

The following article was written by one of our members, Arnold Thompson. It has appeared in various bulletins and publications over the years and he was happy to have it reproduced here as well. We are blessed to have the freedom in this country to publicly acknowledge our convictions on any topic, including one as controversial and challenging as abortion.

Abortion is the number one cause of death in the U.S. (although the CDC does not count them in their vital statistics). Abortions outnumber live births in fourteen major metropolitan areas. As many as a million unborn babies are aborted every year. Since 1973 (Roe v. Wade) 28 million abortions have been performed in the United States (some think the number is as high as 40 million). Consider: in every American war from the Revolution to Vietnam, we lost just over 1.2 million lives. From 1939 to 1946, around 6 million Jews were exterminated under Nazi Germany. Sadly, Americans eliminate more than that in a matter of a few years. Worldwide, people are responsible for the death toll of the Hiroshima bombing every day (125,000 abortions).

There is also a deep Biblical consideration. If abortion is taking innocent life, then our nation is engaging in an abomination (Proverbs 6:16-17). Remember that sins that are sanctioned or allowed by a country end up affecting everybody spiritually (Proverbs 14:34, Psalm 9:7, Jeremiah 18:8-11, Leviticus 18:24-25). More is expected of the Christian than simply abstaining from sinful activities. We are to root it out. "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but rather even expose them" (Ephesians 5:11). We must speak out against evil and social injustice in all its forms (Proverbs 24:11-12).

There is a lot at stake, indeed! -Ryan Goodwin

Beyond Sad, by Arnold Thompson

If we understand that people are uniquely human and genetically distinct after conception why are we aborting our babies? People directly involved in the act of abortion and their supporters were given the right to life. "Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One fashion us in the womb" (Job 31:15)? They were given the right to be born. "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." (Gen. 1:28) The right to be born is a blessing from God and is sanctioned by all men who believe that, once conceived, we are equally alive and unique before our creator. Then why abort? Why, one unborn child lives and another dies? Whether motivation to kill (abort) is caused by racial bias, parental irresponsibility, ignorance, or illicit sex, lives are wrongfully taken.

Millions of beautiful human lives are being ended through induced abortion. Are you or I to arbitrarily decide who lives or dies? And what guilt do we carry, while we stand quietly by?

Man's inhumanity to man seems never to cease. We remember with justified horror the racial bias that caused the untimely end of millions of human lives in the Nazi German death camps. Those people were also uniquely human and genetically distinct just like

the unborn child. German society today, with justified horror, denies their government the ungodly rights claimed by that former Nazi government.

Future generations will also look back in horror at us for our Godless efforts at rampant legal abortion of babies.

Yes, it is indeed sad...beyond sad.