

# A CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE ON ABORTION

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## LYNDON JOHNSON, 36TH PRESIDENT WAS ARCHITECT OF 'GREAT SOCIETY' PROGRAMS

### High Court Rules Abortions Legal the First 3 Months

#### State Bans Ruled Out Until 1983

#### National Guidelines Set by 7-to-2 Vote

By WARREN WEAVER Jr.  
Special to the New York Times  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 — The Supreme Court overruled today all state laws that prohibit or restrict a woman's right to obtain an abortion during her first three months of pregnancy. The vote was 7 to 2.

In a historic resolution of 4

#### Cardinals Shocked —Reaction Mixed

By LAWRENCE VAN GELDER  
Reaction to the Supreme Court decision on abortion fragmented yesterday along predictable lines, as leaders of the Roman Catholic Church assailed the ruling while birth control and women's rights activists praised it.

In the forefront of Catholic reaction were Cardinal Cooke

#### 3.7 MILLION CARS RECALLED BY GM

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#### TO CORRECT FLAW Shields Will Be Installed to Prevent Entry of Gravel Into Steering System

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Special to the New York Times  
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#### KISSINGER IN PARIS; NATION IS SHOCKED

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#### CHOSEN FOR TALKS in Voicing Sorrow and Paying Tribute

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN  
Shock, sorrow and the sense of a historic leader lost were the mourning themes of public officials and private citizens across the nation last night as word spread that Lyndon Baines Johnson was dead.

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From the White House and the halls of Congress where he had arrived, and in cities and towns across the land where he



#### STRICKEN AT Apparent Heart Attack Comes as Country Mourns Truman

Special to the New York Times  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 22 — Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States, died today of an apparent heart attack suffered at his ranch in Johnson City, Tex.  
The 64-year-old Mr. Johnson, whose history of heart illness began in 1955, was pronounced dead on arrival at 4:23 P.M. central time at San Antonio 10-

# ■ Emotion / Appearance

# The question of “Individual Rights”

Appearances Can Be  
Deceiving!

# Life on earth exists in stages...

- ...in which the appearance may vary drastically, yet be the same individual organism.

# The Stages of Life

- Zygote - conception to 4 weeks
- Embryo - 4-7 weeks
- Fetus - 9 weeks - birth
- Newborn
- Infant
- Child
- Adolescent
- Adult
- Elderly

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■ Science

# Science

- Is it alive?
- What species is it?
- What is its environment (niche)?
  - ◆ The question of individuality
- How does it develop?

# Science proves that the unborn is:

- Living
- Human Being
- Individual

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■ Philosophy

What is the definition of a  
**PERSON?**

# “NO UNWANTED CHILDREN”

■ NO UNWANTED ~~CHILDREN~~

■ NO ~~UNWANTED~~ CHILDREN

~~■ Emotion / Appearance~~

~~■ Science~~

~~■ Philosophy~~



What is the definition of a  
**PERSON?**

**SOUL**

Humans are Distinct from ALL  
the Rest of Creation

# Genesis 1:27-28

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

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

# The Continuity of Personhood in the Scriptures

Including the Unborn

## Genesis 4:1

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."

## Genesis 25:22-23

The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

The LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

## Hosea 12:3

In the womb he grasped his brother's heel; as a man he struggled with God.

Isa 44:2

This is what the LORD says--he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you:



## Job 31:15

Did not he who made me in the  
womb make them?

Did not the same one form us both  
within our mothers?

## Psalm 51:5

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful  
from the time my mother  
conceived me.

## Jer 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I  
knew you, before you were born I  
set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the  
nations."

# God is Involved Throughout the Process

## Job 33:4

The Spirit of God has made me; the  
breath of the Almighty gives me  
life.

# Psalm 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

## Psalm 100:3

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his  
pasture.

## Psalm 127:3

Sons are a heritage from the LORD,  
children a reward from him.



# The Sovereign Intervention of God in Conception

## Gen 21:1-2

Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.

# Gen 30 1-2,22

When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"

Jacob became angry with her and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?" . . .

Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and opened her womb

# I Samuel 1:19-20

Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah.

Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

## Luke 1:15

...for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth.

# The Humanity and Deity of Jesus

## Matthew 1:20

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

## Hebrews 2:17

For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.



# References to the Handicapped

## Exodus 4:11

The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

## John 9:1-3

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."

## Luke 14:13-14

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## Exodus 21:22-25 (KJV)

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# Yeled, not golem, nefel

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# Yatza', not shakol

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# Ason/harm(indefinite in reference)

## Missing Lah (to her)

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## Exodus 21:22-25 (NIV)

"If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. <sup>23</sup> But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, <sup>24</sup> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, <sup>25</sup> burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.