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**WHEN DOES HUMAN LIFE BEGIN?**

If human life begins at conception what does that say about intentionally aborting a child in its mother's womb? Would abortion then be the ending of a human life? Would it be murder? Those who reject the God of the Bible and who embrace the Darwinian theory of evolution give a negative answer. Those who believe in the sanctity of human life as the special creation of God would of necessity answer in the affirmative.

Does human life begin at conception? First, it is a scientific fact that everything necessary to human life is present at conception. All the necessary chromosomes are present (23 from the father and 23 from the mother) to determine every physical aspect of the child. Since all that is necessary to life is present does that not mean that what is formed is a human life? If that which is formed is allowed to continue to grow and develop, will it not continue to be a human life? Will he or she not grow to be a human adult? How then can any person justify denying this person his or her basic human rights while he or she is still in the womb?

Second, God makes no distinction between a preborn child and one who has been born. The New Testament uses the same Greek word to describe both the newly born and the preborn (, Luke 1:41-42, 2:12, and 8:15).

Third, God knows us as individual while we are still in our mother's womb just as He did the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah identifying them as persons (Isaiah 49:1-5; Jeremiah 1:5).

Fourth, God's divine laws which were designed to protect a child outside the womb applied equally to a child in the womb (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:17).

Since the Supreme Court ruling in 1973 that legalized abortion some 63 million lives have been taken through this process. No doubt the majority of these abortions have been performed, not for needed medical reasons, but because the child was unwanted, was inconvenient, or a source of embarrassment. We hear many crying "follow the science" in reference to the Covid vaccine but are unwilling to "follow the science" which proves life begins at conception.

Abortion is the shame of this nation and abhorrent to our God who holds every life to be precious, in and out of the womb. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 6:17 that God hates the "hands that shed innocent blood." The baby in the womb is as innocent as can be. May God help us to expose and oppose this terrible epidemic called abortion! [greenplaincoc@gmail.com](mailto:greenplaincoc@gmail.com).