

BIBLE AND ABORTION

Many in the Churches forbid abortion under all circumstances and even when it could save the mother's life. Some Catholics who believe in the ban think that abortion is never necessary to save a woman's life. But even if that is true, it has nothing to do with the ban on abortion. The Church would still ban abortion if say the vast majority of women needed abortion to live. There is a real hatred of women in the Church's attitude.

Christians who oppose abortion appeal to the Bible, for them it is the only book in the world that God authored, to find proof that abortion is against the will of God.

The Bible God emphasises that the life of the flesh is in the blood. To remind the people of that, they were not allowed to eat an animal unless the blood was all out. On that basis, some Christians allow abortion on demand before the circulatory system appears. It is certain that the Bible does not say life begins at conception for it does not even understand what conception is. If you think an egg and sperm coming together starts off a potential life then you might see this not as conception but a progress to conception. Conception could be redefined as when the entity becomes a person. The Bible writers might have seen it that way but there are no grounds for holding that they would have considered a fertilised egg to be a person.

Exodus 21 has a man getting fined if he causes a miscarriage. Some say this means the baby was not considered to be a proper person for the rule was that a life must be taken for a life. The chapter even refers to that rule. Others say the chapter is not about causing a miscarriage but about causing a premature birth where the baby is viable. Others say what happens is an accident so the man cannot be punished harshly or suffer death for causing the baby's death.

Jeremiah 1:5 has God saying that before he made Jeremiah in the womb he knew him. But if God, who supposedly knows the future, said he knew you before you were conceived would that mean you had a right to life before you existed? Of course not. The text proves nothing.

Psalms 139 says that God knit its author together in the womb.

These passages are used to support the delusion that life begins at conception. But even a person who believes that a foetus only becomes a person say at three months after conception could agree with these statements.

Catholics think that God's word the Gospel of Luke implies that Mary though in the early stages of pregnancy was already carrying the person of Jesus Christ in her womb. She goes to Elizabeth who tells her the fruit of her womb is blessed and that she is the mother of the Lord.

If the unborn John the Baptist jumped in his mother's womb for joy when she met Mary about the five or sixth month that does not prove that life begins at conception. Jesus was still invisible at that point. The Bible uses the Greek word *brephos* for a child before and after birth. If this poses no problems then the reason is that a potential life is treated as the person for communication reasons but it is not a scientific assertion that Jesus was a baby then and a fully alive person. But it does seem to be a stretch to argue that the Bible did not really mean that Jesus had full personal rights then. John and Elizabeth praised him as if he were fully in this world though in the womb.

The Torah, first five books of the Bible, says that a man who fights and hurts a pregnant woman so that she loses the baby must be fined by her husband though it says that to kill requires that you be killed yourself. This suggests that the Torah denies that babies are persons. It does not even say how far on the woman has to be so it is very liberal.

The Bible, supposedly written by God, says at Deuteronomy 21:18-21, that if a son is too much for the parents they can have him stoned to death if they wish. This is the abortion of an adult son not an unborn one! The Church may say there was no evidence that this law was ever used. But it still approves of such killing even if it never happened. The wish of the Church to defend itself by saying the law was never used shows that the Church is uncomfortable with the law and therefore sinning in trying to treat a law of God as a bad thing. The Church should be saying, "The law may never have been used but we would welcome it if it were needed". With this in mind, the Church's attitude towards abortion reeks of hypocrisy.

The Mormon Church uses similar hypocritical tactics in relation to the Mormon doctrine that certain sinners need to be ritually murdered so that their blood runs to atone for certain sins. They claim that the killings required by the doctrine never took place as if that absolves them for advocating and reverencing evil doctrine. They are trying to turn off people's revulsion and turn them on to Mormonism.

Strange that with Islam and Judaism and Christianity's obsession with opposing abortion the Bible is silent on the subject. No wonder for it never had any real respect for life anyway.

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