

Made in the
Holy Image
of God



*“If I profess, with the loudest voice
and the clearest exposition,
every portion of the truth of God
except precisely that little point which
the world and the devil are at that
moment attacking, I am not
confessing Christ, however boldly I
may be professing Christianity...*

...Where the battle rages the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battle-field besides is mere flight and disgrace to him if he flinches at that one point."

- a quote often attributed to Martin Luther

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- It broadens it to include the language of the "health" and not just the "life" of the mother.

The Unsettling Facts on Abortion: General Facts

**Every 30 seconds an abortion takes
place in America!**

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**24% of women will have an abortion
by age 45 in America.**

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Abortion is devastating the minority communities, especially the black community, where 28% of all black women who are pregnant have an abortion!

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In 2015 approximately 35% of
ALL PREGNANCIES in New York City
ended in abortion. (CDC)

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In 2014 approximately 19% or 1/5th
of **ALL USA PREGNANCIES**
ended in abortion!

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**58% of all abortions in 2015 were
from women in their 20's.**

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**40% of minors, having an abortion,
report that neither of their parents
knew about the abortion.**

The Unsettling Facts on Abortion: Church Facts from Lifeway Research

**70% of women who have had an
abortion indicate their religious
preference is Christian.**

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**61% of women seeking an abortion
felt they would receive judgement
and condemnation from the church
if they told them!**

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**65% of women who have had an
abortion agree that the church
members judge single women
who are pregnant!**

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64% agree that church members are more likely to gossip about a woman considering abortion than help her understand options.

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While a father or a medical professional would most likely be consulted by a woman before an abortion (father 61%, medical 48%), a local church and a pregnancy center tied at 7%!

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**76% said their local church had no
influence on their decision to
terminate their pregnancy!**

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**43% of woman say it is safe to talk
with their pastor about an abortion
that has already taken place.**

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**49% say that too often forgiveness
for abortion doesn't seem to be
included in a pastor's teaching on
forgiveness!**

The Unsettling Facts on Abortion: Political Facts

**The Republican Platform 2012 -
Faithful to the "self-evident" truths
enshrined in the Declaration of
Independence...**

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...we assert the sanctity of human life
and affirm that the unborn child has
a fundamental individual right to life
which cannot be infringed...

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...We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children.

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The Democratic Platform 2012 -
The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy...

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**...including a safe and legal abortion,
regardless of ability to pay.**

**We oppose any and all efforts to
weaken or undermine that right.**

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In 2008 the Democrats removed from their platform this sentence:
Abortion should be safe, legal, and rare.

Reasons for an Abortion in 2004

(Guttmacher Institute, an arm of Planned Parenthood)

**74% - Having a child would interfere
with my life right now.**

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**73% - I cannot economically afford
a baby now.**

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48% - I don't want to be a single mother or I am having relationship problems right now.

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39% - I already have enough children.

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29% - I'm not ready to have a child.

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4% - the physical health of the mother is degrading.

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3% - do so because of fetal abnormalities or viability.

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**<1% - because parents or a partner
wants them to have one.**

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0.5% - for reasons of rape and incest.

**Allison Pearson,
a British journalist said in 2012:**
*“I grow ever more uneasy as I see
abortion become not a regrettable,
sad act of last resort, but just another
form of contraception...over the past
40 years, there has been a 3700%
increase in abortions.”*

**The Biblical Foundation
of the Sacredness
of Human Life**

1. Human life is Imago Dei



Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”...

- Genesis 1:26-27

...So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

- Genesis 1:26-27

***Yet you made them only a little lower
than God and crowned them with glory
and honor. You gave them charge of
everything you made, putting all things
under their authority.***

- Psalm 8:5-6

**2. God Protects
Human Life
Above All
Others**



You must not murder.

- Exodus 20:13

***And I will require the blood of anyone
who takes another person's life...***

***If anyone takes a human life,
that person's life will also be taken by
human hands. For God made human
beings in his own image.***

- Genesis 9:5-6

***“Now suppose two men are fighting,
and in the process they accidentally
strike a pregnant woman so she gives
birth prematurely...”***

- Exodus 21:22-25

***...If no further injury results,
the man who struck the woman must
pay the amount of compensation the
woman's husband demands and the
judges approve...***

- Exodus 21:22-25

***...But if there is further injury,
the punishment must match the injury:
a life for a life, an eye for an eye,
a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand,
a foot for a foot, a burn for a burn,
a wound for a wound,
a bruise for a bruise.”***

- Exodus 21:22-25

**3. God is
Actively
Engaged with
Human Life in
the Womb**



***For it was You who created my inward
parts; You knit me together in my
mother's womb.***

- Psalm 139:13 CSB

***You formed me with your hands;
you made me...You guided my
conception and formed me in the womb.
You clothed me with skin and flesh,
and you knit my bones and sinews
together.***

- Job 10:8, 10-11

***For God created both me and my
servants. He created us both in the
womb.***

- Job 31:15

**4. Personhood
Starts in the
Womb Where
God Has An
I-You
Relationship**



Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything.

- Ecclesiastes 11:5 NRSV

***Then the Lord God formed man from the
dust of the ground, and breathed into
his nostrils the breath of life;
and the man became a living being.***

- Genesis 2:7 NRSV

***You made all the delicate, inner parts of
my body and knit me together in my
mother's womb. Thank you for making
me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—
how well I know it...***

- Psalm 139:13-18

***...You watched me as I was being formed
in utter seclusion, as I was woven
together in the dark of the womb.
You saw me before I was born. Every day
of my life was recorded in your book...***

- Psalm 139:13-18

...Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!...

- Psalm 139:13-18

***...I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!
And when I wake up, you are still
with me!***

- Psalm 139:13-18

***The Lord called me before my birth;
from within the womb he called me by
name...And now the Lord speaks -
the one who formed me in my mother's
womb to be his servant,
who commissioned me to bring
Israel back to him.***

- Isaiah 49:1,5

Yet you brought me safely from my mother's womb and led me to trust you at my mother's breast. I was thrust into your arms at my birth. You have been my God from the moment I was born.

- Psalm 22:9-10

***For I was born a sinner -
yes, from the moment my mother
conceived me. But you desire honesty
from the womb, teaching me wisdom
even there.***

- Psalm 51:5-6

I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.

- Jeremiah 1:5

***But even before I was born,
God chose me and called me by
his marvelous grace!***

- Galatians 1:15

[Mary] entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...

- Luke 1:41-44

...Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed..."

- Luke 1:41-44

***...Why am I so honored, that the
mother of my Lord should visit me?
When I heard your greeting,
the baby in my womb jumped for joy.”***

- Luke 1:41-44