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In this article, we find it necessary to discuss today's widespread practice of women terminating the lives of their unborn children through deliberate abortion from a biblical Christian worldview. It must be noted at the outset that most Jews, many professing Christians, as well as those of many non-Christian sects and religions, erroneously assume that life does not begin until after birth takes place, thus allowing them to accept the notion that the intentional abortion of a child within a woman's womb is permitted in accordance with their own standards. Nevertheless, the miracle of human life truly occurs at the moment of conception, hidden away within the darkness of the womb; wherein a fertilized *zygote* forms an initial cell that then undergoes a long series of cell divisions and multiplications through a process of natural development, called *embryogenesis*, ultimately resulting in the formation of a human *embryo*. The results of the further development of the *embryo* is revealed when the completed body of the child enters into the world through natural birth. The first breath of mortal life then quickens the body into a state of cognitive awareness, but this is at the end of the process of the creation of human life, not the beginning. Therefore, there is no point in time within this long process of development within the womb in which a human life does not exist.

The word "abortion" does not appear anywhere within Holy Scripture – not that God approves of abortion by that omission, but that abortion would have been considered an unthinkable evil if it were committed by God's people in biblical times. It would have been in direct violation of God's consistent and repeated command for mankind to be fruitful and multiply, in order to replenish the earth with their progeny even as many others pass on into eternity (cf. Ge. 1:28; 9:1).

Modern anesthetics and surgical procedures were non-existent in biblical times, such that any attempt to kill a child in the womb and then extract its remains would have meant almost certain death for the mother as well as the child. That fact effectively curbed any serious thoughts by most women of intentionally killing unwanted children within their womb. Nevertheless, some women through ignorance and determination attempted to kill their unborn child by ingesting various poisonous potions or more directly through the insertion of sharp pointed objects into their womb – at great risk to their own lives. Therefore in those days, unwanted children were most often killed shortly after their birth had taken place, rather than within the womb. Moreover, mass infanticide was often committed by the ungodly within despicable religious ritual acts that were connected with satanically-inspired Baal worship (cf. Je. 19:5).

## The Sanctity of human Life

God's prohibition of the deliberate destruction of an unborn child within the womb of its mother is strongly inferred within Scripture both through precept and by principle, as we shall now briefly set forth. Since all mankind, both male and female, have been uniquely created in God's image (cf. Ge. 1:26,27), God considers all human life to be precious in his sight through every possible stage of human existence. In Genesis 9:6 we read, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." God's decree of "a human life to be forfeited for the destruction of another human life" also extends to the unborn child within the womb as being created in God's image; for as we read in the book of Exodus, "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*; and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*. And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe" (Ex. 21:22-25). Simply interpreted, this text states that if a woman delivers a baby prematurely as the result of a violent act committed directly or indirectly by a man or men, and the child has been injured in any way, the man causing the injury must in like manner be inflicted – or heavily fined by the judges depending upon the severity of the infliction in accordance with her husband's charges. Furthermore, if the baby and/or the mother dies as a result of the injury, the offender's own life is to be forfeited in like manner as God had previously stated in Genesis 9:6.

What is more, we find that God considers each child within the womb as a distinct person, whom He foreknows as an individual human being long before they are born. As David noted prior to his time spent within the womb, "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was none of them*" (Ps. 139:16). We further read in

Jeremiah 1:5 that the Lord said concerning Jeremiah, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” Hence, in the eyes of God every human life is both pre-known and is sanctified by Him for his divine purpose – even before the moment of conception and throughout the time spent within the womb. Therefore, each human life created by God must be recognized as sacred; and it must be fully protected by the laws of man, for failure to do so is in direct defiance of God’s sovereign will.

## Children are a Heritage and Reward of God

“Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward. As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate” (Ps.127:3-5). While some men and women see children as a troublesome burden to be borne in their youth, they are in fact a precious gift of God that should be highly valued, not something that should be neglected and most certainly not aborted as worthless. They are our reward, for it is our children who come along beside us to lend their aid when needed. When enemies assail us, they are the depth of our voice. As we grow old and weak, they become our physical strength as we must face life’s mounting physical problems. Lastly, they are our future in which we vicariously live on within them – even after we depart from this life.

## The Irrational Secular Worldview

All of the aforementioned sanctity of life is denied by the secular worldview that has been rationalized by sinful fallen man. Thus as the year 1973 began, the legality of the intentional destruction of a human *fetus* (Latin = “unborn child”) in the womb had varied within various political jurisdictions throughout the world. In some nations, it was defined as being equivalent to infanticide, and was legally defined as murder. In most other jurisdictions, however, the human *fetus* was considered to be a non-entity, a mere “product of human conception” having no inherent value or right to life under human law – until birth had physically separated it from the mother’s body. Within the *United States of America*, laws had varied state by state concerning any inherent rights of the unborn to life, which we must note was the foremost of the three inalienable rights endowed by man’s Creator that had been declared as such within the text of the *U.S. Declaration of Independence*.<sup>1</sup>

## The Feminist Movement

The feminist movement was the primary motivation behind the effort to legalize human abortion in the United States. Because of Eve’s primary role in Adam’s fall into sin, God had mandated that men were to be given ultimate authority over women to prevent a similar possibility from taking place on a large scale in the future: “Unto the woman [God] said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee” (Ge.3:16). Women’s sorrow for her role in the fall was greatly multiplied as she, through the agency of her husband, brought forth children tainted by Adam’s original sin into the world. Although the woman desired to regain control over the penalty for her fallen state, her natural desire to possess a husband warred against her, thus enabling all men to rule over her.

Radical feminists had long sought to throw off God’s protective mandate and elevate themselves to a position of full equality – even superiority – over men. Thus, it was argued that for women to truly have equal standing with men in society and within the workplace, they must be free from all burdens of pregnancy and child bearing – even as are all men. This notion not only defies the express mandate of God to multiply and replenish the earth, it also denies the obvious biological differences and functions of men and women established in them by God at the moment of conception, and which becomes quite evident at birth. This ontological specialty is necessary for the perpetuation of the human race, inasmuch as, the physical death of each individual man and woman has been preordained by God because of all mankind’s inherent sin nature.

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1 The text of the Declaration reads in part: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

## The Roe v. Wade<sup>2</sup> Decision

So it was that on January 22, 1973, the *Supreme Court of the United States* issued a 7–2 landmark decision in favor of "Jane Roe" (i.e. Norma McCorvey), thus holding that all women within the United States had a fundamental constitutional right to choose to force an abortion of an unborn child within their womb without any excessive governmental restrictions prohibiting it. In so ruling, the Court had struck down a Texas' state law prohibiting abortion as being unconstitutional, and by precedent any other state laws prohibiting or restricting intentional human abortion.

Nevertheless, a comprehensive reading of the text of the *U.S. Constitution* reveals that human abortion is not addressed anywhere within it, nor within its amended *Bill of Rights*. Moreover, it is evident that human abortion is not rooted in the nation's history or tradition, nor is it in any way implicit in the nation's concept of ordered liberty, nor is it guaranteed within the essential pursuit of happiness as it was initially declared in its *Declaration of Independence*. Therefore, the pro-abortion decision by the *U.S. Supreme Court* of 1973 was clearly faulty, having been written by Associate Justice Harry Blackmun<sup>3</sup> out of "whole cloth," which was based upon an assumed absolute right to privacy and personal autonomy – a concept that has no constitutional basis: It is quite evident that any private act that affects the well-being of another ceases to be private, but becomes a public act that must be subjected to political judgment under law in a similar manner as is theft or murder. This judgment is valid even before the birth of another has taken place, based upon the inherent value of the human *fetus* in its soon to be realized existence as a vital living human being who had been created in the image of God – as had every other human being on earth from the very moment of their conception.

A second landmark case, labeled *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*<sup>4</sup> was later argued before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1992. That Court upheld the right of a woman to have an abortion, as having been earlier established in *Roe*. Thus, it further solidified the earlier *Roe* decision and had also changed the standard for considering any restrictions on that assumed right, in that it had established a nebulous "undue burden" clause as representing a viable reason for a woman to receive an abortion. This "undue burden" could be construed as being anything that inconvenienced the woman in order to avoid her God-assigned role as a mother within his greater plan to multiply the human race over the face of the earth.

The multi-billion-dollar abortion industry that grew out of these two ill-conceived decisions continued to debase women and steal life from future generations, as many unwanted babies were being summarily sacrificed upon the altar of "human convenience." Since 1973, more than sixty-six million innocent human lives have been terminated without due process, never having received the first breath of life, nor having experienced the blessings that their abortionists had stolen from them in exchange for blood money. A nation that summarily murders its own offspring has no future. This massive scale of human abortions, when carried to its logical conclusion, can be viewed as nothing less than a determined effort by the human race to commit self-induced genocide, which when carried to its terminus would bring an end to the existence of all mankind.

## Roe v. Wade Overturned

The erroneous forty-nine-year-old *Roe v. Wade* decision was revisited by the *U.S. Supreme Court* in late June of 2022, as the Court considered the constitutionality of a Mississippi Law, entitled *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which restricted all abortion to the first fifteen weeks of pregnancy.<sup>5</sup> In the process, *Roe* was repealed by a 5-4 majority of the Justices. Chief Justice John Roberts voted against the majority overturning *Roe*, while voting with the majority upholding *Dobbs* in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, thus making it a 6-3 decision.

2 The named defendant in this case was Henry Wade, the Dallas County district attorney, who was defending the Texas law before the court.

3 Harry Blackmun was a Jew, who had been appointed to the court by President Richard Nixon in 1970. As we stated at the beginning of this article, most all Jews hold by tradition that human life does not begin until after physical birth has taken place.

4 Casey was the son of Robert P. Casey, who while the governor of Pennsylvania had waged an extended battle against Planned Parenthood.

5 A human heartbeat is commonly detected in the *fetus* by ultrasound as early as five and one-half to six weeks after gestation.

An internal first-draft opinion on *Roe v. Wade*, signaling its most-probable appeal, had been prepared for the Court by conservative Associate Justice Samuel Alito, whereupon it was illegally leaked to the press on May 2, 2022,<sup>6</sup> The leaked text of this draft opinion immediately set forth a firestorm of venomous anger by pro-abortionists on the assumption that the overthrow of the *Roe* decision had become a foregone conclusion without any extensive deliberation by the full Court.

Angry pro-abortion activists, and various ultra-liberal Democrat members of the U.S. Congress, alike gathered outside the Supreme Court building to vehemently shout out their strong disapproval of the text of this draft. Moreover, some more radical activists illegally gathered at the private homes of conservative Justices, whereupon they threatened them and their families with violence in an attempt to force a change of their conservative votes away from favoring the overturning of the earlier *Roe* decision. Nevertheless, the integrity of the Justices in staying the course was evident in the announcement of *Roe*'s repeal on Friday June 24, 2022. In doing so, the Court had also struck down *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* that had been firmly based upon *Roe*.

## The continuing Battle against Mass Abortion

We must note that even as *Roe* and *Casey* have now been repealed, it did not immediately put an end to all future abortions in the United States, inasmuch as individual states can and will rush to establish their own laws based upon their own state constitutions and legal deliberations, as was the case prior to the *Roe* decision of 1973. In fact, many highly-progressive liberal states such as California and New York already had very extensive pro-abortion laws on their books that remained in force.

Conversely, twenty-six pro-life states quickly moved to legislate a ban on all abortions. Thirteen of those states had already legislated strict anti-abortion laws containing so-called “trigger bans” that automatically caused the laws to go into affect to protect unborn life immediately or after certification of *Roe*'s repeal.

Although around twenty-five percent of all present abortion clinics were expected to be closed within pro-life states, many of the automatic bans were blocked or delayed by appeals being made to various state supreme courts and the resultant rulings handed down by them. Moreover, additional abortion clinics will most likely open up within pro-abortion states adjacent to the borders of pro-life states to continue the slaughter of the unborn. We may even see mobile abortion clinics spring up.

### Self-managed Medical Abortions

Even more problematic to the pro-life cause, is the fact that more than half of all current abortions within the United States are so-called “medical abortions,” which can be expected to rapidly increase with the overturning of *Roe* and *Casey*. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had approved the use of Mifepristone for legitimate medical use<sup>7</sup> for twenty years, but it is currently being used as a morning-after “contraceptive” to deliberately induce a spontaneous abortion in pregnant women. A regimen of Mifepristone and Misoprostol is commonly being used together to induce an abortion at any time throughout the first ten weeks of a woman's pregnancy. Mifepristone kills the baby by blocking progesterone that nourishes it, while Misoprostol, given a few days later, causes the womb to contract forcing the dead baby's body out of the mother. The shock of seeing a partially-formed baby in a toilet is often mentally devastating to a young would-be mother. Moreover, thousands of women have suffered hemorrhaging and other serious complications, including death, from these “supposed to be safe” self-managed abortions.

Many states ban all abortions, which includes a ban on “self-managed” medical abortions as well; but while closing down visible brick-and-mortar abortion clinics in pro-life states can be accomplished by enforcing laws that prohibit them, the elimination of all abortion pills within a state is another matter entirely. At least nineteen states had required that the abortion-inducing drugs be prescribed in person by a medical

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<sup>6</sup> Incredibly, as of the time of this Article, the source of the “leak” of this draft opinion has never been disclosed to the public.

<sup>7</sup> Legitimate medical uses of Mifepristone (Korlym or Mifeprex) include the treatment of certain types of brain tumors, and more commonly the treatment of hyperglycemia in adults with Cushing's Syndrome who also have type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance. In every instance, an express warning is given against the drug's use by pregnant women or women likely to become pregnant since it will inevitably result in a miscarriage.

professional – not prescribed through less-personal medical “tele-visits” over the internet – in an effort to avoid their abusive use as an abortifacient.

However, in December of 2021, the FDA removed Mifepristone from all previous prescription requirements in spite of its serious side-effects. When state laws conflict with national laws, national laws commonly prevail. Thus, while states can prohibit direct over-the-counter sale of abortion-inducing drugs within their boundaries, it is nearly impossible for states to eliminate, or even to regulate, the proliferation of abortion-inducing pills, inasmuch as they are existing FDA approved drugs that can be legally mailed to individual recipients across state borders through the U. S. postal system.

## The Uncertain Future

Even after *Roe* and *Casey* has been overturned, the moral struggle to protect the sanctity of unborn human life has continued on unabated within and between the fifty individual states of the union. The Democrat-controlled federal government immediately sought ways to effectively reinstate *Roe* through executive orders issued by the office of the Presidency as well as through various proposed legislative actions. There was even a radical move afoot by some pro-abortion politicians to establish abortion clinics on various federal lands that are located within the boundaries of pro-life states. Meanwhile, the nations’ many pro-life pregnancy centers<sup>8</sup> find themselves being vandalized and their facilities and equipment damaged by violent pro-abortion advocates, thus denying valuable free services to those pregnant women who desperately seek help to keep their babies for themselves, or choose to place them up for adoption, rather than surrendering them to suffer death by an abortionist.

It is a true axiom that a nation divided against itself cannot long stand. This sharp moral-political divide is quite similar to an earlier divide over human slavery, which had resulted in a disastrous armed conflict between the northern and southern states within the five-year period between 1861 and 1865. One can only imagine what form such a civilian conflict would take over abortion, as one neighbor commits violence against earlier neighborhood friends and relatives with the aid of a despotic bureaucracy that has run a muck over the promotion of abortion. Democrats are currently pushing hard to pass strict gun-control legislation, in direct opposition to the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, ultimately to prevent any future uprising of an armed citizenry against those who currently wish to destroy the Republic from within through fostering moral decline and by enacting various laws leading it into oppression through atheistic Socialism.

As this article is being written, the political climate in the United States remains highly volatile, yet it currently leans toward a strong likelihood that pro-life Republicans will soon regain a great majority in the House of Representatives, and a high probability that they could also regain control of the Senate in 2023. This prospect is based upon the fact that the current Democrat-controlled administration has permitted what amounts to an undefended invasion of the nation’s southern border, even as vast amounts of government spending coupled with a determined war against the use of fossil fuels through the so-called *Green New Deal*, has resulted in out-of-control monetary inflation. When coupled with higher interest rates needed in an attempt to fight the inflation, and higher taxes required to support an ever-growing massive federal government, this aggregation could ultimately destroy the nation’s necessary middle class. Added to all of that internal strife, we presently find ourselves embroiled within an expensive proxy-war with Russia through Ukraine, even as Communist China hawkishly watches and awaits the outcome.

The future of the United States as a nation currently appears bleak – unless it returns to the high moral principles upon which it was founded and through which it has been previously blessed and protected by God both in times of war and in times of peace. Today that nation has turned away from God and has denied his sovereign rule over them. If God should finally remove the hand of his protection, it is indeed possible that that nation, which was so conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men were created equal in the eyes of God, will one day perish from the earth<sup>9</sup> through its own determined iniquity.

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8 These pro-life pregnancy centers and their many volunteer workers have long been the unsung heroes behind the scenes in the battle for the sanctity of human life.

9 cf. The Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863.