APoloGETICS 44
GOD'S CREATION
OR A FOOL'S
EVOLUTION.

My mind is
already made up
Don't
confuse me
with the facts

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the branch of theology having to do with the defense and proofs of Christianity

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As much as I could, I tried to print most Bible and increased scientific knowledge in black. I have used green for other people’s opinions, speculations, and historical opinions in so far as possible. A little Bible knowledge and some scientific knowledge was unavoidably included in the green. Today’s increased scientific knowledge requires a much more careful study of scripture than has been done in the past.

Apologetics 41 is a very important study which should preferably be studied carefully before this Apologetics 44. Apologetics 41 and 44 have many points in common. Apologetics 30 also is very importantly related to Apologetics 41 and 44.
The fool hath said in his heart,  
There is no God.

Daniel 12 ASV
4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the "time of the end": many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Ps. 14 ASV
14 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works; there is none that doeth good.
2 Jehovah looked down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there were any that did understand, That did seek after God.
3 They are all gone aside; they are together become filthy: There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have all the workers of iniquity *no knowledge? Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And call not upon Jehovah?
5 There were they in great fear; For Jehovah is in the generation of the righteous.
6 Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor, Because Jehovah is his refuge.
7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When Jehovah bringeth back the captivity of his people, Then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Rom. 1 CT
26 Because of this the God gave them over with-reference to passions of dishonor: for both their females exchanged the natural use with-reference to the one beside nature.
27 And additionally likewise also the males having-let-go the natural use of-the female were-burned-out in their relish with-reference to one-another, males with males working-out the indecency and taking-back in themselves the recompense which was-essential of their going astray.

* Not "lesbianism" but "bestiality"; compare Lev. 20:16. (Lev. 20:13)
• See "homosexual-male" in CT
1 Cor. 6:9, 1 Tim. 1:10, ἀνθρώποι κοινοὶ (p. 253, 254 in the Teaching Dict.)

Is it not strange that the book of Daniel is not among the Prophets in the Hebrew Bibles? Instead, the book of Daniel is among the Writings. Of the OT prophetic books, it is the book of Daniel that has been the most studied book among the Christians. Edward Young in his book "The Prophecy of Daniel" gives the answer very simply: "The ministry of Daniel was not to the people of Israel, but to a heathen court."

Centuries of world history had to pass before
the prophecies of Daniel would gradually be more correctly understood. (Apologetics 22, 23, 24, 25. Babylon.) The "knowledge" of Dan. 12:4 above refers primarily to Bible knowledge; yet, increased Bible knowledge depends upon an increase in general world knowledge. Much modern scientific knowledge in regards to human reproduction had its roots in scripture; had we but studied carefully, we might not have been confused. Early "knowledge" was not very correct to say the least.

Today, we are constantly hearing that life begins at conception. This also is not true. Psychology and Life 1962, 6th ed., Floyd L. Ruch, Prof. of Psychology, University of Southern California, p. 33 An individual's hereditary endowment is determined at the time of his conception. Actually, of course, the moment at which he is conceived does not represent the true beginning of his life, for life is an endless stream—generation follows generation without beginning or end. For convenience in the study of human development, however, the moment of conception can be considered the start of life.

A Child Is Born, Lennart Nilsson

A sperm cell, with its pointed head and long tail. It is on its way to the ovum, and will swim 15-18 cm (6-7 inches)—a journey which will take about six hours.

The male will thus have a large store of sperm-producing cells, which all through his life will distribute the genetic material present in the first cells of his body to billions and billions of sperm.
A Child Is Born p.34,35

In the nucleus of the cell, the genes are very neatly lined up along the thin, spiraled molecule threads which constitute the framework of the chromosomes.

When a cell is at work, the spirals lie stretched out inside the nucleus—the "order center" of the cell—and are almost impossible to detect even when greatly magnified. But when the cell is about to divide, they are strongly contracted, and it is then possible, with the help of a microscope, to see clearly what the chromosomes look like.

Each chromosome consists of two identical halves held together at a single point somewhere between the ends. With their halves standing slightly apart, many of the chromosomes look like X's, with "arms" and "legs" of varying length. During cell division, the X's are split lengthwise, so that each daughter cell will have its own half. A new "arm" and a new "leg" are then formed through duplication. The X's are complete again and can take part in subsequent divisions.

Through this ingenious duplication mechanism, the same line of genes is handed over from generation to generation of new cells. Each of us remains the same individual throughout life, although a great many of the body cells are worn out and replaced by new ones.

Genes are located within the chromosomes and are composed of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), the substance by which biological information is transferred. The DNA molecule is the famous double helix, two strands twisted about each other. Along these strands, a kind of chemical alphabet, composed of only four letters, is laid out in a sequence which forms the genetic code. After their chemical names, we may call the letters of this alphabet A, C, G, and T.

These letters cannot be combined at random. T suits only A, and G only C. If we have a portion of a line "written" as AGCTTGA, it must be joined like this:

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\begin{align*}
A & \quad G & \quad C & \quad T & \quad T & \quad G & \quad A & \quad C & \quad T \\
T & \quad C & \quad G & \quad A & \quad A & \quad C & \quad T
\end{align*}
\]

But this means that one straw, or sequence, determines the other. The halves can be split apart, and new ones built up as exact duplicates of the old ones. And with four "letters," there are ample possibilities for variation. The whole "work plan" of man, in turn, may contain as many as one or two million genes.

Man has forty-six chromosomes, arranged in twenty-three pairs—one in each pair originating from the father, the other from the mother. The twenty-third pair is a bit special; it may contain either two large so-called X chromosomes, or one X and one Y chromosome. This pair decides the sex. XX means girl, and XY means boy. Whether the second chromosome in the pair is an X or a Y is determined by the father's sperm, but the father himself will not know the result until long afterward.

The Developing Human p.9

Figure 1-6 Copy of a seventeenth century drawing by Hartsoeker of a sperm. The miniature human being within it was thought to enlarge after it entered an ovum.

"Knowledge shall be increased." Dan. 12:4

The double helix of DNA. The two strands are matched according to the pattern—A to T, G to C, etc.

God's creation, or a fool's evolution?
Acts 2: CT

29 Men, brothers, it is legitimate to say with boldness-of-speech to YOU concerning the patriarch David, that he also came to an end and he was buried, and his sepulchre is with us until this day.
30 Therefore existing (a) prophet and knowing absolutely that the God swore to him with an oath out of fruit of his loins to cause to be seated on his throne.
31 Having seen before (hand) he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah, that neither was he abandoned with reference to hedges nor his flesh saw decomposition.

Exodus 1: ASV

1 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.
2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: and Joseph was in Egypt already.

Gen. 46: ASV

26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, that came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons wives, all the souls were threescore and six;

Below is a diagram taken from Apologetics 41 which shows how all lives are transmitted from Adam to Mary, the mother of Jesus. "Life" is conveyed by the sperm not by the ovum. (p. 2)

No woman's ovum has a X chromosome. The male sperm carries the "life" from Adam. The sperm has either an X or a Y chromosome. In the following diagram X indicates a woman or wife, Y indicates the sperm of the husband or man, --- indicates and names the son of the pair, finally, --- indicates a gap or space of time.

Adam → Seth → Enosh → Noah

Shem → → → Abraham → Isaac → Jacob

(Num. 1: 7)

→ Nahshon → out of Egypt → David → Nathan

→ Heli → Mary

From Gen. 35 it is quite clear that God controls some sperm—verse II. This should not be understood to mean that God chooses every sperm. Keep in mind that the male in just one ejaculation discharges "several hundred million vigorously swimming sperm." (A Child Is Born, p. 16)

Gen. 35: ASV

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him.
10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.
11 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins:
12 and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.
Abraham met Melchisedec long before Isaac, Jacob, and Levi were born. The figure is an attempt to show a little more clearly how "lives" and "souls" are transmitted through the sperm. Hebrews 7:10 says that Levi was still in the loin of Abraham.

There is another very clear Bible reference to this carrying of "life" and "soul" through sperm. Talmud, Pesahim, Mishna p. 595

A MAN IS BOUND TO REGARD HIMSELF AS THOUGH HE PERSONALLY HAD GONE FORTH FROM EGYPT, BECAUSE IT IS SAID, AND THOU SHALT TELL THY SON IN THAT DAY, SAYING: IT IS BECAUSE OF THAT WHICH THE LORD DID FOR ME WHEN I CAME FORTH OUT OF EGYPT. Ex. 13 ASV

And thou shalt tell thy son in that day, saying, It is because of that which Jehovah did for me when I came forth out of Egypt.

It is this command that made it necessary for Jesus to go into Egypt as a child. Jesus was never in the "loin" of a human father.

For further details on this subject see:
Apologetics 41, p. 16,
Apologetics 7, p. 9,
Apologetics 16, p. 9,
Apologetics 20, p. 5
Apologetics 26, p. 15.
These prove the deity of Jesus Jehovah Messiah.
The subject of the "soul" is very complex. Look at a few very difficult scriptures, many of which are not correctly translated from Hebrew to English. In these scriptures, the black dots indicate the Hebrew word.

Deut 12 ASV

20 When Jehovah thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul* desireth to eat flesh; then mayest eat flesh, after all the desire of thy soul.* 21 If the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to put his name there, be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which Jehovah hath given thee, as I have commanded thee; and thou mayest eat within thy gates, after all the desire of thy soul.* 22 Even as the gazelle and as the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat thereof: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof alike.

Gen 9 ASV

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; as the green herb have I given you all. 4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is "the soul" thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood, the blood of your lives, will I require; 6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Reveal anything to aid understanding?

A Child Is Born, Lennart Nilsson

About 5 weeks, 1.5 cm (0.6 inch). The yolk sac is still producing blood cells, but the liver is gradually taking over. The heart has begun its differentiation into the atria and the ventricles, but the partitions and valves are not yet present.

At 5½ weeks, 16 mm (0.64 inch). Through the large umbilical vein, the thickest vessel, blood returns from the placenta with oxygen and nourishment. Before it is readmitted into the fetal circulatory system, this blood is shunted straight through the as-yet-immature liver, the large red shadow under the hand. The woman's liver still does all the work.

The major part of the blood circulation is outside the embryo.

Blood circulation

Without blood circulation we would not be able to live and grow. As the system of the fetus gets larger, there are increased demands for rapid transport of oxygen, nourishment, and waste products. In the beginning the vessel system is made up of a number of simple tubes, through which flows a rich fluid. Dissolved in this fluid, oxygen and other substances are transported. But soon increasingly specialized cells will appear in the fluid: the red blood cells, highly effective transporters of oxygen, and the white blood cells, constituting the body's defense against foreign intruders, bearing the instructions as to what belongs in the body and what is foreign and must be expelled.

Gen 2 ASV

7 And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*
A brief summary:
A. All "lives" began in Adam (p.2) - not at conception.
B. "Life" is transmitted through the sperm (p.4).
C. "Souls" are carried forward through the sperm (p.5).
D. The "soul" is "programmed" into the blood (p.6).
E. The major part of the blood circulation is outside the embryo. → A Child Is Born (p.6)

At 11 weeks, 6 cm (2.4 inches). The yolk sac is no longer active; its stem will soon loosen from its attachment. Blood cells are now produced by the liver and the spleen, and soon the bone marrow will take over. Lymphocytes, the white blood cells concerned with immunity, are now being formed in the lymph nodes and thymus. The heart is complete.

P.85 2 F. In the "fetus" the blood is more closely connected to the flesh.

The soul of the flesh is in the blood." (p.6)

G. When the fetus is brought forth and breathes, it becomes a "living soul." Gen. 2:7 (p.6.)

Question: Will you try to understand scripture or will you accept the teachings of mythology? The idolatry of Roman Catholicism has greatly influenced much Protestant thinking.

E. ABORTION

Instructions for Non-Catholics p.113

Abortion is willfully causing the death of an unborn baby in any way. It is always a mortal sin. It is never allowed in any case whatsoever, not even to save the mother's life. The unborn baby is a human being and has the right to life. God has given no one the right to take away its life. To do so is murder, no matter what the doctor says. You read in the newspaper of people killing little children. To kill an innocent child is a horrible crime. But there is no difference between this and abortion — both are murder. Worst of all the baby dies without Baptism and cannot go to heaven. Abortion is worse than murdering an adult. The adult at least had a chance to get to heaven. The baby does not get this chance.

Excommunication from the Church is the penalty for any Catholic who knowingly and willingly causes or helps cause an abortion. Excommunication means that he cannot receive the Sacraments: he cannot have a Catholic funeral.

Englishman's Greek Concordance

yaoξγν, qasteer - womb KJ

Mat. 1:18. she was found with child (lit. having in the womb)
23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, (lit. having &c.)
24:19. woe unto them that are with child, (lit. having &c.)
Mar 13:17. woe to them that are with child, (lit. ...)
Lu. 1:31. thou shalt conceive in thy womb.
21:23. woe unto them that are with child, (lit. having &c.)
1Th. 5: 3. as travail upon a woman with child; (lit. having &c.)
Tit. 1:12. alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.
Rev. 12:2. she being with child (lit. ...) cried, travailing

King James Version has used "child" incorrectly in 7 out of 9 occurrences of yaoξγν in the NT. These should all read "having in the womb" (ἐγκυρός). A fetus is never called a "child" in any NT scripture. You can see what a problem this adulteration of the text has caused.
 Much of the "church" overemphasizes their feelings rather than teaching the word of God.

1. God loves everybody? Just reading these few verses should prove the error of this teaching. (Apologetics 12)

Ps. 5 ASV
5 *The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight: Thon hateth all workers of iniquity.
6 Thou wilt destroy them that speak lies: Jehovah abhorreth the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

Ps. 11 ASV
5 Jehovah trieth the righteous; But the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

John 3: 36 CT
36 The (one) trusting with-reference to the son is-having life eternal; but the (one) disobeying to-the son will not see life, BUT the wrath of the God is-remaining on him.

Rev. 3 CT
19 As-many-as if I myself might-love I-am-reproving and I-am-disciplining; you-be-zealous therefore and you-repent.

2. Every human life is precious to God, especially children? God has not spared his chosen people Israel, let alone Israel's enemies.

Deut. 2 ASV
34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones: we left none remaining:

Deut. 20 ASV
16 But of the cities of these peoples, that Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: 17 but thou shalt utterly destroy them:

1 Sam. 15 ASV
3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but *slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

God orders the conquest of Heshbon. (Deut. 2:24)
God's orders for the conquest of the promised land. (Deut. 20)

God orders against Jerusalem.

God's orders against Amalek.

Ezek 9 ASV
3 And the *glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkinghorn by his side. 4 And Jehovah said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a *mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof. 5 And to the others he said in my hearing, Go ye through the city after him, and smite: *Let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: 6 *slay utterly the old man, the young man and the virgin, and little children and women; but *come not near any man upon whom is the *mark: and *begin at my sanctuary.

3. Jesus wants everybody saved?

Matt. 10 CT
5 The Jesus dispatched these twelve, having-delivered a-message to-them, saying, Might-YOU not go-into (a) way-of-nations, and might-YOU not go-into (a) city-of-Samaritans;
6 But YOU-be-proceeding rather to the sheep, namely-the (ones) having-been-and-still-being-destroyed of-(the) household-of-Israel.

These 2 passages show that Jesus did not come to minister to Gentiles, Jesus did not give "invitations" at his "mass meetings" when he fed the 4000 or the 5000. Why?

Matt. 15 CT
22 And behold, (a) Canaanite woman from those territories, having-come-out screamed to-him, saying, You-have-pity-on me, Lord, son-of-David; my daughter is-being badly possessed-by-a-demon.
23 But the-(one) answered to her not (a) word. And his disciples having-come-near were-interrogating him, saying, You-release her, because she-is-crying at-the-back-of-us.
24 But the-(one) having-answered said, I was not dispatched unless with-reference to the sheep, namely-the-(ones) having-been-and-still-being-destroyed of-(the) household-of-Israel.
Several hundred million vigorously swimming sperm" (p.4) at each ejaculation. Each sperm carries a "life" passed down from Adam. If one does not use any contraceptive in order to "save" one "life", that is, the "life" carried down from Adam, how do you propose to "save" the remaining 300,000,000 lives? Without any contraceptive, a woman may bear 20 children. Remember, "life" does not begin at conception, but only that particular "life's" hereditary endowment." (p.2) I have elected to call this area, God's unprotected life.

Heb. 10: 17

The body in Mary being prepared for Jesus is referred to as "the-(thing) in her." Matt. 1: 20. KJV and ASV have "that which" - neuter.

See Apologetics 41

5 On this account coming into the world he is saying: You will not sacrifice and offering, but you-yourself-rendered (a) body thoroughly-fit for me;

Matt. 1: 17

20 But (as) he (was) meditating these-(things), behold, (an) angel of Jehovah appeared to him by apparition, saying, Joseph, son of David, might you not fear-for-yourself to take along to yourself Mary your wife, for the-(thing) in her is having been-begotten out of (the) Holy Spirit.
Here are a few statements from a long article on "pills" — one to prevent pregnancy and another to disrupt an early pregnancy. Those who would reject the use of these pills, usually hold that an "embryo" is a "person," "human," "child," etc. That scripture never teaches this has been shown already and will be explained further a little later.

A Common Opinion
1. A fetus is a person or child.
2. Abortion is murder.
3. Life begins at conception.
4. An aborted fetus goes to heaven.

If these 4 statements could be shown to be true (there is no Bible support for any), we are faced with an important conclusion. Of the world's 5 billion people, only 1 in 10 professes to be a "church" member. (Exclusive of Roman Catholics — actually idolaters. Apologetics 31-35.) A fetus when it becomes an adult, has 1 chance in 10 of becoming a "Christian" (nominal). By abortions, from the opinion above, 100% will end up in heaven. Therefore, all anti-abortion people should be pro-abortionists if they really want to see more "people" saved. To put it another way, anti-abortionists may be causing more persons to be "lost" than "churches" are having people "saved." If anti-abortionists stop 4,000,000 abortions per year from the above figures, it could be expected that 100,000 might later become "church" members but 900,000 will be "lost." Had these abortions not been stopped, all would have gone to heaven. (#4 above)
Are Missourians Nine Months Older?

James J. Kilpatrick

WASHINGTON — Laws relating to abortion have taken some remarkable turns since the landmark case of Roe vs. Wade was decided 16 years ago, but no contortion is more fascinating than the evolving law of abortion in Missouri. It is conceivable — barely conceivable — that every citizen of Missouri is nine months older than the citizen had thought.

To understand this interesting prospect, we must recur to Missouri’s act of June 1866. Writing in the New Republic, William Saletan, editor of the political gossip sheet known as Hotline, brings the story up to date.

Pay close attention: The act declares (1) “the life of each human being begins at conception” and (2) “unborn children have protectable interests in life, health and well-being.” Further, Missouri law should be interpreted to acknowledge on behalf of the unborn child “all the rights, privileges and immunities available to other persons, citizens and residents of this state.”

Very well. Saletan reports that four weeks after the high court’s decision in the Missouri case, Kansas City lawyer Michael Box was struck by the marvelous possibilities that might lie in literal interpretation of the law. He filed suit against the state’s governor and attorney general for jailing the fetus of a pregnant prison inmate without due process of law. If her fetus is legally entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities available to other persons, a gross violation of the Seventh and Eighth amendments manifestly has occurred.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, enchanted by this line of reasoning, suggested editorially that a fetus might be entitled to welfare benefits under Aid to Families with Dependent Children. And what about an extra food-stamp allowance for the mother?

For the past two months, pro-choice lawyers have been brainstorming like mad. If all Missourians are entitled to add nine months to their ages, about 30,000 of them would become eligible for Social Security, at a potential cost of $150 million a year. About 75,000 births are recorded in Missouri every year. Back-date these births by nine months, and you have just added $5 million for AFDC and Food Stamps.

Saletan acknowledges that the guerrilla lawyers probably will lose these battles, but in a curious way they may win the war. At the very least, the suits will put pro-life forces on the defensive. Their legal theory is that abortion is tantamount to murder; the unborn fetus is a person. But if a fetus is a person for purposes of criminal law, why is not a fetus a person for other purposes also? If human life dates legally “from the moment of conception,” you have a whole new ball game. Every Missouri statute that is keyed to age may have to be amended to say it ain’t necessarily so.

It will be time enough for federal courts to pass on Missouri’s theory should it be applied in some concrete way. Next year comes the decennial census. How many persons will be found in Missouri? Show me.

As you can see, the discussions on this subject are not new feelings played an important part.
Aquinas also distinguished between the formed and uniformed fetus and regarded abortion after formation as murder, and before formation as criminal. He held that formation occurs at 40 days, though for a different reason than the Talmud and the sixth century Justinian Code, which took the same position. Those works settled on 40 days because of the impossibility of knowing if a fetus was male (40-day formation) or female (80-day formation). Aquinas, by contrast, anticipated male offspring, since "the male semen is the power of pre-creation and every agent tends to produce its like." For 600 years after Aquinas, however, most Catholics who subscribed to delayed animation decided upon 80 days, close to the first trimester, as the animation point.

Thomas Sanchez, a 16th-century Jesuit theologian, wrote in favor of abortion, if done prior to animation, for cases of rape. "As a human being," he wrote, a mother "differs from 'mother earth' in that she need not nurture seed implanted within her forcibly. Like a property owner, she can expel an intruder — but only before the semen is ensouled, before formation."

In 1588, Pope Sixtus V made abortion at any stage a capital offense, dissolving the previous distinction between formed and uniformed existence. Though Gregory XIV overturned this canon only three years later, Sixtus' set in motion what was to become, centuries later, Catholicism's present position.

Thomas Flensu, a 17th-century physician, argued that there are no gradations in a soul's existence. In other words, if the soul was extant post-animation and all concurrent that it was — it had to be present always, from the moment of conception. Thus, Aristotle's thesis of successive souls — vegetative (conception), animal (until 40 days), rational-human (after formation) — and Augustine's subscription to delayed animation were discarded: Abortion was the murder of an ensouled human being from conception.

With Pope Clement XI's proclamation in 1701allowing the Immaculate Conception as a feast of universal obligation in the Church, a perception that ensoulment takes place at conception, as it had with Jesus, took root among the masses. And in 1968, 168 years later, Plus IV made the Church's position official: Hominization takes place at conception.

Thereafter, all annals and encyclicalson the subject, including Homoone Vita of 1968, made no distinction between animate and inanimate fetuses, declaring "the fetus a human being in the same degree and by the same title as its mother, from the very first moment of conception" (Plus XII, 1930).

While Judaism held that while a fetus is a form of life essentially deserving protection, it is not an actual person and is therefore secondary to the mother's survival — the Roman Catholic Church took an absolutist position: "We must again declare that direct interruption of the generative process already begun, and above all, directly willed and procured abortions, even for therapeutic reasons, are to be absolutely excluded." (Homoonee Vita, 1968). Therefore abortion to save the mother's life is not permitted, even when it is known that the fetus itself cannot survive the pregnancy. The reasoning: "Better two deaths than one murder."

However, while the Catholic Church interprets direct abortion of the fetus even to save the mother's life, it does allow remedial procedures to combat a variety of diseases affecting her, though they may indirectly cause the fetus to die. For example, if a woman would die from a cancerous uterus, her pregnant uterus might rightfully be removed even though that results in the death of the fetus.

Calvin wrote, "The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of the mother, is already a human being, and it is almost a monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy." He compared abortion to killing a man in his house, his place of secure refuge, and "it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field.

Luther, in De homini, wrote that the child in the womb has a soul from the moment of conception. Luther's successor, Melanchthon, also revived abortion, but distinguished between embryo formatus and embryo infirmatus, as did the later 17th century Anglicans and Puritans.

With the advent of 20th-century scientific awareness of prenatal development, many eminent Protestant thinkers have begun viewing quickening as an erroneous barometer of when life begins. The late Paul Ramsey, a professor of Christian ethics at Princeton University, remarked that fetal movement begins not at pregnancy's midpoint but in the first trimester. Going even further, he concluded that "a being with a human genetic code is already man," and "genetic coding occurs at conception."

Karl Barth, the preeminent 20th-century neo-orthodox Protestant ethicist, wrote: "The unborn child is from the very first a child. It is still developing ... but it is a man and not a thing. He who destroys germinating life kills man."

Leading evangelical theologians have had strongly opposed abortion, with differing exceptions. Francis A. Schaeffer, who has had a major influence on the thinking of several televangelists, has written: "The question of human life truly is a watershed issue. (Abortion) results in the total devastation of life. The unborn child is a human being created in the image of God, and to deny this is to deny the authority of the Bible. It is impossible to read Psalm 139 and truly believe what it says without realizing that life in the womb is human life. It is impossible to truly believe in the incarnation and not realize that the child conceived in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit was indeed the Son of God from the time of conception."

Here also, the "Mother of God" theology is taking root. Was Jesus in Mary's womb for 9 months? All of the idols of paganism have this kind of theology. Let us turn now to more Biblical material for answers. Judaism can supply some.
There is a very important legal case described in scripture. This case is explained by Arie Spero in the Tampa Tribune article referred to on page 11. The dictionary definitions will help you.

Judiasm considers a fetus nascent life, indeed a life form, but it does not regard the fetus as an actual human being, or **nefesh**, to use the Hebrew word. Unsanctioned abortion is therefore not murder, but it is a sin or crime.

Judiasm's view originates in Exodus 21:22-23 where scripture refers to a mother's life as **nefesh**, but not her fetus's: "If two men struggle with the intention of killing or children, instead of u'bar or yid, the appropriate Hebrew words for embryo or fetus. The implication is that hominization has taken place — the fetus has human as opposed to vegetable or animal aspects.

**Lev. 27 ASV**

27 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall accomplish a vow, the persons shall be for Jehovah by thy estimation. 3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be thirty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 And if it be a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels. 5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver. 7 And if it be from sixty years old and upward; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him according to the ability of him that vowed shall the priest value him.

*This is an extremely important legal case — backed up by what I call God's silver table.*

Pentateuch and Haftarahs

This becomes more important as medical science progresses. Consider some verses of scripture used to "prove" a fetus is a person.

**Lev. 24:17 ASV (See Ex. 20:13)**

17 And he that smiteth any man mortally shall surely be put to death.

In contrast to **Lev. 27**, which deals with the valuation of a vow, **Lev. 24:17** provides a clear law regarding the punishment for murder. The law is strict and unyielding, emphasizing the serious nature of taking a human life.

**Homini-lation** (homin'-a-lay-shun) n. The evolutionary development in human beings and their forebears of characteristics regarded as distinguishing humans from animals. [Latin homi-, stem homini-, man + -12(E) + -ATION.]
Ps. 139 ASV

A Psalm of David

I have given 3 "sample" translations, the results of different interlinear men's "thoughts." You

[13] For You have possessed my inward parts:
You wove me in the womb of my mother. [14] I will thank You, for with fearful things I am wonderful;
Your works (are) marvelous, and my soul knows (it) very well. [15] My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret; when I was woven in the depths of the earth.
[16] Your eyes saw my embryo; and in Your book all (my members) were written; the days they were formed, and none (was) among them.

Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance;
And in Thy book they were all written,
Even the days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was none of them.

The Septuagint Bible Ps. 139

Charles Thomson - C.A. Muses

O Lord, hast possessed my reins—hast supported me from my mother's womb; [14] I will adore Thee, for Thou art awfully wonderful. Thy works are wonderful; as my soul well knoweth. [16] Thine eyes beheld the unwrought part of me. When on Thy book all shall be enrolled; they will day by day be fashioned.

Jeremiah 1 ASV

[13] Because Thou, God's choice, and so also Israel (p. 4)

[16] When my substance was in the lowest parts of the earth.

Jeremiah also was chosen-as was Paul— for special service.

Acts 9 CT

[2] * "matrix"

Apol. 41

p. 20

Luke 2:23

The Liddell and Scott lexicon shows βρέφος, "the babe in the womb," like "γυμνός," Lat. "fetus." This case is in reference to John the Baptist, another "chosen" of God.

(Luke 1:13-17) These are the only such uses of βρέφος in the NT. (See also Luke 2:12, 16, Acts 7:19 for "baby" (βρέφος) under 8-days old.) Also note the Teaching Dictionary, Mount. See page 7 above, "child."
Consider again "the breath of life" (lives p.2) that was necessary for Adam to become a "living soul."

Gen. 2:7

"And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Fetal and Neonatal Physiology Ch. 80 p. 117

Figure 803 illustrates the tremendous forces required to open the lungs at the onset of breathing. To the left is shown the pressure-volume curve (compliance curve) for the first breath after birth. Observe, first, the lowermost curve, which shows that the lungs expand essentially not at all until the negative pressure has reached -40 cm. water. Then, as the negative pressure increases to -60 cm. water, only about 40 ml. air enters the lungs. Then, to deflate the lungs, considerable positive pressure is required, probably because of the viscous resistance offered by the fluid in the bronchioles.

Note that the second breath is much easier. However, breathing does not become completely normal until about 40 minutes after birth, as shown by the third compliance curve. The shape of this curve compares favorably with that for the normal adult, which was shown in Chapter 37.

Knowledge is increasing—page 1. These abnormalities in newborn babies must be considered in the subject of abortion. Some pictures and further information is on page 6. We will be better able to understand the cause of some of the problems if we look in scripture in relation to Israel.

Figure 803. Pressure-volume curves of the lungs (compliance curves) of a newborn baby immediately after birth, showing (a) the extreme forces required for breathing during the first two breaths of life and (b) development of a nearly normal compliance within 40 minutes after birth. (From Smith: Sci. Amer., 209(Oct.):32, 1963.)

Maternal & Child Health Nursing
Ingalls and Salerno p. 287

One wishes that each baby born was perfect in every detail—physically, intellectually, and emotionally ready to meet the challenge of life without an initial obstacle or defect. Sadly, such is not the case. Approximately 1 in 14 of all children born has some kind of abnormality, causing disfigurement or resulting in physical or mental handicaps or a shortened life, although not all these problems may be noted at birth.

The birth of a handicapped or ill child is always a distressing time for the family. Feelings of failure, anxiety, guilt, frustration, anger, and exhaustion are common. Parents at first may be unable to believe that their child is abnormal, and when the realization comes, grief may be intense. Problems in organizing the family to meet the unexpected demands created by the necessary trips to the hospital, physician, and therapist and the extra financial burden can seem almost without end to the often perplexed and unprepared parents.

In regard to genetic hazards, it is possible today to consult specialists who will estimate the prospects for each couple. A number of conditions, including chromosomal abnormalities such as Down's syndrome, can be detected by taking samples from the amniotic fluid, making possible an abortion if the parents so desire.
These pictures and articles do not print well; but they will call your attention to the problems. What should be done with these babies?

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Miami baby boy born with 2 separate faces

MIAMI — A baby boy born with one head and one brain, but two separate faces, is an extremely rare variant of Siamese twins, according to officials at the hospital caring for the newborn.

"It's a very unusual and rare phenomenon," said Dr. Charles Bauer, associate director of neonatology at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Hospital officials would not identify the baby, who was born Friday, but said he was breathing on his own and was being evaluated for treatment.

The baby has an unusually large head and two faces looking in different directions. He has two sets of eyes, two noses and two mouths, Bauer said.

While the baby has one brain, Bauer said there is little brain tissue and no brain stem. The baby's body is normal except that it has meningocele or open spine, a condition similar to spina bifida.

If the baby survives the spinal condition, he likely would remain in a vegetative state, he said. Bauer said he had never seen a similar case.

April 8, 1989

THE PEOPLE'S NEWSPAPER • BAGUIO CITY

SIAMESE TWINS joined from the thorax down to the sex organ were born to a couple from Domolpot, Tublay, Benguet. The twins, however, were delivered dead thru Cesarean Section at the Benguet General Hospital, La Trinidad, Benguet at exactly 11:00 A.M. last March 9, 1989. The twins had four hands, three feet (one foot has six toes, one anal opening, one sex organ (female) and two heads. "NEMARC A. NOBRES

If Charismatic healers were truly gifted with the ability to heal as in the early "church", they could heal these—maybe! (Apologetics 5)

Various "healers" today place the blame for sickness, disease and crippling, etc., on Satan—let us see.
As far as Israel is concerned, it is Jehovah that afflicts them. In fact, it was Jehovah who put diseases on the Egyptians. (*)

From Deut. 7 we learn that Jehovah puts sickness and evil diseases upon all them that hate Israel. (*1)

Since Israel is constantly being hated by all, it would seem that Jehovah afflicts the Gentiles.

A special case of an incurable disease.

Jehovah makes these plagues and sicknesses of "long continuance."

Note: page 15, the increase in knowledge of "chromosomal abnormalities."

Ex. 20: 5 the iniquity of the fathers (in idolatry) is passed on to the children.

Roman Catholicism, which is idolatry, omits this commandment in their doctrine.

Apologetics 23 p. 11
From page 17 we learned that Jehovah put diseases on the Egyptians, on the Israelites, upon all who hate Israel, etc.

From page 1 we learned that man is corrupt, filthy, etc. Here in Romans, we learn that "the God gave over" the idolaters to their evil ways: many listed in verses 29-31.

The sacrifice of children to Moloch (Lev. 20 etc.) is not much different from the so called "Satan-worshiper's" sacrifices today.

Select Papyri, Vol. 1, p. 295

Harvard University Press

105. FROM HILARIAN TO ALIS

Hilarion to his sister * Alis very many greetings, likewise to my lady Berous and Apollonarian. Know that we are still in Alexandria. Do not be anxious; they 've really gone home; I will remain in Alexandria. I beg and entreat you, take care of the little one, and as soon as we receive our pay I will send it up to you. If by chance you hear a child, if it is a boy, let it be, if it is a girl cast it out. You have said to Aphrodisias "Do not forget me. How can I forget you? I beg you then not to be anxious. The 29th day of Caesar, 4 Pauni 23. (Addressed) Deliver to Alis from Hilarion.

* Alis was Hilarion's wife. "Sister" is often used as a mere term of endearment; but as marriage between brother and sister was permitted, it is not always possible to say whether the word is to be taken literally.

Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. 3

Tertullian, Apology, p. 26

Even now reflect what opportunity there is for mistakes leading to incestuous comminglings—your promiscuous looseness supplying the materials. You first of all expose your children, that they may be taken up by any compassionate passer-by, to whom they are quite unknown; or you give them away, to be adopted by those who will do better to them the part of parents.

* "Casting out" or "exposing" of newborn babies and "adoption" were common in those days. Certain facts have been presented from God's word. Many recently discovered scientific facts have been presented. From the days of Constantine, the "church has been full of idolaters, and so it is today also.

Let us try to draw some conclusions on "abortions."
From the Bible facts presented, the new scientific evidence, and the various opinions, you should be able to see that "abortion discussions" are very confusing. The "abortion" arguments initially divide into two "camps", "pro-choice" by the woman concerned and "anti-abortion" by those who view abortion as murder. These two major divisions oversimplify the whole subject because of many opinions that differ within both groups. Let us examine some motives that influence opinions.

Ex. 20 ASV

20 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

It is this commandment that divides the world. A minimum of 90% of the world's population are idolaters. The remaining 10% may make some claim to "church" membership. Unfortunately, however, the teachings of idolatry were well established long before "Christianity."

Idolatry has its base in Genesis 6:1-4 when angels had sex with human women. (See "Fallen Angels" course, Mount) Mythology is founded on the records of these angels. Since these angels had sex with the women, it should be very clear that the life of their children began at conception. But "life begins at conception" is not the Bible teaching. (Page 2, 4, 5, 9)

The idolatry of Roman Catholicism and the idolatry which filtered into the "church" from ancient times, have now joined hands so to speak - "life begins at conception."

When this error is taught, many teach that contraceptives are the same as "abortion" and, hence, murder. Sperm is an area of "unprotected life", 200,000,000+ per ejaculation. (Page 9)
"Life begins at conception" is necessary for Satan's "Mother of God" theology. (p.12 Apologetics 33,34,35.) This false doctrine has to also teach that while Jesus was being "developed" into humanity for 9 months in Mary's womb, the 2nd person of the trinity was not operating. (See Apologetics 41) Once the Bible position is taught, I see no objection to contraceptives, even or especially the pills on page 10.

While the "soul" is being programmed into the blood, the blood is not in the embryo. (Pages 5,6,7) The fetus is not called a "soul" (nefesh), but is a soul in the early stages. (Page 13) Remember, also, the fetus is never called a "child" in the New Testament. (Page 7)

Probably the major motive for abortions once having rejected Jehovah, is in order to permit any sex acts with any partners one chooses. God has already "given over" these people to their passions. (Romans 1, p.18.) Now, a few mistaught "Christians" can not hope to bring world corruption under God's will.

Are YOU not knowing absolutely that YOU are (the) sanctuary of God and the Spirit of the God is dwelling in YOU?

If someone is corrupting the sanctuary of the God, the God will corrupt this (one) for the sanctuary of the God is holy, which-ones YOU yourselves are.

Let no-one be-deluding himself; if someone is seeming to be wise among YOU in this age, let-him become stupid, in order that he might become wise.

For the wisdom of this world is stupidity beside the God. For it has been and is still written: The (one) grasping the wise (ones) in their craftiness.

And again: Jehovah is coming to know the deliberations of the wise, that they are aimless.

God's sanctuary, the true "church organization", is being corrupted by "leaders" whom God is corrupting.

All Kinds of questions are being raised. Should there be abortions in case of "rape" or "incest"? Should there be abortions to save the life of the mother? Should there be an abortion if science can show that the new born baby will be born with AIDS, addicted to drugs, or malformed? Since a fetus is not a "nefesh" (soul) or definitely not a "living soul", (pages 2,5) an abortion is not murder. What about babies "living souls" should they be allowed to suffer or be "tortured" by well-meaning doctors in scientific efforts to prolong their lives? Should "living-souls", certainly not in "the image of God" (Gen.1:27) be gently "put to sleep"?

I believe we have an answer in God's silver table. (Page 13) Let us now consider some specific questions that will require opinions even with Bible facts.
Summary

1. The question of contraceptives has already been discussed. The sperm carry lives from Adam. (p. 2) There is no way to save 200,000,000 - 300,000,000 per ejaculation. These may be regarded as "unprotected life." (p. 9) Therefore, any kind of contraceptive, for example, the pills on page 10, should not be prohibited. When no method of birth control is used, you should plan on 20 children.

2. What about a "rape" victim? Here is one case from Deut. 22: Asv

25 But if the man find the damsel that is betrothed in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die:
26 but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death; for as when a man riseth against his neighbor, and slayeth him, even so is this matter; 27 for he found her in the field, the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.

God's law to Israel. Following this law would solve the "rape problem." The rapist would be executed. In our day, science can help the woman if the pill Ovral (p. 10) was given immediately. You may claim, as some do, that this would be murder of the "life" in the sperm. But God ordered the death of every sperm in the body of the rapist.

3. God's laws regarding "incest" are much more complex. Every case must be dealt with on an individual basis.

4. What about an unwanted pregnancy resulting from indiscriminate sex as is so common today? It is in this area that anti-abortionists are most active because they regard any abortion for this reason as "murder." Various alternatives are suggested, assuming that the man is usually "unavailable." First, the girl might keep the baby and become a one-parent family. According to news reports Oct. 1989 27% are one parent families already. Secondly, the girl might give the baby to family members to raise. Third choice, she should give the baby out for adoption. These ideas are not new. (p. 18) Now let us look at things from the baby's point of view. After the baby is adopted, the adopting parents move far away. How do you know the baby or child will not be abused, offered in a "Satanic" ritual, or even killed? Adoption sounds good to the anti-abortionists, but as time goes by, how will the mother feel when she begins to wonder about these kind of things when she reads the newspaper?
It is not possible to stop the immoral sex activity of the world by protests and even destruction of abortion clinics. It didn't stop the world from drunkenness when those who opposed liquor broke up the bars in bygone days. God has "given over" the corrupt world to their desires. (p.18) The anti-abortionists usually declare that an aborted fetus goes to heaven; I don't know how they know this. (p.10) The solution to this problem is one of the pills on page 10.

A more difficult decision must be made in case a "therapeutic abortion" seems advisable. (p.15,16)

Remember, whether or not you like it, God does not call a "fetus" a "soul." (p.13)

Nor is a "fetus" ever called a "child" in the NT. (p.17)

Again, don't be so selfish, look at things from the fetus' point of view. Would you like to live as a "vegetable" or a severe paralytic all your life, or go through many painful surgeries to correct some severe abnormalities?

What should be done in a case where a "fetus", as on page 16, is delivered alive and, therefore, is a "living soul"? I believe God's silver table (p.13) is especially designed for such a case. There is no value set by God on any infant under one month of age. Should this baby be allowed to suffer and cry until it dies? Should this baby be kept alive on "life-support" systems to make it more miserable? Page 16-a child whose cranium collapsed at 3 months was kept alive 2 1/2 more months.

As you can see this whole subject is very complicated. A theology of "emotion" is gripping the world, especially those who call themselves a part of the "church." The "church" is very handicapped. Approximately 40 translations of the Greek NT into English exist; which one is the Word of God?

Decisions, decisions, decisions must be made in the whole abortion issue. Who is involved? The woman must decide first, then the doctor, then medical science. It must be decided by every choice—not by law.