



**I believe God speaks clearly on the issue of abortion. Help me also speak clearly on this difficult issue.**

**1. What is an abortion?**

An abortion is the intentional taking of a human life within the womb.

What about miscarriage, ectopic pregnancies, and death due to failed medical treatment?

**2. Does abortion violate God's moral and Biblical law? (age and location)**

On December 6, 2022, in Virginia, a married woman recently discovered through DNA matching, that her 12 year old son was indeed the product of a rape and was not her husbands child. Because of this discovery, she legally took his life to try and block those horrible memories.

Earlier that same year, on a skydiving excursion in the European Alps, it was discovered that there were not enough parachutes for the entire group of tourists. To solve the problem, one instructor tethered his harness to a woman and her child at the same time. In their descent, the instructor told the women that there was too much weight, and because of his miscalculation, they were all going to die due to equipment malfunction when the chute doesn't open. Thinking quickly, the mother – realizing that her life was in danger – released the child, who fell to his death, saving the lives of the instructor and the mother.

Due to overcrowding in the schools and in local parks in New York City, Chicago, and Las Angeles, the US Department of population control has proposed, and the president has issued an executive order requiring that all 3 and 7 years old children living within the city limits of any city with a population of 100,000 or more to be taken and killed humanly by medical professionals at government run clinics. The White House press secretary has said that this action will make the lives of all the other children and their parents easier and more satisfying.

- a. The three most popular and widely spoken reasons given in support of abortion are rape/incest, life of the mother in danger, and a mother's right to pursue happiness.
- b. The only difference between the stories I told and these arguments are age and location.
  - i. When it comes to rape and incest – the violator should be punished to the full extent of the law. But the woman and the child are both innocent victims. Yet, an abortion will add to the trauma of the mother, not reduce it. And that same abortion will not only take the life and potentiality of the child, but may also take away the only redeemable part of her tragedy.

"TheLifeInstitute.net" has compiled 27 testimonies of both rape victims and the children conceived as a result. Some credit the pregnancy as the reason why they themselves did not commit suicide, others tell of wonderful adoption situations, and all credit their very lives to a mom who did not listen to popular arguments regarding abortion.

- ii. Dr. Landrum Shettles, a pioneer in the field of in vitro fertilization, wrote, "Less than 1 percent of all abortions are performed to save the mother's life" (Landrum Shettles and David Rorvik, *Rites of Life*, Zondervan Publishing House, 1983, p. 129

Dr. Irving Cushner, Professor of Obstetrics at the UCLA School of Medicine, when testifying before the U. S. Senate, was asked how often abortions are necessary to save the life of the mother or to preserve her physical health. His response: "In this country, about 1 percent" (*The Village Voice*, July 16, 1985).

In 2019, "medical leaders representing more than 30,000 doctors said intentionally killing a late-term unborn baby in an abortion is never necessary to save a mother's life" ([www.lifenews.com/2019/03/05](http://www.lifenews.com/2019/03/05)).

- iii. The truth is that less than 1% of abortions today take place because of rape or incest, and less than 1% to save the life of the mother. That leaves 98% of abortion taking places for reasons related to the pursuit of happiness.

### **3. What should be say to someone considering an abortion?**

- a. Human life is a special creation of God, and thus should be valued above all other life and cared for with love and graciousness.
  - Genesis 1:26 Let us make man in our image, in our likeness
  - Psalm 8:4-5 Man is crowned with glory and honor
  
- b. Every human is a creation of God, loved and anticipated.
  - Psalm 139:13-16 God “formed”, “Knitted”, & “wonderfully made” David
  - Jeremiah 1:5 God knew and chose Jeremiah before he was born
  - Isaiah 49:1 God called and knew Isaiah by name before his birth
  - Galatians 1:15 God set Paul apart “from my mother’s womb”
  
- c. God included the unborn in his civil law given to Moses
  - Exodus 21:22-25 Even accidental injury to the unborn was severely penalized
  - Exodus 20:13 Thou shall not murder (intentional and immoral killing)
  
- d. Loving God and loving others is the greatest commandment (Matt 22:37-39)

### **4. What should we say to the mother who had an abortion, the father who encouraged an abortion, and/or the doctor who performed an abortion?**

- a. God forgives all sin when we are saved Romans 8:1, Colossians 1:14
- b. Seek Godly professional assistance Handout on table

### **5. What other life issues are answered with a similarly logical discussion.**

- a. Infanticide
- b. Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia
- d. Invitro Fertilization, Genetic engineering

### **Summary and Conclusion:**

To intentionally take a life, inside or outside the womb, is a violation of God’s law. It is also idolatry, as you take on the role of God choosing who lives and who does not. Furthermore, it is dishonoring and devaluing of God’s most prized and valued creation – human life. And lastly, it is damaging to both the mother, the baby, and potentially damaging to the father and other close relatives. There is no justification of abortion. But there is great hope in Christ for anyone who has been injured by an act of abortion – mother, father, doctor etc.