



Should Abortion Be Outlawed? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Should abortion be outlawed?

REPLY: The Bible answers to: (1) When does life begin? (2) Is abortion ever justified?

1. When does life begin? The Bible answer surely begins with:

A. David's inspired description of God's working in a birth:

For You formed my inward parts [**organs, jtpII**]; You covered me in my mother's womb [**woven with muscles, tendons, veins, arteries, and sinews, jtpII**]. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame [**skeleton, jtpII**] was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth [**the privacy of a womb, jtpII**]. Your eyes saw my substance [**embryo or tissue mass, jtpII**], being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me [**gestation, as if written in a book, jtpII**], When as yet there were none of them. (**Psalm 139:13-16**)

Since, at the same time, God "forms the spirit of man within him" (**Zechariah 12:1**), at what point is abortion NOT a "fight against God" (**Acts 5:39**) in making a new person?

B. It is well-established that "life must come from life," then since the male's sperm is living, and the woman's egg is living, at what point is the fertilized egg NOT alive?

C. At the moment of conception, a chemical change on the surface of the egg takes place to prevent another sperm's penetration. At the moment of conception, the baby's genetic makeup is entirely complete. From the moment of conception, there is a separate, different individual developing, with the help of God, inside the mother. *At what point is this baby a part of the woman's body, over which she maintains the right of decision?* Her "right to do with her body whatever she wants to do" ended after she was impregnated! She's made her choice, now it is up to God!

2. **Is abortion ever justified? The Supreme Court of the United States' (SCOTUS) ruling in Roe v. Wade has remained virtually unchanged since it was handed down on January 22, 1973.** The Judges ruled (7-2) that though states did have an interest in protecting fetal life, such interest was not

"compelling" until the fetus was viable (placing viability at the start of the third trimester), *Roe v. Wade* 410 U.S. 113 (1973) *Supreme Court of the United States* 1973. Thus, all state abortion laws that forbade abortion during the first six months of pregnancy were thereby invalidated. Third trimester abortions were declared to be legal only if the pregnancy threatened the life or health of the mother. In *Section IX, B*, the ruling stated:

Texas urges that, apart from the Fourteenth Amendment, life begins at conception and is present throughout pregnancy, and that, therefore, the State has a compelling interest in protecting that life from and after conception. **We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.** [410 U.S. 113, 160, *emphasis mine, jtpll*]

The entire ruling depended upon the Judges' confusion over, and ignorance of, exactly when life begins in pregnancy! While trying to consider only human opinions, they "legalized" the slaughter of 61 Millions of innocent U.S. babies since then based entirely upon what they did not know!

Here are some things they ignored:

- A. **The History of Medicine and Millions of Physicians:** The Oath of Hippocrates (c.a. 400 B.C.) included this statement: "I will give no deadly medicine to any one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; and in like manner I will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion." This Hippocratic Oath has been required of physicians for many years.
- B. **God has always condemned Government slaughter of babies:**
1. **The Egyptian Pharaoh** demanded the death of all male babies (**Acts 7:18-19**), but Israelites "who feared God" refused (**Exodus 1:15-22**). God made Pharaoh release His people and destroyed Pharaoh and his army (**Exodus 8:1-15:21**). Pharaoh's plan was to kill boy babies immediately after birth!
 2. **God's prophet, Elisha, wept at the future actions against Israel by the king of Syria, Hazael**, because he would "dash their children, and rip open their women with child" (**2 Kings 8:10-13**). God brought withering war against Syria in Hazael's son's reign (**Amos 1:3-5**). Hazael's plan was to kill all babies before birth!
 3. **Herod's slaughter of all male children, aged 2 years old and under, in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:13-22)**, led to his death shortly thereafter. His plan was to kill male children from birth to toddler!
 4. **Since God's plan for "normal" birth works almost always**, it takes a highly unusual circumstance that would bring abortion into consideration. *Only in a very miniscule percentage of occasions* would abortion be a necessary alternative to a live birth. Remembering how God sees it, *aborting a baby would only be done in an extremely desperate situation involving the mother's life*, and only when there would be *no other alternative*.

THE ISSUE IS NOT "WOMEN'S HEATH" BUT A BABY'S MURDER! PSALM 127:3

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