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Statistics as of December 31 2021

- 1 million deaths from suicide
- 1.3 million from traffic fatalities
- 1.7 million of HIV/AIDS
- 8.2 million people died from cancer

According to WHO, <u>every year</u> in the world there are around 73 million induced abortions.

This corresponds to approximately 200,000 abortions per day.

Approximately 7 million people have died from COVID

Since 1973 63,459,781 abortions in the US

20% of all pregnancies will end in abortion

1. Sanctity of Life Is More than Emotional or Sentimental Stories

While the psychological, sociological, economical, and emotional aspects of abortion may be complex, the morality of abortion is not.

Abortion is a frequent cause of trauma that leads to substance abuse.

Abortion is the unseen cause of depression

2. The Biblical Basis of Sanctity of Life Is Not Based on Psalm 139:13

Psalm 139:13

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 9:5-6

And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

James 3:7-9

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

Matthew 12:9-12

He went on from there and entered their synagogue. 10 And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him. 11 He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

3. The Biblical Pro-life View Is Consistent with Science and Philosophy

"When does human life begin? This is arguably the most significant question in the whole of bioethics. It is also the most frequently asked. The answer you give will shape your thinking on practically every bioethical issue, including abortion, assisted reproductive technologies, human embryo experimentation, infanticide, stem cell research, prenatal screening, cloning, contraception, euthanasia, and so on. But, in particular, it will reveal your understanding of the nature and status of the human embryo...

When does human life begin? It is certainly a big question. It therefore demands a careful answer. Yet people are often dreadfully confused about the beginning of human life - how strange it is that we can be so unsure about when and how we began. Some regard birth, or twenty-eight weeks, or viability, or fourteen days, or implantation, as the decisive time at which human life begins. The very range of these possibilities demonstrates just how arbitrary each of them really is. They cannot all be correct. Indeed, each has profound shortcomings...

Suppose, for example, fourteen days is your answer. What then is present a day before that? Is it nonhuman life? What about an hour, or a minute, before? Is it then human non-life? Can you see the philosophical, let alone the practical, predicaments produced by these various options? The truth is that none is sufficient to count as the defining moment before which there was something of no consequence, but after which there is valuable human life...

Can anyone say, without intellectually blushing, "Before this or that developmental event, I was not, but after it, I was"? These, and a host of other ingenious beginning-of-life markers, are bioethical smoke screens. They are used to avoid the sometimes unpalatable, sometimes inconvenient fact that human life begins at the earliest time point, namely, conception. Conception and fertilization are synonyms for what happens on day one. This is when a man's sperm fertilises a woman's ovum...

As a result of this irreversible event, a new, genetically unique, single-celled entity, technically known as a zygote, is created. This is the beginning of human life.

John Ling - When does human life begin? Christian thinking and contemporary opposition

Peter Albert David Singer - Wikipidia (born 6 July 1946) is an Australian moral philosopher, currently the Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University. He specializes in applied ethics and approaches ethical issues from a secular, utilitarian perspective. He is known in particular for his book Animal Liberation (1975), in which he argues in favor of veganism, and his essay "Famine, Affluence, and Morality", in which he argues in favor of donating to help the global poor...

Peter Singer: Via Scott Klusendorf - The Case for Life: "It is possible to give 'human being' a precise meaning. We can use it as equivalent to 'member of the species Homo Sapiens.' Whether a being is a member of a given species is something that can be determined scientifically, by an examination of the nature of the chromosomes in the cells of living organisms. In this sense, there is no doubt that from the first moments of its existence an embryo conceived from human sperm and egg is a human being."

- 1. It is wrong to kill an innocent human being
- 2. Abortion kills an innocent human being
- 3. Therefore, abortion is morally wrong

Zygotes, Embryo, and Fetus vs. Infant, Toddler, Adolescent, Adult

Size

Are tall people more human than short people? If scientifically an embryo is just as human as an infant, how can its size justify killing it? As Klusendorf says, "Size does not equal value."

Level of Development

A infant is less developed than an adolescent, and an adolescent is less developed than an adult. How does our level of development justify us killing a human being in one stage of lesser development versus another until they are mature? Are fully developed adults more valuable than toddlers?

Environment

The value of a human being does not change based on location. A person is no less valuable in Florida than they are when they travel to New York. In the same way, a human being is no less valuable outside the womb than they are inside the womb.

Degree of Dependency

Does an infant who relies on a parent to feed them have less value than someone who can feed themself? Klusendorf says, "If viability makes us valuable human beings, then all those who depend on insulin or kidney medication are not valuable, and we may kill them. Conjoined twins who share blood type and bodily systems also have no right to life."

4. Don't Fall for Straw-man Arguments

"Pro-life people are only pro-birth!"

"It ought to be possible to live a Christian life without being a Christian," laments Roy Hattersley, a columnist for the U.K. Guardian. An outspoken atheist, Hattersley came to this conclusion after watching the Salvation Army lead several other faith-based organizations in the relief effort after Hurricane Katrina...

"Notable by their absence," he says, were "teams from rationalist societies, free thinkers' clubs, and atheists' associations—the sort of people who scoff at religion's intellectual absurdity." According to Hattersley, it is an unavoidable conclusion that Christians "are the people most likely to take the risks and make the sacrifices involved in helping others."

Hattersley also notes that this pattern of behavior goes beyond disaster relief:

"...Civilized people do not believe that drug addiction and male prostitution offend against divine ordinance. But those who do are the men and women most willing to change the fetid bandages, replace the sodden sleeping bags, and—probably most difficult of all argue, without a trace of impatience, that the time has come for some serious medical treatment. "The only possible conclusion," says Hattersley, "is that faith comes with a packet of moral imperatives that, while they do not condition the attitude of all believers, influence enough of them to make [Christians] morally superior to atheists like me."

Life or Death vs. Quality of Life

5. Know the Redemption That Christ and the Gospel Offers!

Jeremiah 31:15

Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

Jeremiah 31:16-17

Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country.

Matthew 2:18

"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

Revelation 21:3-5

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

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