

I. WOE TO AMERICA

(Psalm 139:13-16)

I. Scientific proof for life beginning at conception.

- A. When the male sperm joins a female egg, they form what is known as a zygote.
 - 1. At that moment, a new body begins.
 - 2. The cells begin to divide, forming an embryo.
 - 3. On the second day of fertilization, a process takes place in which the embryo now has three layers, the ecto, endo and mesoderms.
 - 4. The ectoderm will form the skin, sense organs, parts of the skeleton and the nervous system.
 - 5. The endoderm will form the parts of the body dealing with digestion and breathing.
 - 6. The mesoderm will form parts of the body dealing with support, movement, transport, reproduction and removal of waste.
- B. Within 72 hours the original two cells will have divided into 16 cells, having divided four times.
 - 1. The baby's heart starts beating 18-25 days after conception.
 - 2. By two months, the heart can be heard by the doctor.
 - 3. Brain activity can be recorded at the same age.
 - 4. At two months, feet, hands, head and organ are in place.
 - a. There are fingerprints.
 - b. Less than an inch long, the baby has a head with eyes, ears and a simple digestive system and a heart.
 - 5. The Baby hiccups, sucks his or thumb, wakes and sleeps.
 - 6. He or she responds to light, sound, cold and touch.
- C. Back in 1981, hearings took place in Congress to determine when life began.
 - 1. Dr. Jerome Lejeune, known as the father of modern genetics, testified: "To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion...it is plain experimental evidence."
 - 2. Dr. Hymie Gordon, chairman of the department of genetics at the Mayo Clinic, testified: "By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception."
- D. These and many other quotes could be given to show that numerous scientists believe in life beginning at conception.
- E. The truth is that one of the great absurdities of abortion is that those who support it say that the fetus is not alive yet it needs to be aborted.
 - 1. If it is not alive, leave it alone.
 - 2. Yet they can't do that, because they know in nine months it will be a vibrant baby that has come into the world.
- F. Scientifically, life begins at conception.

II. Biblical proof for life beginning at conception.

- A. God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:16).
 - 1. Nothing is more innocent than a child.
 - 2. Certainly, an unborn child has not lost his or her innocence.

- B. If the unborn child is has life, then it is murder to abort him or her.
- C. Long ago, God said, "Thou shalt not murder" (Exodus 20:13).
 - 1. We know we are no longer under the Mosaic Law.
 - 2. The New Testament tells us that murderers will have no place in the kingdom of heaven (Galatians 5:19-21).
 - 3. Incidentally, the fornicators that were involved in the conception of the aborted child have no part in the kingdom as well.
 - 4. Of course, this is if none of them ever repent.
- D. Notice what Job said long ago (3:11).
 - 1. He then went on to give a list of people with whom he would have been numbered if he had died at birth.
 - 2. Notice 3:13-16.
 - 3. An untimely birth is a miscarriage.
 - 4. Job, by inspiration, put a child dying by miscarriage in the same category as other people who had died naturally.
- E. Notice what David wrote in Psalm 139:13-16.
 - 1. David used personal pronouns throughout this passage to refer to himself before he was born.
 - 2. One does not talk about oneself without talking about a human being.
- F. Jeremiah 1:5.
 - 1. God had appointed Jeremiah for a specific purpose.
 - 2. If Jeremiah's mother had aborted him, she would have been killing one whom God recognized as a living soul.
- G. Notice Exodus 21:22.
 - 1. If a pregnant woman was injured in an altercation causing her to go into labor prematurely and the baby and mother were fine, the man who harmed her had to pay a fine.
 - 2. However, if the baby or mother were injured, it was to be eye for eye and life for life.
 - 3. As one writer asked, "If God exacts such a punishment for the accidental death of a an unborn child, what would He think today of the premeditated murder of millions of unborn infants?"
- H. Notice Luke 1:36 in which it is said that Elizabeth had conceived a son.
 - 1. She had not conceived an it or a thing, but a son.
 - 2. A few verses later, we are told her baby leaped in her womb when Mary came to see her.
 - 3. The word for babe used of the unborn child is the same word used of Jesus in the manger in Luke 2.
- I. James said that the body without the spirit is dead (James 2:26).
 - 1. The Bible and science show a baby to be alive at conception.
 - 2. Thus, the unborn child is in possession of a soul at conception.
 - 3. We are made in the image of God and one would never want to be guilty of murdering one made in God's image.

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