

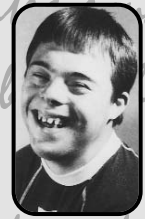
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WHY IS AMERICA "THE GREAT SATAN"

World-wide media has been replete with commentary exploring the above question. Almost without exception, the enmity toward the United States has been held up as being a result of alleged economic exploitation. Without commenting on this and other allied reasons given, your editor would like to call attention to the other reasons not mentioned in our secular press.

- ♦ Before seizing the American Embassy in 1979, the Iranian mobs, inspired by Ayatollah Khomeini, first sacked the offices of Planned Parenthood.
- ♦ The radical Islamic criticism of the U.S. has never included any criticism of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.
- ♦ They rather speak about the moral decadence of Hollywood and MTV.
- ♦ They fuel the passions of their supporters by depicting a regime that promotes sodomy and abortion and urges other countries to do the same.
- ♦ This publication has repeatedly noted that it has been the Clinton appointees to the U.N., along with the European Union, who have promoted unrestricted abortion as a human right; that have pushed for sexual rights of children without parental involvement; that have pressed for the abolition of marriage, as we know it, and demanded special rights for homosexuals.
- ♦ Delegates from Islamic countries to U.N. conferences in the last few years, in Cairo, Beijing, Istanbul and in New York, have been shocked by the moral degeneracy so vigorously pressed by Western nations.

Thank God, President Bush has reversed the persistent destructive, immoral policies fostered by President Clinton. But the damage done by delegates from the West has probably gone a long way to inflame radical Islamic sentiment. Many Muslims, while thankful for President Bush's reversal of Clinton's anti-life, anti-family policies, nevertheless do not trust the West, saying that another Clinton could succeed Bush.



AMERICA STILL RELIGIOUS

Grant the moral degeneracy noted in the column above. Do note however, that this is what other nations see. They see the rottenness of Hollywood and MTV. They see the moral degeneracy of our news media. They've seen, only too clearly a President and his administration which scandalized the world. But it is these things that get the publicity. At its core, America is one of the most religious nations in the world. Nine out of ten people believe in God. Three fourths go to church at least part of the time. Almost half attend religious services with some regularity. There is no question that there is a definite religious revival in America. A generation of irreligious people was the product of the sixties. These aging liberals are slowly passing from leadership in the US. Perhaps, to many people's surprise, we find a significant percentage of strongly moral and religious young people taking their place. Much of this offers a sharp contrast to Western Europe.

IS THIS HUMAN LIFE? Biologically and scientifically it is simply a known fact that human life in its totality begins at the first cell stage. But one of the arguments against this being human life goes like this "Life is a continuum. There was life in the primordial ooze. There was life before you were born. There will be life after we die. For you to say that human life begins at conception is simply not true."

How do we answer this? It is true that life in the generic sense has been and will continue to exist. But we are not talking about generic life. We are talking about the life of an individual living human being. We are talking about Mary Smith. Mary Smith was born exactly seventy years, three months, two days, and three hours before her death. Mary Smith's life then was over. Mary Smith's individual life had a very definitive beginning in her mother's womb, at conception. Her life had had a very definitive end. So we are not talking about life in the generic sense, rather we are talking about one individual living human's own life. And each of our own human lives began at conception.

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LOOKING AHEAD

CHAPTER MEETINGS

RTL of Butler County has scheduled their next two meetings for Mon., Feb. 25 & March 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Christian Center, 1940 Millville Ave. For more information call Linda, 513-896-6580.

Warren County RTL meets the 1st Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. at the Lebanon Christian School, 1436 Deerfield Rd. For information call Lori, 513-932-3554.

LOCAL EVENTS

Pray to End Abortion - Every second Sat. at 8 a.m., Holy Name Church, Mass for God's Precious Infants. Procession follows to local abortion mill

Love Life Dinner Dance will be held on Sat. Feb. 9, 2002 at Moeller K of C Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person and is hosted by The Angels for Life and Moeller Knights of Columbus. For information or reservations call Rose 513-232-2237.

Local Oratory Contests will be held in March. See page 5 for more information.

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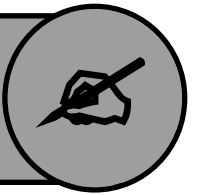
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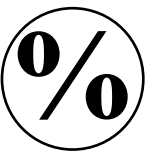
DR. WILLKE WRITES



STEM CELLS IN AMNIOTIC FLUID?

In a new development, scientists from Boston's Children's Hospital reported at the American College of Surgeons Meeting on Oct.

10th, that they found "early stage embryonic cells" in the amniotic fluid of pregnant women. Just two milliliters of amniotic fluid can provide up to 20,000 cells, 80% of which are viable. When "scaffolded" together in a lab culture, the cells quickly grew into connective tissue, which could be used as tissue grafts to repair birth defects such as holes in the abdomen or chest of an unborn child. This is another alternative to killing human embryos to get their stem cells.



HOW MANY TRIPLETS? The Center for Disease Control has given us statistics on high-order multiple births for the years of 1996 and 1997. In '96, there were 5,939

births of three or more, of which 90% were triplets and 10% were quads or more. In 1997, there was a total of 6,737, and 91% were triplets. The balance were quads or more. There has been a sharp increase in these multiple births since the availability and use of ovulation-inducing drugs.

A.M.A. AGAINST INFORMED CONSENT: The American Medical Association's Executive Committee recently voted against a proposal to inform women of the occasional abortion-inducing action of the birth control pill. The most popular oral contraceptives used today have three functions: one is to thicken the mucus plug at the cervical opening and thereby partially inhibit sperm penetration. The second and most common function is to prevent ovulation and obviously, then, fertilization. A third function is preventing the implantation of a one-week-old human embryo in the event that fertilization does occur. This function constitutes an abortion at one week of life. On other issues, the A.M.A. is strongly in favor of informed consent. Why are they excluding this one?

ALASKA – NO TO ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Alaska Supreme Court in a unanimous decision has held that there is no right to physician assisted suicide under the privacy or equal protection division of Alaska's state constitution. This, in the face of Alaska's having explicit constitutional "right to privacy" provisions. This decision follows a similar one by the Florida Supreme Court which also has a "right to privacy" provision. Noting that the U.S. Supreme Court has unanimously rejected the claim that the U.S. Constitution contains a right to physician-assisted suicide, there is now a significant body of case law rejecting both federal and state claims for recognition of such a right. We note also that voter initiatives on this have failed in California, Washington, Michigan and Maine. Oregon is the only state to legalize physician-assisted suicide. James Bopp, president of the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent and Disabled, said, "This decision drives a stake close to the heart of the movement to legalize euthanasia through the courts. Their two-pronged strategy of bringing cases in both federal and state courts has failed. They've lost every case they've brought in both arenas."

UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANK OPENS: A human umbilical cord blood registry, originally at the University of Arizona, has moved to its own building in Tuscon, Arizona. It currently stores cord blood from 35,000 newborn infants from all over the world. Demand for this has increased sharply in view of the recent advances in using stem cells from cord blood.



A CONTRACEPTIVE SKIN PATCH:

This is a new method of contraception. It was approved for marketing by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. This is a patch that is stuck on a woman's skin once a week for three weeks and then removed for the fourth week. It acts similar to the typical monthly dose and function of birth control pills. As such, it will have the same three functions, as noted in the AMA report to the left.

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NEW MICHIGAN LAW – OHIO HEALTH DEPT.

NOTE: In December, the Michigan House passed a bill that gives priority preference to family planning funding to groups that do not advocate abortion rights. To be eligible for such priority under the bill (HB 4655), a facility must not perform elective abortions. It must not allow elective abortions to be performed by a subdivision, or contractee. It must not refer pregnant women to an abortion provider for an elective abortion; engage in “public advocacy promoting the legality or accessibility of elective abortions”; or adopt or maintain a written or oral policy that “elective abortion is considered part of a continuum of family planning or reproductive health services, or both.” If applicants for state family planning funds engage in one or more of these activities, priority for such funds will be given to organizations “that engage in the least number of these actions.” An exception is made where abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother. It is noted that, while Michigan has been passing laws such as the above, thus progressively restricting funding and support for groups that advocate, perform or refer for abortions, their abortion rate has declined by about 40%. Note that Ohio’s rate has not decreased.

COLORADO ABORTIONS DROP: The number of abortions reported in the State of Colorado peaked in 1990 at 14,000. Since that time, there has been a steady decrease in these numbers. In April of 1997, a major pro-life TV campaign was inaugurated. This consisted of saturation of air time for 30-second pro-life TV spots. Since this campaign has begun, the decline has accelerated sharply and dropped from 9,000 to 5,000. Note that Ohio’s abortions have not declined. This is almost certainly because of the continuing pro-abortion policies of the Ohio Departments of Health & Education.

OREGON SUICIDE LAW STILL IN FORCE: Attorney General John Ashcroft issued an order reversing AG Janet Reno’s ruling that doctors in Oregon can prescribe lethal doses of narcotics. His ruling would have reinstated the traditional laws in the U.S. These had authorized the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency to regulate the use of narcotics by licensed physicians. Reno countermanded this; now Ashcroft reverses. The latest development is that a federal judge in Oregon has enjoined Ashcroft’s order until it can

more thoroughly investigate the situation. For now, doctors can still help kill people in Oregon.

CHABOT TO UNITED NATIONS POST: President Bush has officially named Congressman Steve Chabot (R-Cincinnati.) as one of two representatives to the upcoming session at the United Nations General Assembly. He will focus on the issues of international terrorism, international child abduction and reforms in the U.N. Mr. Chabot has been a member of the House International Relations Committee since 1995 and is Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia. He also is a member of the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific and has served on the Subcommittee on Africa. We congratulate Congressman Chabot.

IRISH REFERENDUM CONTROVERSY CONTINUES:



The Irish Premier, Mr. Bertie Ahern is reported to be insisting that the referendum take place on 28 February. He is very pleased with the surprising decision of the Irish bishops to “welcome and support the new proposal”. Under the present law, still operative, the Offenses Against the Persons Act of 1861, human life is protected from conception. Under Ahern’s proposed amendment, human life in Ireland will only be protected after implantation, when the human embryo is one week old. According to our legal sources, the referendum, while clarifying much confusion about the permission for surgical abortion later in pregnancy, will not prevent the direct killing of human embryos in their first week of life. If this is correct, and the referendum is adopted according to the legal advice that we have, it would leave the field wide open for all of the well publicized first-week-of-life destructive procedures now contemplated and urged by the scientific community. This would permit fetal experimentation. It would permit cloning. It would permit the creation of human embryos and then killing them in order to get embryonic stem cells. It would permit human-animal hybrids and it would permit the so-called emergency contraceptive (emergency abortive) pills.

The approval of the Irish bishops is puzzling, since the head of the Pontifical Commission on the Family, Cardinal Lopez Trujillo had stated in early December that he expected the bishops to “react against the pro-

posal". However, the bishops state that in their judgment there will still be protection in the first week of life. The two major political parties in Ireland differ on the support for the amendment. There also is a significant internal conflict within the pro-life movement in Ireland. All of this leaves the result of the referendum, at this stage, very much in question.



SMALLPOX VACCINE: 155 million doses of smallpox vaccine have been contracted for by the U.S. government. This vaccine will use animal cell lines. A previous batch of 54 million doses had already been contracted for using the MRC-5 fetal cell line, which originally had come from an aborted baby.

DICK ARMEY RETIRING: During his time in the U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. Armeay championed marriage penalty relief, child tax credits and elimination of the death tax. He was a strong supporter of the right to life of unborn children, resisted special rights for homosexual activists, and on all of these issues worked very effectively. He has announced that he will be retiring at the end of his current term. Great work, Dick. We'll miss you.

KEVORKIAN'S PARTNER INDICTED: Dr.

Georges Reding, a Michigan psychiatrist, was an associate of Jack Kevorkian. Reding was recently indicted on a charge of first-degree murder for assisting in the death of a woman with multiple sclerosis. He is also charged with practicing medicine without a license, using a controlled substance, phenobarbital, and with tampering with evidence in the August, 1998 death of Donna Brennan, 54. This occurred in New Mexico, where assisted suicide is a felony, but the jury bypassed this and returned an indictment of first-degree murder.

SEMINARIANS FOR LIFE: A new organization, Seminarians for Life, is an independent new group run by seminarians at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmetsburg, Maryland. It has a newsletter which reaches about 25,000 seminarians in 81 countries. It is a response to the call of the Pope and American bishops to live the gospel of life. Its purpose is to network, to communicate the pro-life message and give mutual support. Considering that many seminarians of today are abortion survivors, and some have grown up doing pro-life activism, this should be no surprise, but to the pro-life movement it is a gratifying development.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND ABORTION

Similarities

Both kill a living human

Differences

capital punishment

to a responsible adult
punishment for a capital crime
Judged guilty by due process of law
killed by the state

abortion

to a pre-born baby
not punishment, no crime
not guilty, no due process
killed by a private citizen

Since 1977, deaths from Capital Punishment = 700

Since 1973, deaths from abortion = 42,000,000

Attention Students - Oratory Contest

Butler Co. RTL will be holding their Oratory Contest on March 25 at the Hamilton Christian Center on Millville Road.

Cincinnati RTL will be holding their contest at the end of March.

Winner of each will go on to compete in Ohio RTL Oratory Contest with the potential to go on to the National RTL contest in June. Speeches should be 5 - 7 minutes long and must be about abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia. For more information or to register, please call the RTL office at 513-728-7870.

WRONGFUL LIFE

In December France's highest appeals court ruled that children with Down Syndrome have a legal right never to have been born and could sue the doctors that attend the pregnancy. This demonstrates a widespread view that a disabled life is not worth living. The doctor was judged "100%" liable for the cost of the care needed for the child! This principle was upheld in three other cases.

Many French doctors are furious, they maintain that even when carried out correctly, the ultrasound test in nowhere near 100% reliable. In the case of Down Syndrome it relies on spotting telltale differences in the skin thickness on the neck of the developing, unborn child. As a result, Gynecologists in France are refusing to carry out ultrasound scans on pregnant women. German courts have refused to consider such cases.

Unsavory Statistics About Sex & Sexually Transmitted Diseases

33,000 - The number of Americans infected with an STD every day.

22,000 - The number who are 15 to 25 years old.

4 million - The number of people in 1980 reported to have been infected with an STD.

12 million - The number of people in 1990 reported to have been infected with an STD.

(The Alan Guttmacher Institute, NY, and Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, reported in *lovematters.com* v 3, 2001 ed.)

Two-thirds - The number of college-age men and women who have been in a relationship where sexual betrayal has taken place. - *Journal of Research on Adolescence* as quoted in *Stanford*, Jul./Aug. 2000.

We wish to thank all of you who gave a gift in honor or memory of your loved ones.

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Helen Becker
Louis Becker
Doris Bowes
Dolores Brotzge
Bill Cramer
Albert Demerle
Ray Edward Dettmer
William Deye
Marie Diekman
Adele Doerle
Ruth Donahue
Patricia Doran
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Frank Vogel
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William Zimmer, Jr.
Victims of Sept. 11

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Muriel Sherman's husband, daughter & son
Dr. Michael Jennings
Paul Broering
Jim & Nancy Pater
Bill & Jeanne Leesman
Robert & Betty Hagerty
Kevin Murray
Laura Grote
Fr. Greg Konerman
Betty Disken
The Dan Leopold Family

Happy Birthday

90th - Helen Kelsey
75th- Bill Molloy from his children
Henry Ransick

Birthday Remembrance

Clara Raush

Happy Anniversary

50th - Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hauptman
50th - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schirmann

THE WHY REPORT

comments & info for generation next

I have some wonderful people in my life. True friends. They are inspiring individuals of deep intellect and sensitivity. Yet several of these folks do not share my perspective on abortion issues or my choices of faith. Our diverse, open-minded friendships are an amazing feat in a world of abrasive stereotyping, finger-pointing, and misinformed accusations. Frankly, I find the most intolerant people can sometimes be the ones supposedly “on my side” on every issue.

After receiving some caustic letters from a pro-life individual who apparently found my written perspectives here “disturbing” (i.e., not in line with her version of absolutes), I decided to refresh myself by calling one of my pro-choice friends for an interview. It seems we pro-lifers pick on each other unmercifully at times. We could easily appear insensitive and mean-spirited. So what do pro-choice people actually think, feel, and understand about us? An interesting and educating phone conversation ensued with my friend Jerry.

For starters, I had to repeat the news that I was a pro-life columnist several times after our warm greetings. “You’re a what?” he said, as if I’d just announced my membership in the KKK. “I write articles for the Greater Cincinnati Pro-Life folks. I’m pro-life, Jerry, and I want to know what you think of pro-life people, the movement, and the issues in general.”

“You’re kidding,” he gasped, obviously sitting down somewhere to steady himself. Yet, true to the person he is, he welcomed the idea and we launched the interview.

“Just tell me the first thing that comes to mind on the pro-life issue, right out of the shoot,” I said to ease the awkwardness and get things rolling.

His initial statements were honest complaints that paralyzed pro-life lines. He railed against the fact that it takes two people to make a baby, but only one usually decides to terminate a pregnancy. It bothered him immensely that men are 50% of the conception process, yet they are often overlooked or by-passed completely when the resulting pregnancy is a “problem” and abortive decisions are made. To him, it’s a sad reality that the woman gets to do whatever she wants with the conception results, even at the expense of her partner’s wishes.

I began to notice the absence of one key issue. I didn’t wish to condemn or ridicule his opinions, but my desire to pick up the cause of one tiny voice caused me to speak.

“Jerry” I said, softly, “I’m not hearing any consideration for the person in the womb. Let’s talk about that for a minute.”

He sighed heavily and began to confess a laundry list of

mixed emotions. He believes that life begins at conception, and that every child is a divine gift from God, yet he just couldn’t justify removing the abortion “right” from a woman who thought she would be destroying her own life by bringing a child into the world.

“There’s nothing more destructive, psychologically, than ending the life of your baby,” I said cautiously.

“Right. I know. So I’m mixed up about it there . . .” he agreed, and offered more. “Well, and this business of playing God by aborting the boy when you wanted a girl or killing the child if it’s not perfect. . . . But again, if the woman doesn’t want it, or she couldn’t handle knowing her child is out there (adoption), then I just cannot deny her the right to make that choice for her life.”

Confusion began to permeate our discussion. He believes life begins at conception, but the soul does not enter the being until birth. He believes that abortion after the first three months is manslaughter, but anything in the womb before that is just tissue. He would not vote for pro-life candidates, even if they were the best persons for the job, since their positions would always be “religious,” which is the same as “fanatical.” And finally, he believes that “All children are gifts from God.”

I was discouraged, yet relieved to know the truth about my friend’s beliefs, as was he. Our conversation was waning, and we needed to end on a good note. Somehow, I counteracted my intuition and sent in a zinger. “Jerry,” I said, “What do you know about partial-birth abortion?” He told me he saw a TV show on it once, that it made him sick, but that he didn’t know how that entered the debate. “Well, it’s an *abortion* —of sorts” I said, and gingerly explained the procedure.

He balked, “You mean . . . that’s legal?” I told him yes and waited through the silence on the other end of the phone. “Well they should outlaw that,” he said flatly.

Several days later, Jerry called. “A close friend told me something,” he said. “Years ago his wife cheated on him and got pregnant. They decided to stay together and raise the child. You should see that boy . . . and by all accounts, Adrienne, he should have been aborted.” Pause. “You really made me think, you know.”



by Adrienne Greene



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