

## Abortion, Another Word For Murder

The Oxford University Press dictionary defines 'abortion' as,

1. the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy
2. the natural expulsion of a foetus from the womb before it is able to survive independently.

The same dictionary defines 'murder' as,

1. the unlawful premeditated killing of one person by another
2. to kill unlawfully and with premeditation

In the opening chapter of Genesis, it is relates how God Himself created a male and a female, Genesis 1:27.

The command from God at that time was 'be fruitful and multiply'. Thus God established the sexual act of conception at the very beginning, Genesis 1:28.

Three points are now made manifest,

1. the act of conception was always life and continued growth,
2. the sperm and the ova united, and immediately started to subdivide, establishing cells for all the parts of the human body,
3. Jesus, answering a question from the Sadducees, states that "God is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living", Mark 12:27.

Early Christian writers also believed that a foetus was just as dependant upon the mother as a child immediately after the birth.

Tertullian, refuting the argument that a foetus was not a living being, demands that females who are mothers – pregnant or established, but not the barren should give their voice on a pregnancy.

"Tell us: Do you feel any stirring of life within you in the fetus? Does your groin tremble, your sides shake, your whole stomach throb as the burden you carry changes its position?

Are not these moments a source of joy and assurance that the child within you is alive and playful?

Should his restlessness subside, would you not be immediately concerned for him?

(De anima 25. 3 [an illustrated argument].)

Consider the following Scriptures,

1. "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee...", Jeremiah 1:5.  
Even before your mother conceived you, God knew you. God would not be interested in a dead body, but a living body would confirm His Word.
2. "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost", Luke 1:41.

There are two further interesting points at this time,

a. why would a child of promise be dead in the womb?

b. a 'dead body' in a mother's womb cannot leap.

Conception will bring forth a child who has been endowed by God with a spirit, a soul, and a future temple of God.

For the unborn child. I am certain that God would have shed a tear. I am positive that God would embrace that child, for other than the father's inherent sin, the child would be absolutely sinless.

For that one act. The mother would never forget her action. It will always remain in her living memory.

On the Day of Judgement, she will have two awful experiences,

The memory will still be with her, and she will be asked, "Why did you murder part of My creation?"