



# I believe God speaks clearly on the Sanctity of Life. Help me listen just as carefully.

## 1. What is the “Sanctity of Life”?

- a. The phrase “sanctity of life” reflects the belief that, because people are made in God’s image (Genesis 1:26–27), **human life has an inherently sacred attribute that should be protected and respected at all times.** (Gotquestions.com)
- b. The sanctity of life is the theological or philosophical understanding that all human life has **an inherent dignity, worth and sacredness that sets it apart from all other beings within the world.** This perspective does not assert that human life is sacred in the sense of being divine, but that **its very essence is distinct within the biological world and of incalculable worth,** thus warranting protection throughout the course of its **entire existence.** (encyclopedia.com)
- c. The sanctity of life simply means **all human life is sacred.** This sacredness is **not a reflection of the goodness or holiness of man, because we are sinful. It reflects the origin of man because we were all created in the image of God.** (Biblestudytools.com)
- d. Sanctity means the quality of being **holy, sacred, or set apart.** Believing in the sanctity of life means believing that human life is somehow holy, set apart, or different from other life forms. (compellingtruth.org)

## Review: What should be say to someone considering the “Sanctity of Human Life”

- a. *Human life is a \_\_\_\_\_ creation of God, and thus should be \_\_\_\_\_ above all other life and cared for with love and graciousness.*
  - *Genesis 1:26*                      *Let us make man in our \_\_\_\_\_, in our \_\_\_\_\_*
  - *Psalms 8:4-5*                      *Man is crowned with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life - Genesis 2:7

This understanding of the “Sanctity of Human Life” and a little bit of \_\_\_\_\_ reasoning helps us for a Biblical World View on several controversial topics.

Note: They are only controversial topics when we \_\_\_\_\_ logic and \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**1. Euthanasia:** (2019 Oxford dictionary) the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma. The practice is illegal in most countries.

(2023 Merriam Webster) the act or practice of killing or permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured individuals (such as persons or domestic animals) in a relatively painless way for reasons of mercy

**Countries:** Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay (worldpopulationreview.com)

**US States:** California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Oregon, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, Texas, Vermont, and Washington. (worldpopulationreview.com)

**Reasons:** medical cost, hopelessness, terminal illness, depression, burden on others, quality of life (IE: pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_)

**2. Slavery / Human Trafficking** Viewing humans as \_\_\_\_\_ to be bought and sold or as a product to be consumed

**3. Elder and Child abuse/neglect** Viewing other humans as \_\_\_\_\_ valuable than yourself to the point where violence and physical harm are \_\_\_\_\_ means of conflict resolution.

**4. Racism** Viewing physical differences between humans as \_\_\_\_\_ of inferiority

**5. Gender/Racial/and Caste inequality** Viewing humans as something to be \_\_\_\_\_ into categories with assigned value based on physical, economical, and/or ancestral differences

**6. Genocide** Viewing people groups who as \_\_\_\_\_ obstacles to your own progress, due to economics, political differences, and/or racism.

**Response:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ your time, energy, money, political clout, etc. in Pro-life efforts

2. Proverbs 31:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_ for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; \_\_\_\_\_ the rights of the poor and needy.