

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO CONVINCe SOMEONE TO BECOME PROLIFE?

We all know murder is wrong. Therefore, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, and genocide are wrong too. But it would take a thousand-page book to explain all my feelings about how wrong those subjects are. So instead, I'll solely on abortion. The arguments I present in this brief essay are what I would say to a friend if she became pregnant and wanted to abort her baby.

Think of a baby. A smiling, gurgling baby, maybe the one you saw at the park the other day. Could you honestly kill him? Then how could you kill your own child? He (or she) could be the same child that you noticed at the store yesterday, because of the beautiful little smile that she gave you. Or what about that little boy at Mass on Sunday? You recall him, don't you? He was wrapped in a yellow blanket, and looked at his mom with all the trust in the world. Remember when he reached out and wrapped his mother's finger inside his fist? Could you kill him? Then how could you murder your own child? That baby did nothing to harm you. He is completely innocent. So don't do anything bad to him.

Four words: life begins at conception. I'm in no way a scientist or a doctor, but any geneticist will tell you that life begins at that point. Talk to your doctor. Any doctor for that matter, because they will all say that conception equals the start of your child's life. By definition, conception is when a sperm and egg unite, bringing together a total of 46 chromosomes. From that point on, the cell is life. Not potential life, but LIFE, like your life or mine. In fact, the cell even directs its own development. Besides, do you have any idea how developed your child is at just three months old, when over ninety percent of abortions are performed? The baby has visible fingernails, and had developed pain sensors and fingerprints a long time ago.

So, when your child is already very developed, how can you justify killing him? Most people's reasoning lies in the fact that embryos are smaller than fetuses, and fetuses are smaller than newborns. Therefore, it's okay to kill the baby. DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE TO YOU?!? Just because your child is smaller now than it would be when it's a newborn it's OKAY to KILL HIM? That is, without a doubt, one of the most stupid things I have ever heard. The smaller, the better to kill???

Do your child and yourself a favor. Tell your parents. They may not be happy with what you did, but they'll be much more upset if you kill your baby. They'll help you through your pregnancy, and help you if you choose to raise your baby. If for some reason they are unable to do so, there are organizations out there dedicated to helping people in your situation. Give birth, and if you don't think that you could take care of the child, put him up for adoption. There are plenty of loving couples looking to adopt, and you'll feel a lot better knowing that you saved his life.

Besides, who gave you the right to choose whether or not your baby can live? Only God can give life, and only He should be able to determine its end. You have been given your life, and your baby has, too. You two are separate people, and you should respect his right to life just as much as you respect yours. You're violating God's law if you abort your baby. Abortion is the opposite of everything good about God.

Consider this: Women who go through induced abortion approximately triple their risk of suicide. Women who give birth to a child have about half the risk of suicide as the general female population. What does that tell you? I think there are more than a few women out there who deeply regret their actions in aborting their children. You would feel just as horrible as these women do. Imagine having to live with yourself for the rest of your life, knowing that you KILLED an innocent baby. You DESTROYED his life forever, and there's no way of changing it. It's done, and you can't do anything to undo it once you murder the baby. How would that make you feel? You'll be haunted forever because of your appalling actions. Do a search on the Web. There are millions of women who are in pain because they killed their own children. Scarring regrets are everywhere. Don't do this to yourself. Choose life.

Abortion is completely wrong. It's never okay to kill a baby, an innocent and defenseless person. Most of all, it's horrible that a mother, the person that her baby should trust unconditionally, would want to kill him. If a child can't go to his mother for help, then where can he go?

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