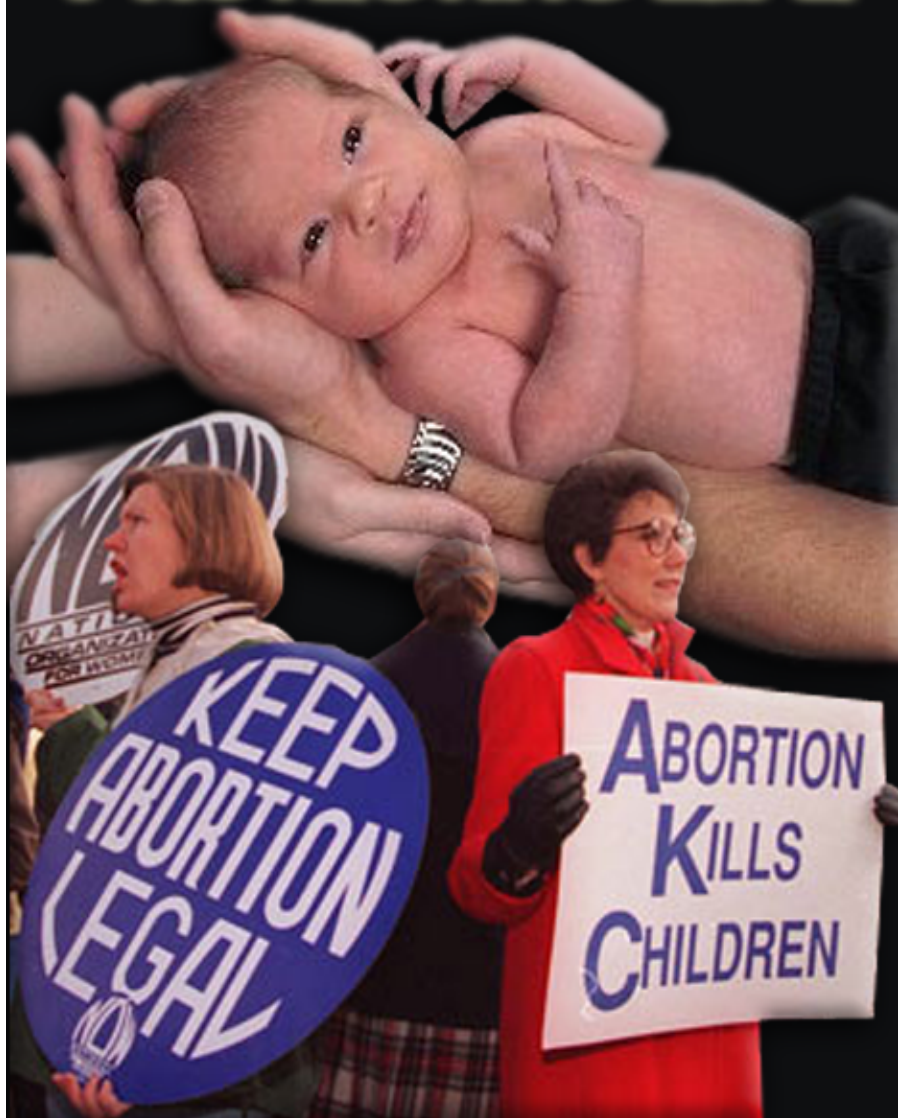


# PROTECTING LIFE



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# **Protecting Life**

This pamphlet is very personal in nature, meaning that it is going to be very emotional to each reader. Our prayer at Aletheia Group for you the reader is that you allow the aletheia truth to break through into your hearts, spirit, and mind. It is our belief that the number one symptom of the disease moral relativism has wrought upon America is abortion.

Abortion proponents will no doubt bristle at the picture of the baby on this pamphlet's cover. It shows a baby being held by a man's hands that are being supported by a woman's hands. This picture has a very clear purpose; it is to show God's design for life and the family.

And those hands are not just any hands. The woman's hands are my daughter's. The man's hands are my son-in-law's. You've no doubt guessed who the baby is; that is my grandson. I told you this was going to be personal. It is intended to be. Because abortion is very personal to the baby being killed and the mother making the "choice" to kill her baby.

## **Abortion is Murder**

Too harsh...calling abortion murder? Let's unpack it from the back. The Random House Dictionary defines murder as "the killing of another human being under conditions specifically covered in law.

In the U.S., special statutory definitions include murder committed with malice aforethought, characterized by deliberation or premeditation or occurring during the commission of another serious crime, as robbery or arson (**first-degree murder**), and murder by intent but without deliberation or premeditation (**second-degree murder**).”<sup>i</sup>

That is the definition when used as a noun. When used as a verb it is defined as “to kill by an act constituting murder; to kill or slaughter inhumanely or barbarously.”<sup>ii</sup>

The abortion proponents are thinking right now that abortion is legal in America. No it is not, especially if you are relying on the Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade as your law. That decision is not only bad law, but it is also “unlaw.” However, that is another pamphlet in and of itself.

A layman’s definition, one steeped in aletheia truth, is “the taking of innocent life.” Would that not be a simple definition to use? Is not murder the premeditated taking of an innocent life? Of course it is; common sense tells you so. And is there anything more innocent than an unborn baby?

We already know the next argument: the fetus is not a baby; it is not recognized as life. That is absurd on so many levels. US Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) speaking at the Susan B. Anthony List Gala completely destroys that argument. To summarize his [speech](#), he cogently tells his audience that left to come to full term, that fetus will become a human being, not something else.

Is it too harsh to describe abortion as murder, because by default are you not declaring the mother who “chooses” to abort her baby a murderer? In short, yes. Does that mean desperate mothers should be brought up on murder charges? No, abortion doctors and organizations such as Planned Parenthood are guilty of peddling murder for profit.

The reason a mother should understand that she is murdering her baby is her very soul is at stake, and her body will physically suffer also. It may surprise you that Sharon Osborne - TV personality and wife of Rock Star Ozzy Osborne - is vehemently pro-life. She testifies to the horrors of her abortion, both emotionally and physically. Be sure to read the whole article [“Abortion Complications”](#) from Citizen Link.<sup>iii</sup>

### **“Pro-Life Except”**

The next argument for abortion is what about the cases of rape, incest, or a mother’s life is in danger. This argument is a straw man for a number of reasons. We have received permission from author Gregg Jackson to quote several comebacks to these arguments. In his seminal work, [“Conservative Comebacks to Liberal Lies”](#), Jackson writes:

**CLAIM #15: “Abortions are necessary for women whose lives are threatened by pregnancy or child birth.”**

**RESPONSE: Doctors say there is never a reason for an unborn child to be intentionally destroyed to save the life of the mother.**

Jackson continues, “Dr. C. Everett Koop, former U.S. Surgeon General, stated publicly that in his thirty-eight years as a pediatric surgeon, he was never aware of a single situation in which a pre-born child’s life had to be taken in order to save the life of the mother. He said the use of this argument to justify abortion, in general, was a ‘smoke screen.’”<sup>iv</sup>

**CLAIM #16: “A woman who has been raped should be allowed to have an abortion.”**

**RESPONSE: Less than one percent of all abortions are due to rape or incest.**

Jackson makes the following salient point, “Children shouldn’t be punished for the crimes their parents commit. We wouldn’t kill a four-year old child if his father committed a murder, so why should we kill developing babies in the womb just because their biological fathers are guilty of rape or incest? Forced rape or incest is tragic, but in our society we don’t kill the children of criminals.”<sup>v</sup>

It is difficult to argue with Mr. Jackson’s comebacks because they are both logical and aletheia truthful. There are no coherent or valid counterpoints to be made.

Let's return to the women's life being in danger argument. A doctor does not get to choose between the life of a mother or her unborn baby. The physician is sworn to protect life, not to be the arbiter of it. And doctors can never be 100% sure that a mother will not survive child birth. But what history proves, is more often than not, the doctor's diagnosis is wrong.

A close friend of mine's wife was pregnant with their first child. This couple are devout Christians, two of the most devout I know. This woman's OB/GYN doctor told her that her unborn baby had a small hole in its heart. He recommended that the baby be aborted because there was no way the baby would survive and most likely neither would the mother.

My buddy was shaken to his core by the thought of not only losing his baby, but also his beloved wife. The mother would have none of it and even had to "buck" up her husband. Needless to say, to the glory of God, both mother and daughter survived and that young daughter of theirs has grown into an adult woman.

Another story such as this comes to mind. In 1987 a mother of four was pregnant with her fifth child. This mother became ill from amoebic dysentery she contracted while on a mission trip to the Philippines. Her doctor recommended she abort the baby because the drugs she was taking to fight the infection would severely disable the unborn child. Because of her faith this mother refused and ended up having a baby boy. That boy is Tim Tebow.

The point of these two stories is that doctors are not God, only God is God, the giver and taker of life. It is His decision who lives or dies and if we who call ourselves Christians are to stand on the aletheia truth of such an important subject, they we must stand against abortion for any reason. No exceptions!

## **Rachel and the Hyde Amendment**

To continue the thought of doctor's not predicting the future, let's imagine Mrs. Tebow taking the doctor's advice. Look at the amazing impact Tim Tebow has made on society in the last few years, all for the glory of God.

And let's imagine if a family from the Bible were living today. Here's an except from a post from my blog "Salt and Light" titled *Rachel and the Hyde Amendment*:

"Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored in childbirth, and she had hard labor. Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, 'Do not fear; you will have this son also.' And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin. So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day." (Genesis 35:16-20)



If Jacob and Rachel were living in the 21st Century and had the wonders of science at their disposal, it is not too far-fetched to imagine that doctors may have predicted Rachel's death. Doctors may have been able to warn the couple that if the baby was allowed to come to term that Jacob's beloved Rachel would most likely die in childbirth.

If this couple were not the seed of Abraham with 11 sons already and devout followers of Jehovah, is it improbable to imagine them "electing" to have an abortion? In the eyes of many it would be understandable; for goodness sake you cannot expect the mother to give up her life for the baby? Rachel had such a hard time conceiving Joseph and although Scripture does not tell us so, it would not be uncommon for Rachel to have experienced miscarriages prior to and after Joseph's birth.

Jacob was a wealthy man. However, what if he was a man of meager means and possibly on government assistance? Then with the current Hyde Amendment, and support from the proposed Stupak and Ben Nelson Amendments<sup>vi</sup>, the government would have paid for ending the life of baby Benjamin.

Had for any reason Rachel decided not to bear Benjamin, what effect would that have had on history?

You can [read](#) the rest of the blog post, but suffice it to say that life and the Bible as we know it today would not be anywhere near what it is today.

## **The Truth About Abortion**

If we are going to address the abortion issue with aletheia truth, that is truthfulness that corresponds with reality, we must call all abortions what they really are--murder. The truth can be harsh and offensive. Sometimes it needs to be to bring us to the end of ourselves.

As a nation we have been murdering babies at the rate of over 3,000 a day. And worse than that, we have been justifying and in some cases, using tax-payer dollars to pay for it. Is it any wonder America is in the state she is?

America, founded as one nation under God, cannot continue to kill its posterity and openly defy its Creator and continue to hope for any real future. Abortion for any and all reasons must be stopped. Until that day, until we as a people come to the point that we recognize the unalienable right to life for all, we face a future that will not bring prosperity.

It can only bring the continuing wrath of God and we will have no one but ourselves to blame.

<sup>i</sup> murder. Dictionary.com. Dictionary.com Unabridged. Random House, Inc. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/murder> (accessed: February 20, 2012).

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid.

<sup>iii</sup> “Abortion Complications,” *Citizen Link: A Focus on the Family Affiliate* (January 18, 2011), <http://www.citizenlink.com/2011/01/18/abortion-complications/> (accessed February 20, 2012).

<sup>iv</sup> Gregory Jackson, *Conservative Comebacks to Liberal Lies: Issue by Issue Responses to the Most Common Claims of the Left From A to Z*, 2006-2007 ed., (Boston: JAJ Publishing, 2007), 21.

<sup>v</sup> Ibid., 22.

<sup>vi</sup> This entry was posted on January 26th, 2010 after both the Senate and House Amendments allow for government-funded abortions for rape, incest, or mother’s endangerment cases. Every self-described pro-life organization heralded this continuance of the ghastly Hyde Amendment.