnancy Association, <https://americanpregnancy.org/unplanned-pregnancy/abortion-pill-reversal-26744/> (Accessed 4/13/2021)

This reality is important to explain to students and other women and men. Thousands of women have second thoughts after taking the first pill and want to undo the chemical abortion process. Fast help is available: The organization, Heartbeat International, Inc., has a program called Abortion Pill Reversal, and they offer immediate assistance 24/7 at <https://www.abortionpillreversal.com/> (877-588-0333).

Is APR safe? The American Pregnancy Association reports that progesterone has been used safely in pregnancy treatments for over 50 years. The organization also states that “Initial studies show that the birth defect rate in babies born after the APR is less than or equal to the rate in the general population. Neither mifepristone or progesterone is associated with birth defects.”³⁴

Surgical procedures include dilatation and curettage (D&C), in which a powerful suction tube with a sharp cutting edge is inserted into the womb through the cervix, that has been dilated, and which requires great care to prevent puncturing the uterus, causing copious bleeding, necessitating further surgery (cf. the many women referred to above who needed to be rushed to hospitals), and infection if any fetal tissue remains in the uterus, the most frequent danger in abortions.

From the second trimester on, when the baby is too large to be removed by suction, techniques are used involving dilatation and evacuation (D&E), dilation and extraction (D&X) or intact D&E (IDE), “obscure, clinical-sounding euphemisms...which mask the realities of how the abortions are actually performed.”³⁵ Similar to D&C, including dismemberment with devices such as clamps and forceps with sharp metal jaws that are used to grasp parts of the baby, twisting and tearing them away until the child’s entire body is removed, if all of it is (see above), including also crushing the baby’s head (when not trying to save it for selling parts³⁶). In a procedure referred to as partial birth abortion, more euphemistically called hysterotomy, the abortionist grasps the baby’s leg, bringing the infant into the birth canal, while deliberately keeping the head inside the womb, then injecting scissors into the back of the skull to enlarge the wound, followed by inserting a suction catheter into the skull to suck out the baby’s brains. These procedures are also fraught with danger, as instruments and sharp edges of the baby’s bones can perforate the uterus and lacerate the mother’s cervix, causing severe hemorrhaging.³⁷ A

³⁴ American Pregnancy Association, <https://americanpregnancy.org/unplanned-pregnancy/abortion-pill-reversal-26744/> (Accessed 4/13/2021)

³⁵ “Abortion Techniques,” <https://www.nrlc.org/abortion/medicalfacts/techniques/> (Accessed 8/29/20)

³⁶ Nicole Russell, “Abortion doctor admits sold baby parts often came from babies born alive,” Washington Examiner, September 23, 2019, <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/abortion-doctor-admits-sold-baby-parts-often-came-from-babies-born-alive> (Accessed 8/29/20). Madeline Osburn, “Planned Parenthood Staff Admit To Performing Illegal Partial-Birth Abortions For Better Tissue Harvesting,” *The Federalist*, August 24, 2020, <https://thefederalist.com/2020/08/24/planned-parenthood-staff-admit-to-performing-illegal-partial-birth-abortions-for-better-tissue-harvesting/> (Accessed 8/29/20)

³⁷ “Methods of Abortion,” <https://www.scdhec.gov/methods-abortion> (Accessed 8/29/20) and “Abortion Techniques,” <https://www.nrlc.org/abortion/medicalfacts/techniques/> (Accessed 8/29/20). See also European Center for Law & Justice, “ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls,” p. 4. <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/ECLJ-Written-Contribution-to-Working-Group-Aug.-31-2020.pdf> (Accessed 9/14/20)

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complete list of abortion techniques are documented in the footnotes in this section. As of August 2020, dismemberment abortions are illegal in 12 states.³⁸

In the second and third trimesters, a procedure called saline amniocentesis is used after 16 weeks of pregnancy, in which a needle is inserted into the mother's abdomen, and amniotic fluid is withdrawn and replaced with a solution of concentrated salt that the baby inhales and swallows, causing him or her a painful poisoning, burning, and deterioration of his or her skin. Death occurs after about an hour. From about 33 to 72 hours later, the mother goes into labor and delivers a dead, burned, and shriveled baby. Very dangerous side effects for the mother that occur with abortion in this timeframe include severe hemorrhaging and other effects on her central nervous system including seizures, coma, or death from saline inadvertently injected into her vascular system.³⁹

7. *National and international laws place limits on abortion, including prohibiting the operation.* When the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled in favor of *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, it admitted that it did not have enough evidence from science to determine when human life, or personhood, actually begins. The SCOTUS also stated, "If...personhood [for the unborn growing in the womb] is established [which now has been done, as seen above], the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [Fourteenth] Amendment...."⁴⁰ An especially relevant statement in Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment stipulates, "nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."⁴¹

The legal definition of first-degree murder is killing that is deliberate and premeditated.⁴² Both are included in abortion. As of 2018, thirty-eight states allow murder charges to be brought against someone accused of killing a viable fetus.⁴³ Abortion is illegal in 43 states after a certain point during pregnancy.⁴⁴ New Jersey Superior Court Judge Andrew Napolitano's legal analysis concludes that

the freedom to kill innocents violates all norms of civilized society. It violates the natural law. It wasn't even condoned in the state of nature, before governments existed. It violates the 13th and 14th Amendments.

³⁸ Amanda Banks, Family Policy Foundation, email August 17, 2020. https://www.dailywire.com/news/abortionist-testifies-no-question-babies-being-born-alive-to-harvest-organs?utm_source=cnemail&utm_medium=email&utm_content=092719-news&utm_campaign=position1 (Accessed 8/28/20)

³⁹ "Abortion Techniques," <https://www.nrlc.org/abortion/medicalfacts/techniques/> (Accessed 8/29/20)

⁴⁰ Supreme Court of the United States, *Roe v. Wade* (410 US 113 at 156-7).

⁴¹ <https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-14/>

⁴² <https://definitions.uslegal.com/f/first-degree-murder/> (Accessed 8/12/20)

⁴³ National Conference of State Legislatures, "State Laws on Fetal Homicide and Penalty-enhancement for Crimes Against Pregnant Women," May 1, 2018. <https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/fetal-homicide-state-laws.aspx> (Accessed 8/28/20)

⁴⁴ "As of August 1, 2020 State Laws and Policies: State Bans on Abortion Throughout Pregnancy," <https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/state-policies-later-abortions#> (Accessed 8/29/20)

Yet, the Supreme Court and numerous Congresses have refused to interfere with it. It is a grave and profound evil. It is legalized murder.⁴⁵

Internationally, induced abortion is unacceptable in a majority of countries. Most nations hold that the State has a compelling interest in protecting the lives of women and girls, as well as all their citizens, including the unborn. Of the 202 countries studied in their report to the U. N., the European Centre for Law & Justice found that 121 countries have placed strict limits on abortion; the remaining 81 nations have varying degrees of limits on abortion, and in 26 countries all abortion is illegal.⁴⁶ The ECLJ elaborates further pertaining to international law.

For instance, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes that “the inherent dignity and . . . equal and inalienable rights of *all* members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,” and that *[e]veryone* has the right to life . . .”⁷. Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights likewise states that “*[e]very* human being has the inherent right to life. [And that this] right shall be protected by law”⁸. It is important to note that while many international treaties contain provisions for the protection and promotion of the right to life, not one contains a “right to abortion.”⁴⁷

In those countries where religious and cultural values and practices and governmental laws require forced abortion in many circumstances, the harm to women is traumatic, devastating, and extensive. Babies in these countries that are born in violation of their law are killed, the mother sometimes being required to kill her baby, causing great trauma to her.⁴⁸

8. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood (PP), the highly financially profitable organization that performs the most U. S. abortions,⁴⁹ is on record as practicing and promoting the early 20th century eugenics movement (EM), designed to espouse racial supremacy and purity by developing a program called the Negro Project in 1939, effects of which are current today. The movement existed to contain the so-called

⁴⁵ “Killing Babies,” Judge Andrew Napolitano, January 21, 2016, <http://townhall.com/columnists/judgeandrewnapolitano/2016/01/21/killing-babies-n2106931/page/full> (Accessed 1/22/16)

⁴⁶ European Center for Law & Justice, “ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls,” p. 2. <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/ECLJ-Written-Contribution-to-Working-Group-Aug.-31-2020.pdf> (Accessed 9/14/20)

⁴⁷ European Center for Law & Justice, “ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls,” p. 3. Footnote 7: Universal Declaration of Human Rights preamble, Art. 3. Footnote 8: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Dec. 16, 1966, S. Treaty Doc. No. 95-20, 6. I.L.M. 368 (1967), 999 U.N.T.S. 171, art. 6.

⁴⁸ European Center for Law & Justice, “ECLJ Report to U. N. Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls,” p. 11.

⁴⁹ Mary Margaret Olohan, “New Planned Parenthood Report Shows Increase in Abortions” *The Daily Signal*, January 6, 2020 <https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/01/06/new-planned-parenthood-report-shows-increase-in-abortions/> (Accessed 9/17/20)

inferior races, especially African-Americans, by segregation, sterilization, birth control, and abortion. Sanger built her organization, that ultimately came to be PP, on the ideology and resources of the EM. She and her associates targeted the black population by building PP clinics in or close to black neighborhoods, which is still true today.⁵⁰ The growing public awareness of Sanger's racial and eugenics goals has caused PP to recently announce that her name would be removed from the Planned Parenthood of Greater New York clinic and that PP asked the city to rename the street known as Margaret Sanger Square.⁵¹ In 2012, the organization, Protecting Black Life, used U. S. Census Data to demonstrate that "79% of [PP's] surgical abortion facilities are located within walking distance of African American or Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods."⁵² Coincidentally, "In New York City, thousands more black babies are aborted than born alive each year, and the abortion rate among black mothers is more than three times higher than it is for white mothers...By contrast, births far surpassed abortions among whites, Asians and Hispanics...In 2014, 36% of all abortions were performed on black women, who are just 13% of the female population."⁵³ Citing data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arizona state representative, Walt Blackman, writes that 19 million black babies have been aborted since 1973. Blackman also refers to pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute research that indicates "abortion is the leading cause of death among blacks."⁵⁴ John Stonestreet and Maria Baer, the source of the above articles in this section, observe that "The women who enter a Planned Parenthood are often frightened and alone. The very last thing they need is 'help' from a systemically racist corporation [PP] whose hundreds of millions of dollars in profit each year depend almost entirely on killing their babies."⁵⁵ Many of the younger girls and women, who are enslaved by the sex traffic trade, are accompanied by a pimp or one of the managers in his or her employ. PP does not turn them away; their business is too lucrative.⁵⁶

⁵⁰ Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, "The Negro Project: Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Plan for Black Americans, May 1, 2001, https://concernedwomen.org/the-negro-project-margaret-sangers-eugenic-plan-for-black-americans/?_hsmi=92117652&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9rPuyQFqGQUCkFqYcvehbpFWq5EYYkB5qAiYHqu-_VdCXBFGCg2YJ_2kWveVzlhBq5SjkOsPH3fFM-B2dkg0Fgpg (Accessed 8/11/20)

⁵¹ John Stonestreet with Maria Baer, "Planned Parenthood Should Cancel More than Margaret Sanger," *Breakpoint Daily from the Colson Center*, July 18, 2020.

⁵² "Protecting Black Life: Planned Parenthood Targets Minority Neighborhoods: Map Guide," https://www.protectingblacklife.org/pp_targets/index.html?_hsmi=92117652&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-Zn1CUIeF3C6F5jgwUJu9D9TVqWVMXiOwHT_KkPMDyPsK-xsmC9DxLOfyroneiyhYabCBdsz9RzGJWxFnQEyhmFZHeg (Accessed 8/11/20)

⁵³ Jason L. Riley, "Let's Talk about the Black Abortion Rate," *Wall Street Journal*, WSJ Opinion, July 10, 2018. https://www.wsj.com/articles/lets-talk-about-the-black-abortion-rate-1531263697?_hsmi=92117652&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8OF_StbWXrW3QOsl-HRC6Xk7-MojzN2RKvnmv8I7FVzmNe2vEUVX25zmjlcxkXPpZMupKdt-rt01FLMXoirGal5DZJA (Accessed 8/11/20)

⁵⁴ Walt Blackman, "Abortion: The overlooked tragedy for black Americans," Guest Opinion, *Arizona Capitol Times*, February 25, 2020. https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2020/02/25/abortion-the-overlooked-tragedy-for-black-americans/?_hsmi=92117652&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-kKzLNu40hnhC_Xyq58He_OjcO96Sj_YI9L-tRx_Mdtczb038m0NmuQM44bbemhoNdr2r-HqJ6iLeOEviGSGQvnbcBKw (Accessed 8/12/20)

⁵⁵ John Stonestreet with Maria Baer.

⁵⁶ See above, Patrina Mosley, "Abortion and Sex-Trafficking Are Undeniably Linked Abuses Against Women;" Brad Mattes, host of "Facing Life Head-On" in the documentary video, "Sex Trafficking and the Abortion Connection Part 1;" and "Abortion Enables Sex Traffickers," Human Defense Initiative.

9. *The pro-abortion movement is declining*, significantly due to PP failing to keep abortion's moral dimension out of the debate, because it has no moral message that can win the moral battle that now frames the debate, according to Jessa Crispin, a "pro-choice" former employee of PP.⁵⁷ More Americans are pro-life than pro-choice, and opposition to abortion is rising, due to hearing the truth including some of the above facts.⁵⁸ Even more importantly, for girls and women who discover they are pregnant in a difficult situation, much help is available to them that does not require an abortion. As one woman writes, "most communities have a pregnancy center who will support women with an unplanned pregnancy, and help her and her baby have a healthy outcome. They also provide help for emotional healing for the women who have had abortions, and are suffering the consequences."⁵⁹

Psychological therapist A. D. P. Efferson in her report cited above, discloses that the abortion industry "uses coercive messaging" and demonstrates "gross insensitivity towards women who are not 'okay' with their abortion;" gives the women no voice; disregards their feelings; and "their experiences are ignored by industry leaders, who make huge profits from their desperation." The industry also treats them "like cattle after being processed through the local clinic in an assembly-line fashion, with little or no regard for their personal needs;" all of which and more "compounds their pain and harms their recovery." Efferson concludes with the observation that

the pro-life movement may actually be a far safer place for these women because it acknowledges and validates their reality and the pain their decision has caused, while the pro-choice movement is singularly focused on denying negative outcomes in favor of advancing only pro-abortion rhetoric. There is no safe space for women to grieve and heal in the pro-abortion movement. This raises the question: How, then, can an industry that causes millions of women mental trauma really claim to care about them?⁶⁰

10. Other moral issues notwithstanding to them, some argue that eliminating abortion would prohibit valuable stem cell research that could provide healing or cures for diseases, other illnesses, and disabilities. Even if the moral matters were not an issue, *the stem cell argument commits both logical and scientific fallacies*. It commits the error that in the field of logic is called the naturalistic fallacy, i.e., attempting to reason from is to ought, which is illogical. Just because something is, does not mean it ought to be. An illustration of that argument is in the unjust Jim Crow laws that were used to deny black people many of their rights, e.g., to vote and have access to numerous jobs and

⁵⁷ John Horvatt II, "Why a Pro-Abortion Columnist Says the Movement Is in Tatters." *Return to Order*. July 23, 2020. <https://www.returntoorder.org/2020/07/why-a-pro-abortion-columnist-says-the-movement-is-in-tatters/?pkg=rtoc1034> (Accessed 8/11/20)

⁵⁸ Jeffrey Anderson, "Gallup: More Americans Are Pro-Life than Pro-Choice," July 2, 2013, <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/weekly-standard/gallup-more-americans-are-pro-life-than-pro-choice>

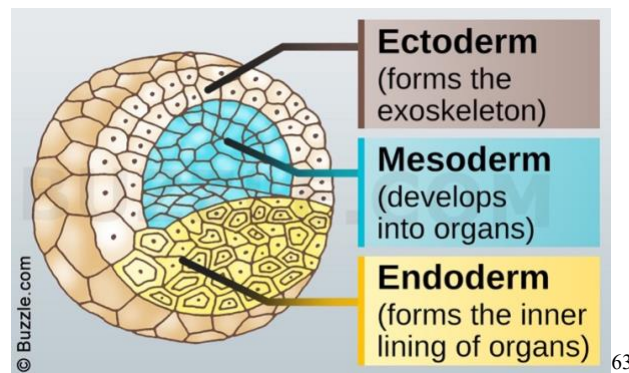
⁵⁹ Sandy Anderson, "Abortion hurts women," Open Forum, *Reporter-Herald*, August 17, 2020, p. 4A.

⁶⁰ A. D. P. Efferson, "New Research Confirms That Abortion Hurts Women."

educational as well as other opportunities; they were told, “That’s just the way it is.” Students and others need to be taught that because something is at the present time legal, does not mean it is just, right, and moral or that it is “a settled matter” for all time.

Logical fallacies abound in the subject of abortion and in many other issues. For just one more related example, consider the fallacy in logic called the unwarranted use of analogy. This fallacy, colloquially called comparing apples to oranges, involves the failure to examine and discern the presence of essential but distinctly different elements in the entities being likened or analogized, thus actually producing an unacknowledged contrast rather than a comparison. We see this error in such assertions, often phrased in a rhetorical question, as “Why is abortion wrong, when embryos naturally die by miscarriage every day?”⁶¹ A closer look at both forms of prenatal death, reveals the essentially and significantly different matter of intent that is involved: miscarriages are unintentional; abortions are intentional.

Sound scientific research demonstrates the unwarranted assumption that renders the basic premise of the stem cell argument illogical and fallacious. Human stem cells, which exist in both embryos and adults, are unspecialized and thus able to differentiate into any cell in the body; they are also able to self-renew. One way stem cells are distinguished is by degree of differentiation. For example, totipotent stem cells can divide and differentiate into cells of the whole body. Multipotent stem cells have a narrower ability to differentiate than PSCs, but they can specialize in specific cells. Pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) can form cells in all three germ layers. A germ layer is defined as “any of three primary cell layers, formed in the earliest stages of embryonic development, consisting of the endoderm (inner layer), the ectoderm (outer layer), and the mesoderm (middle layer),”⁶² as illustrated in the following figure.



⁶¹ John Stonestreet, “You Can Oppose Abortion and Defend Life. You Must.” *Breakpoint*, The Colson Center https://www.breakpoint.org/you-can-oppose-abortion-and-defend-life-you-must/?_hsmi=94636051&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--cP7ZpEJQzhbXVruJ3O1FaEwWCzejA9D0oyUQ4p9_WYMdvSU4l7XE5dC275GvgEF6ltzcCvs72MxbQY_IE0si_yrfAX4g (Accessed 9/7/20)

⁶² Physician Claudia Winograd, “Germ layer,” *Britannica*, <https://www.britannica.com/science/germ-layer> (Accessed 9/18/20)

⁶³ The Three Germ Layers, Images, https://images.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;_ylt=AwXpnR_kGVfNiAAowQPxQt.;_ylu=Y29sbwNncTEEcG9zAzMEdnRpZAMEc2VjA3Nj?p=the+three+germ+layers&fr=yhs-imageadvan-

The contention that embryonic stem cells are required for effective research to produce healing of diseases, disabilities, and disorders, and that abortion is necessary to obtain and sustain sufficient amounts of stem cells, is not supported by sound science. For example, adult stem cells show significant promise of yielding helpful results. Wojciech Zakrzewski, et al. write that “[t]he turning point in stem cell therapy appeared in 2006, when scientists Shinya Yamanaka, together with Kazutoshi Takahashi, discovered that it is possible to reprogram multipotent adult stem cells to the pluripotent state. This process avoided endangering the foetus’ life in the process.”⁶⁴ Harvard Medical School professor and Brigham and Women’s Hospital physician, Dr. Micheline Mathews-Roth, adds,

So are we denying treatment to our patients if we deny them the use of embryonic stem cells? Absolutely not—because there is good evidence that there are certain kinds of adult stem cells which are proving to be very versatile in being able to be transformed into the different kinds of tissues which are needed to treat serious diseases. Already there are many examples in the medical literature....⁶⁵

11. *Careful science is very helpful, but it can only go so far.* By definition, science can only address what is observable and measurable, i.e., it can only state what is. It cannot address such fundamental questions as ultimate reality and moral values pertaining to what is wrong and what is right and should be.

The science, key, but not nearly all, aspects of which are summarized above, demonstrates that a unique human being is growing within his or her mother, with his or her own DNA, making him or her a separate human being from both his or her father and mother. The baby is in, but not part of or one with, his or her mother’s body; the baby is extrinsic, not intrinsic, to the mother’s body. *For the mother, the issue is now much more than “My body; my choice.” It’s now not only her body but another distinct body within her, and these two distinct individuals, mother and child, both bear the image of God in which they were created.*⁶⁶ Does she then have a choice? If so, which of the choices and their correlated effects are right and which are wrong?

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⁶⁴ Wojciech Zakrzewski, Maciej Dobrzyński, Maria Szymonowicz, and Zbigniew Rybak, “Stem cells: past, present, and future,” *Stem Cell Research & Therapy* volume 10, Article number: 68, February 26, 2019, <https://stemcellres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13287-019-1165-5> (Accessed 8/21/20) See also https://www.stemcellresearchfacts.org/adult-stem-cell-overview?utm_campaign=BreakPoint%20Daily&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=80237404&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-xZnG2m6K3BUqwsFI7oUP-mOQXUCL4HJJKnOTJUDlp-cWTp1FSi0TkafFo72DUgbaMCZ_3hWtd5IMUxbB02nvZUGZLrw&_hsmi=80237404 (Accessed 8/28/20)

⁶⁵ Dr. Micheline Mathews-Roth, “Testimony of Dr. Micheline Mathews-Roth.”

⁶⁶ The short answer to the meaning of the Biblical term, “image of God,” (e.g., Genesis 1:26-28) is that it refers to God’s creating human beings in such a way that he has given us some of his own attributes, for example the capabilities to love, to reason, and the freedom to choose, which in us are genuine yet finite and limited, but which are infinite and unlimited in God. For a more complete explanation, see Edward D. Seely, *Essential Christianity: Historic Christian Systematic Theology—With a Focus on Its Very Practical Dimensions, including God’s Answers* Copyright © 2020, 2021, 2025 by Edward D. Seely. Permission is granted to use without charge for Christian education and other educational purposes worldwide.

Contrary to postmodernism, the prevailing secular philosophy and worldview that promotes the unbiblical view that there is no absolute truth, one of the options here is right and the other is wrong. Mutually exclusive choices—by definition and by another principle of logic (the law of noncontradiction, see my primer on logical fallacies, *op cit.*)—cannot both be right at the same time, and, as seen above, the most harmful one is irreversible. *Tragically, many young and even older people make these irreversible decisions without even knowing or seriously contemplating the results to which their decision will lead*, much less that those results cannot be undone, to their lasting regret. As we’ve also seen, not all options are good for the mother and for her baby. Science shows some of the results of the choice to abort a child. Yet, there is more needed and helpful information to make the best, including the right, decision, which students, and women as well as others involved with them who are considering abortion, need to know.

12. Briefly, but not insignificantly, common sense offers sound reasoning in this as well as in most other matters. In his creation of human beings, God has built into all people—those who believe in him and those who do not—a mind in his image (see the explanation of “the image of God” below) that can think and reason; accordingly, he has also given us a conscience, and he expects all of us to use these abilities. For nonbelievers who neither avail themselves of nor obey God’s Word, including his commandments, which give the full counsel of God that enables us—together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit—to know what to do in such life-transforming matters as giving birth to and nurturing a child, the ability to reason, guided by conscience and common sense matter significantly.

Many secular proverbs are examples of human common sense. One example of common sense pertaining to aspects of abortion is the secular proverb, *noblesse oblige*. This French term is literally “nobility obligates,” and it means “with privilege comes responsibility.” Applied to the subject of abortion, a pregnant woman must carefully consider her unique privilege, being the only sex who can conceive and bear a child. Along with that privilege comes a great responsibility that should not be avoided or rejected.

When a woman chants, “My body, my choice,” in addition to the above rationale, one helpful reply we should offer is, “Do you see what you are overlooking? Have you considered the universal principle of *noblesse oblige*?” When explaining this principle and its application to pregnancy and the options, ask questions and provide the needed information for those questions.⁶⁷

- a. Have you considered your identity, who you are? You are very special to be able to have a baby. (Furthermore, if the person will talk about God, ask her to consider the meaning of bearing God’s image and its implications for bearing a child.)

[to Our Great Questions of Life—for Now and Eternity](#), PowerPoint presentation, Slide 91 and other related slides using the Search bar or the Find feature.

⁶⁷ Human learning research explains why questions, rather than didactic statements, whenever possible are especially effective. See, e.g., “[Teaching-Learning Methods for Ministry in the Church](#)” and related resources on both of my websites. Notice how often Jesus taught by asking questions.

- b. When you say, “My body, my choice,” when does the choice begin, especially when the choice begins at the beginning, when your decision involves the possibility of bringing another human being into the world. How does the principle of *noblesse oblige* apply then? How does God’s opinion apply? What does God say? (See below the applicable Scripture texts.)
 - c. Have you considered the vast benefits—supreme joys as well as no grievous guilt—of following God’s will and waiting to have sex until marriage?
 - d. If the woman says words to the effect, “Nobody waits anymore.” Or, “The prevailing opinion among my peers is that if you’re still a virgin when you’re in your early 20’s something is wrong with you.” Or, “Guys want a girl who’s experienced.” (Wrong, especially not the ones who women most want: a guy who will be faithful and committed to her. And most importantly to God.) Then ask her, “Do you know that you’ve just committed at least two logical fallacies that significantly weaken your argument and bring harm to yourself?” (The naturalistic fallacy and *argumentum ad populum*. See [Logic: A Primer on Common Logical Fallacies](#). See also other benefits in [“Guidelines for Selecting a Marriage Partner \(Unabridged Version\)”](#) and [“Is Cohabitation an Option for God’s People—Or for Anyone Else?”](#))
13. As helpful as the above information is, our greatest help for understanding all aspects of pregnancy and parenthood is in God’s Word. See these words from God’s wonderful Word in the Bible. The Scriptures should be used with Christians, but also look for ways to include God’s Word in conversations with others, while you’re listening silently asking God to give you the opportunity and the other person(s) receptivity to what God would have you say to them.
- a. Jeremiah begins God’s revelation to him, “The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew [יָדָעָה (yāda ‘)] you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:4-5)
- The Hebrew word, יָדָעָה (yāda ‘ [know]), is a covenantal word meaning to know in an intimate, personal, relational, experiential manner. *Yāda ‘* does not mean just knowing about someone. In using this word, the prophet Jeremiah—inspired by the Holy Spirit to choose that word (2 Timothy 3:16)—informs us that God had a relationship with him already when he was in his mother’s womb. Therefore, Jeremiah was **not** “just a piece of flesh” or a “blob of cells.”
- b. King David, also a prophet and led by the Holy Spirit, prays to God saying,
“For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.” (Psalm 139:13-14)

- c. God's special revelation in his Word, together with his general revelation in the scientific research cited above which documents empirical findings that human life begins at fertilization, provides more clear applications of two of His Ten Commandments: "13You shall not murder." And "14You shall not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:13, 14) Similarly, the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to reveal God's will through this powerful question that he raised in a letter to the church in Corinth, a key city in the Greek empire filled with monumental sexual sinfulness:

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral [πόρνοι (*pornoi*), including fornicators] nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)⁶⁸

In addition do not compound the problem and add abortion—murder—the killing of a child who bears God's image and who has been conceived as a result of sexual sins Paul has listed in 1 Corinthians 6:9 ff. As seen above, careful science has certified that human life begins at fertilization. Also, as discussed above, murder in the first degree—Murder One—has two necessary components: premeditation and intentionality, both of which are part of the decision-making to abort a child. Therefore, abortion qualifies as murder in the first degree.

- d. "The LORD said to Moses, 'Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: "Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy."'" (Leviticus 19:1-2) The Old Testament Hebrew word for holy, *qādōsh* (קָדוֹשׁ), and the New Testament Greek word for holy, *ἅγιος* (*hagios*; also the Greek word used in the Septuagint [ca. 250 BC] Greek translation of *qādōsh* in Leviticus 19:2), both mean uncommon, separate from common condition and use; separate from that which is sinful and morally evil; consecrated; saints; pure; righteous; cleansed; upright; separated from the world and separated to God to serve him in our vocation (calling): "sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy." (1 Corinthians 1:2)

⁶⁸ All such sexual acts contrary to God's will, are exceedingly serious, and would be enough to keep one separated from God who—though being all love—is also most holy and will not permit sin and evil in his presence. All of us human beings are sinful and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We can only come into God's presence by faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 9:10), thereby being credited with his righteousness. (Romans 4) Also, it is important to distinguish between one occurrence where a person repents and does not repeat the sin, contrasted with the opposite condition where a person continually engages in the practice of that sexual sin. While not apparent in the English translations, the original Greek in which the Apostle Paul wrote clearly denotes in the verb tenses that the behaviors are habitual and part of a lifestyle of continuous disobedience. That condition is what will keep the second person from God's kingdom, unless he or she professes faith in Christ Jesus, repents, and obeys the Lord's commands. Think of how that obedience alone would eliminate countless abortions. For more on this matter, see ["Why Are Sexual Sins So Significant?"](#)

Though the postmodern, non-Christian, world does not know what is truth, believers in Jesus Christ do know the truth. (John 14:6) Furthermore, we are called to follow Christ's commands and help others to do so. For more on this subject, which Biblical scholars call a major motif, a major theme throughout the whole Bible, see [*Essential Christianity: Historic Christian Systematic Theology—With a Focus on Its Very Practical Dimensions, including God's Answers to Our Great Questions of Life—for Now and Eternity.*](#)

- e. Carefully notice one more important related revelation in the same context in Leviticus 19:17b. “Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.” God's Word is clear in this matter, too, that we should admonish wrongdoing when we see it, “speaking the truth in love.” (Ephesians 4:15; cf. also, e.g., Acts 20:31; 27:9; Romans 15:14; 1 Corinthians 4:14; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:12,14; 2 Thessalonians 3:15)

Notice that this admonishment God commands⁶⁹ is for us to do when we observe someone disobeying his Word. We do not read here that God is commanding us to admonish someone when he or she is only doing something we dislike or expressing an opinion with which we disagree.

Think carefully here: we—especially in the church—are not to wait until the person disobeying God's will asks what we think about this matter, as is the prevailing opinion in the world, which even abhors “unsolicited advice” of any kind. Moreover, and importantly, admonishment is much more than advice. Further, this is not being judgmental, just the opposite. Notice the reasoning in God's Word: it is out of love for God and love and caring for the one doing what is wrong that we speak up—always in love—for the sake of the other who is behaving in a way that displeases, even angers, God and is doing what is counterproductive to his or her well-being and service for the Lord and, very seriously, (as Paul clearly states in 1 Corinthians 6:9 ff.) endangers his or her inheritance in God's kingdom. How is it loving to “turn a blind eye” toward behavior that is jeopardizing a neighbor's well-being now and possibly for eternity?

Even the secular world understands this concept. Psychologists, psychiatrists, and other counselors often refer to the related concept called enabling, where a person doing something harmful observes that someone else knows but isn't saying anything and interprets the other's silence as tacit approval, thus in his or her mind, “giving the go-ahead” to the wrongdoing.

God says to his people, No! Speak up! Or you, too, will be held accountable, because you thereby share in his or her guilt. (Leviticus 19:17) Recall what else God says on this matter, e.g., through the Apostle Paul, “Brothers, if someone is caught in

⁶⁹ See, e.g., 2 Thessalonians 3:15, νοουθετεῖτε (*noutheteite*, admonish) is in the imperative mood, thus a command. The verb is also in the present tense, meaning we should continually do so when necessary.

a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1)

A key word here, and in other texts (e.g., Philippians 4:1-9, vs. 5), is gently. Gentleness (χρηστεύεται, *chrēsteuetai*, kind, gentle], e.g., in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, vs. 4) is one of the Biblical words in the definition of love—(ἀγάπη (*agapē*)—the highest form of love, the word for love Paul also uses in Ephesians 4:15, “speaking the truth in love....”

A gentle way I’ve used to admonish—commonly called corrective feedback today—is first to lovingly ask a question, e.g., “How do you bring together what you are doing with what God says about that in the Bible?” That question either stimulates a discussion, and/or causes the other person to continue to think about what you’ve said. Secondly, I’ve also added that “the reason I’m raising the question is because I care about you and your well-being. I also invite you to tell me if I step out of line, for according to Leviticus 19:17, if I’m doing something contrary to God’s Word, please tell me; otherwise, we’re both in trouble!”

14. The Founders of the United States recognized these verities. What were the sources the Founders consulted to construct their philosophy and form of government? A massive study of 15,000 writings for over 10 years by political science professors, revealed that individuals the Founders’ most frequently quoted were political philosopher, Charles Montesquieu (8.3%); legal scholar, William Blackstone (7.9%); and political philosopher and theologian, John Locke (2.9%). However, the Founders’ most quoted source by far was the Bible (34%).⁷⁰ Further study of these three scholars reveals that the Bible was a primary and strong influence on their writings.⁷¹ Consider also John Adams who, writing to the Massachusetts Militia, said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”⁷² At the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin said, “I agree to this Constitution...and I believe, further, that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and can only end in despotism, as other forms have done before it, when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other.”⁷³

The Founders thus recognized, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, that the country had to function under God for many reasons, including to have a moral base that would sustain the republic. This is also why we say the words, “under God,” when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and why our nation’s motto, “In God We Trust,” is visible every time we handle U. S. currency, important reminders of vital aspects of our

⁷⁰ Donald S. Lutz, *The Origins of American Constitutionalism* (Baton Rouge, Louisiana: State University Press, 1988). David Barton, *America’s Godly Heritage* (Aledo, Texas: WallBuilder Press, 1993), pp. 23-24.

⁷¹ Barton, p. 24.

⁷² John Adams, “From John Adams to Massachusetts Militia, 11 October 1798,” <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/99-02-02-3102> (Accessed 8/14/20)

⁷³ Benjamin Franklin, “II. On the Federal Constitution,” 1787 <https://www.bartleby.com/268/8/11.html>. (Accessed 8/14/20)

nation, necessary for successfully functioning and enduring as a republic. Ignoring God, there is no ultimate criterion and rationale for righteousness or for appeal and reconciliation of moral disharmony.

- For just one example of the need for God in such matters, if one only appeals to a secular human norm-reference to base an opinion about abortion and how to treat people contemplating, or who have had, an abortion, on what basis can that appeal be sustained?

Arguing only on a secular human basis, especially in this age of widespread postmodernism, one set of opinions on a moral issue cannot offset another set of opinions on that same issue. The matter becomes a stalemate as they each say, “Who are you to tell me I’m wrong in how I want to look at and treat these people?!” similar to a “he said, she said” situation.

We need to appeal to a higher authority, which is the spiritual basis of our country’s founding. Though all human beings are created equal, not all people develop in the same way, and *not all values and actions are equal or produce the same results*. Thus, we love, care for, try to help, and respect people who are contemplating, or who have had, an abortion, and treat them well, because they, too, bear the image of God, some aspects of which are the capabilities to love, to reason, and to have freedom of choice.⁷⁴ Nevertheless, that does not mean we respect and condone their values and behaviors that are counterproductive to their and society’s well-being, including those values and behaviors in the above account.

Accordingly, the current 2019 Colorado state law HB 19-1032 not only permits but encourages such deliberation. Section 2. 22-1-128 states,

(7) (a) Nothing in subsection (6) OR (6.5) of this section shall be interpreted to prohibit discussion of health, moral, ethical, or religious values as they pertain to comprehensive human sexuality, healthy relationships, or family formation. SUCH DISCUSSION IS ENCOURAGED. [The uppercase emphasis is in the law.]

15. Counterproductive political correctness and the current cultural practice of ascribing pleasant-sounding but deceptive euphemisms, result in limiting the search for truth, establishing unwarranted parameters, and camouflaging unwise policies and wrongdoing that are harmful, but educators who commit to the historic tenet of academe

⁷⁴ The short answer to the meaning of the Biblical term, “image of God,” (e.g., Genesis 1:26-28) is that it refers to God’s creating human beings in such a way that he has given us some of his own attributes, albeit in finite and limited form, which he possesses in infinite and unlimited form; other examples include being a living being, and the capabilities of knowledge and wisdom, which in us are genuine yet finite and limited, but which are infinite and unlimited in God. For a more complete explanation, see Edward D. Seely, [*Essential Christianity: Historic Christian Systematic Theology—With a Focus on Its Very Practical Dimensions, including God’s Answers to Our Great Questions of Life—for Now and Eternity*](#), PowerPoint presentation, Slide 91 and other related slides using the Search bar or the Find feature.

to engage in a constant search for truth, cannot participate in such deception and misleading activism that interferes with truth seeking. Teachers should courageously lead their students into the search for truth, which is their God-given ability and right, due to living in a country that values and upholds freedom.

As students with newly discovered and highly active hormones are in the identity development stage of life, are constantly exposed to much misleading information on their digital devices, are talking with similarly uninformed friends, and are seeking the truth on abortion and other sexual subjects, instruction in sex education programs should include, and even emphasize, the unique God-given privilege women alone have to conceive, bear, and nourish children—a blessing and not a burden—especially when done with a loving, committed, and responsible husband who brings needed nurture in his relationship with the children who long for his presence throughout their whole lives.⁷⁵ Thus, students need to be informed of all these realities when teaching about or referring to abortion.

Many more data and much more related and similar information could be added to this paper, but it's intention is to cite as briefly as possible enough of the vital information to correct false claims and to reveal the truth that is not being widely accessed and publicized. All these facts, especially those that are grim, should be presented as the Bible says, by “speaking the truth in love,” i.e., with as much patience, kindness, compassion, and caring as possible while including the whole truth.⁷⁶ It is all about love; it is never about hate. In fact, the Lord Jesus Christ commanded that we are to love all people.⁷⁷

In this regard, school administrators, staff, and teachers should also keep in mind a reality pertaining to one other related clause of the current 2019 Colorado state law HB 19-1032. Section 2. 22-1-128 states,

(d.9) "MEDICALLY ACCURATE" MEANS VERIFIED OR SUPPORTED BY RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SCIENTIFIC METHODS AND PUBLISHED IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND RECOGNIZED AS ACCURATE, OBJECTIVE, AND UNBIASED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE

⁷⁵ A child's need for his or her mother is not credibly questioned; less known and acknowledged is the importance of a loving, caring, involved, and committed father in the child's life, which is well-established in the scientific literature and in Scripture (e.g. Genesis 2:18; Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4). For just one citation from empirical research, see “A Father's Impact on Child Development,” Children's Bureau, [\(https://www.all4kids.org/news/blog/a-fathers-impact-on-child-development/?_hsmi=90610860&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-u0jxIUmlOG8XpdcnPbJ3eO-DJ4vK5yWOQBpNF3p4PTPYWJx_r9uIRpAakGsDtLDgXJHZAfOWiOP5Zez-vFIYEmjNmVA#:~:text=Behavioral%2520problems%2520\(fatherless%2520children%2520have,%252C%2520resentments%252C%2520anxieties%2520and%2520unhappiness\)](https://www.all4kids.org/news/blog/a-fathers-impact-on-child-development/?_hsmi=90610860&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-u0jxIUmlOG8XpdcnPbJ3eO-DJ4vK5yWOQBpNF3p4PTPYWJx_r9uIRpAakGsDtLDgXJHZAfOWiOP5Zez-vFIYEmjNmVA#:~:text=Behavioral%2520problems%2520(fatherless%2520children%2520have,%252C%2520resentments%252C%2520anxieties%2520and%2520unhappiness)) (Accessed 10/3/20)

⁷⁶ Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a.

⁷⁷ John 13:34-35; Matthew 22:37-40 (The original Greek verb for love in this text is *agapaō*, not the common verb for love, *phileō*, meaning have affection for; *agapaō* involves a commitment of devotion directed by the will and can thus be commanded to be done.); Leviticus 19:18; 1 John 2:1-11.

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COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS. [The
uppercase emphasis is in the law.]

The [background of the author](#) of this paper includes experience in social science research and in secondary education curriculum development; he is a college and graduate school professor as well as a Christian pastor. The paper been written in accord with the above guideline in Section 2 to the fullest extent possible. Nevertheless, the reality is that much additional careful, sound, and scientifically and medically accurate research that is crucial to the above issues is not reported by the organizations identified in the limited parameters of the clause, d.9 in Section 2, nor by many in the general media, hence the need for this publication. Therefore, since this clause includes the term “WHERE APPROPRIATE,” and since academe by definition involves the search for truth, the whole truth, some of the data in this paper have been drawn from additional highly respected, verified, and sound scientific and medically accurate sources and included as presented; otherwise teachers, students, and many others would not know about this important information pertaining to their health and well-being. The extensive, and wherever possible, hyperlinked footnoting has been provided to facilitate further examination of the data cited herein, as well as the sources quoted in those sources, when needed and desired. Where schools are required to include abortion in their sex education, they should include the preceding information, for the academy is a place for the pursuit of truth.

Students also need to know that many organizations exist in every state and throughout the world with abundant and accurate medical, nutritional, spiritual, psychological, financial aid, hospitality, and other truly caring resources to help girls and women with all they need if they find they are pregnant. If or when the question of abortion arises, those who recognize the physical, emotional, social, moral, and spiritual dangers of abortion, should not only inform about those dangers but also provide all the help, including love, sensitivity, compassion, and support that these girls and women require in such times of great difficulty.⁷⁸ These organizations care for the women throughout all phases and aspects of their pregnancy and afterward as well—for at least one and usually two years—whether they decide to keep their baby, place the child for adoption, or, in the worst case scenario, helping them cope with the lengthy trauma revealed above that typically occurs following an abortion. To find these organizations, women, girls, and their families need only to contact any Christian church.

⁷⁸ The males involved can also receive the assistance they need. A little known fact is that a considerable number of the males involved in the pregnancy of a woman they love are also struggling and would like, but for many reasons find it difficult to ask for or avail themselves of, that help.

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