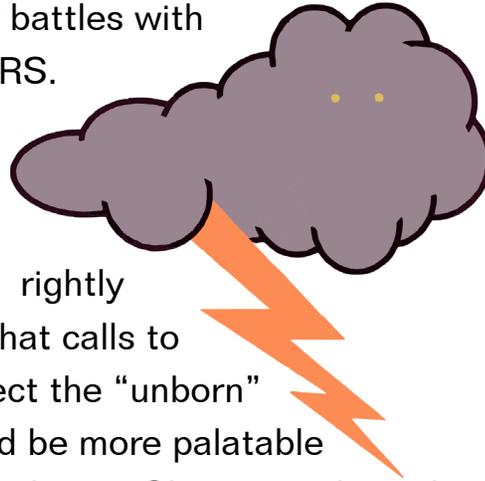


Those who are in a better position to understand, *i.e.*, spirit communicators, agree that we don't become truly human until our soul enters the body, at or near birth.³

In our contentious times, reaching a reasonable compromise on the issue of abortion does seem a fantasy. Better sex education and easier access to effective birth control are two of the most effective ways to reduce the number of abortions. It is more than ironic that the groups most vocal against abortions are often the ones trying to limit efforts to supply the information and the means that could prevent so many fetal deaths. Clearly, this opposition is rooted more in an intolerant religion's lust for power — and fear of lust — than in compassion for young women and fetuses.

Abortion as Camouflage

The abortion issue came to life in 1979 when "Right to Life" was adopted as a rallying cry by religious leaders to camouflage their battles with the IRS.



They rightly felt that calls to protect the "unborn" would be more palatable to moderate Christians than pleas to shield their segregated academies from losing tax-exempt status — which was their true goal.⁴ Their abortive attempts to maintain racist institutions thus gave birth to division, acrimony, and needless human suffering.

¹ Sagan, Carl and Anne Druyan, "Abortion In American History," *Parade Magazine*, April 22, 1990.

² Stewart, Katherine, *The Power Worshipers*, 2019, pp. 67-68.

³ See *The Realities of Heaven* by Miles Edward Allen, 2015, pp. 172-174.

⁴ Stewart, p. 63.

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Let's Be
HONEST
About
ABORTION

As controversies go, this might be unique in that it only has one side. Many folks are adamantly anti-abortion, but no one is pro-abortion. No one believes that abortions are nice to have; only that they are sometimes preferable to the alternatives.

Also germane is the historically proven fact that no law can stop abortions from taking place.

. **BREAKING NEWS: THE BIBLE DOES NOT MENTION ABORTION !**

During the first quarter century after the United States was founded, abortion was considered to be up to the woman until she could feel within her the stirring of the fetus. By 1800, not only were there no laws against the practice, but advertisements for drugs to induce abortion appeared in most newspapers and many church publications.

By 1900, the picture had changed dramatically. Every state had made all abortions illegal, unless the woman's life was in danger. Religious influence had little to do with such a momentous change. The newly formed American Medical Association, striving to secure a heightened status for their members, convinced lawmakers that only male doctors (not midwives) should be allowed to determine what might be a threat to the woman. "For the rich woman, it might be a threat to her emotional tranquility or even to her lifestyle. The poor woman was often forced to

resort to the back alley or the coat hanger."¹

The 1973 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Roe v. Wade* allowed for abortions without restriction during the first trimester of pregnancy.

SURPRISE!

When the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its pro-abortion decision in *Roe v. Wade*, these were among those who applauded:

- The American Medical Association
- Governor Ronald Reagan
- The Southern Baptist Convention
- Senator Barry Goldwater
- The Rev. Billy Graham
- Betty Ford & Barbara Bush²

Now that the medical professionals have switched sides, religious fundamentalists make up the most vocal, and likely the largest, portion of the anti-abortion crusaders. The key to their arguments is that all fetuses, no matter how recently created, have a "right to life." This begs the questions: (1)

What does it mean to be "human" and, (2) When is that condition met?

Here is the locus of their deceit. The religious fanatics who have no qualms about proclaiming the laws of God and specifying what is and is not moral, in fact, have no basis for such claims. The decaying documents on which their religions are nominally based do not address the abortion issue. The opinions expressed by priests and profiteers throughout the ensuing millennia are just that — opinions. Those who tell you that human life begins at conception are not being honest, for they are aware that they do not actually know; they are either just guessing ... or they find such claims profitable.

Question: "Thou shalt not kill" whom?

Answer: Fellow Hebrew tribesmen.

The bloodthirsty god of the Old Testament often encouraged and usually participated in the slaughter of non-Jews, including children and pregnant women.