

## The Biblical Response to Abortion Part 2

### Psalm 139: 12-17

Psalm 139:12–17 (NKJV)

- <sup>12</sup> Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,  
But the night shines as the day;  
The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.
- <sup>13</sup> For You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully  
made;  
Marvelous are Your works,  
And *that* my soul knows very well.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
*And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the  
earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When *as yet there were* none of them.
- <sup>17</sup> How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O  
God!  
How great is the sum of them!

# Introduction

In 2008 a Long Island woman was driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol when she was involved in a head-on collision. She was in her third trimester and the baby girl was delivered via C-section following the crash but, sadly, died six days later from injuries related to the crash. This woman was originally charged with second-degree manslaughter, driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and endangering a child. But these charges were... overturned by the New York Court of Appeals when it was determined that “she was not guilty because she fatally injured her daughter before she was born.

The court ruling compared the mother’s actions to self-induced abortion and called it an offense that is ‘no greater than a misdemeanor.’” Current legislation in New York does not “subject to criminal liability . . . prenatal conduct that results in postnatal death.”

So this woman was not guilty of manslaughter for engaging in behavior that directly caused her daughter’s death because the injuries took place before the baby was born! Now, she probably did not intend for this to happen, but the court’s decision really highlights how far our culture has drifted from valuing unborn life. This baby had absolutely no rights,

value, dignity, worth, or even basic respect in the eyes of the law simply because she had not yet been born. How utterly unjust!

This is the direct product of a culture that has rejected God's Word. America is saturated with (self centered, relativistic) evolutionary ideas, and generations of students have been taught they are nothing more than animals. And if we're nothing more than animals, why should life have any value? In an evolutionary view there is no inherent worth, value, or dignity in simply being human because you're nothing more than a highly evolved animal. As a recent evolutionary indoctrination Smithsonian traveling exhibit for public libraries illustrated—humans are related to bananas. In fact, from an evolutionary perspective, all life belongs to one big evolutionary tree—all life is related. Humans are related to tapeworms, to fruit flies, to chimps, to every living thing! Because our culture has bought this lie, we've seen the continuing devaluation of human life, both born and unborn.

Court Decides a 6-Day-Old Baby Is Not a Person  
by [Ken Ham](#) on November 6, 2015

“If you're an unborn baby (a child) or are elderly or terminally ill, you may want to stay out of California! **Abortions are free** on public college campuses, and **assisted suicide** is legal in that state. But if you're a dog or a cat (unlikely if you're reading my blog!), head west because California's

governor, Gavin Newsom, is spending \$50 million [in an attempt](#) to make his a “no-kill state.” But not for people—for dogs and cats.

According to reports, the money will be allocated to “helping local communities ‘achieve the state’s policy goal that no adoptable or treatable dog or cat should be euthanized.’” Now, we certainly have a responsibility to care for creation (e.g., [Genesis 1:26–28](#), [Proverbs 12:10](#)), including dogs and cats, and wisdom and care should be exercised towards these creatures. But this is an example of the glaring hypocrisy of lawmakers in California who don’t want to see a single healthy dog or cat euthanized, but they are more than happy to give students free abortions (murder of children in the womb), [resist Christian adoption agencies](#), and legalize the killing of the terminally ill. **To them, clearly, animals have more value than unborn children or people who are terminally ill!**

*IF WE’RE JUST ANIMALS, THEN HUMANS HAVE NO UNIQUE OR INTRINSIC VALUE—CERTAINLY NO MORE VALUE THAN A DOG OR A CAT.*

This action is a natural consequence of the secular worldview. If we’re just animals, then humans have no unique or intrinsic value—certainly no more value than a dog or a cat. So why not value the lives of cute, cuddly critters over “inconvenient” babies and sick people?

In 2014, “A heart-wrenching video brought the abortion issue into the spotlight once again—not just in the USA, but in news outlets around the world.

A young lady in New Jersey has made a video of herself having an abortion. Afterwards she actually said,

“I don’t feel like a bad person. I don’t feel sad. I feel in awe of the fact that I can make a baby. I can make a life. I knew that what I was going to do was right ‘cause it was right for me and no one else.”<sup>1</sup> And what did she do to that baby, to that life? She killed the baby!

The video does not show the actual abortion. Rather it does show her face as she underwent this terrible, murderous procedure.

This video is being described as a “positive abortion story.” Now, how can there be any such thing? This young lady, who is an abortion clinic counselor, believes there is a positive outcome of abortion, and to “prove” it, she recorded herself undergoing this abortion. Emily Letts, who works for the Cherry Hill Women’s Center in New Jersey (the actual clinic that performed her abortion), entered her three-minute video into a contest

organized by the Abortion Care Network. Her film, along with one other, was selected as a winner by the organization. According to the Abortion Care Network, “winning entries receive cash prizes and a \$100 donation will also go to the abortion fund of [Letts’s] choice.”<sup>2</sup>

“I Can Make a Baby”—and Kill That Baby! Answers in Genesis  
on May 8, 2014

**In our more recent technological achievements**

Governments around the world are wrestling with the controversial issue of embryonic stem cell research. The Australian Government’s controversial support for such research is based on the (mis)understanding that a 5-day-old embryo is a “ball of cells ... not a human being”.<sup>1</sup> This is a widely held view in the scientific world and would appear to give rational, if not moral, support for the government’s policy. But not any more.

The “ball of cells” concept is that the embryo is undifferentiated; that is, all the cells are the same and no individual cells have yet been assigned their final destinations to become skin, hair, bone, blood, etc. Evidence supporting this view includes the fact that the embryo can be divided to produce multiple identical babies (twins, triplets, etc.), and one or two cells can be removed from the “ball” for genetic

screening without apparent ill-effect. But all this has now changed

Recent research has found that differentiation of the embryonic cells begins on the day of conception and may even be initiated by the point of entry of the sperm into the egg.<sup>2</sup> When egg and sperm unite, they produce a single new cell, called the “zygote”, and the zygote is the first cell in the body of the new baby. When the zygote undergoes its first cell division to produce a two-celled embryo, it now appears that these two cells form the top-tail axis for all subsequent development. In other words, which part will be the head, for instance, is determined “up front”. And similar processes of orientation appear to continue during all subsequent cell divisions.

The research has been in progress for more than a decade and early results that pointed in this direction were originally met with some hostility. Many people did not want to know that the early embryo may not be “just a featureless blob of cells”. Why? Perhaps it reminded them that their experiments were dismembering a tiny person already in the process of formation.<sup>3</sup>

Much work remains to be done to clarify the details, but it is certainly now clear that

developmental biologists can no longer talk about the early embryo being a featureless blob of cells.

Blob or Baby? Answers in Genesis  
by [Alexander Williams](#) on December 1, 2002

## The sanctity of Life

vs

## The Quality of Life

Margaret Sanger - who by the way is the founder of Planned Parenthood, the world's largest supporter of abortion - according to the researchers who study her, she essentially agreed with Hitler's approach, and sought to weed from the human race blacks, southern Europeans, Hebrews, and other quote "feeble-minded."

The origins of Planned Parenthood date to October 16, 1916, when [Margaret Sanger](#), her sister [Ethel Byrne](#), (radical Femenist) and [Fania Mindell](#) (feminist, activist) opened the [first birth control clinic in the U.S.](#) in the [Brownsville](#) section of the [New York](#) borough of [Brooklyn](#).<sup>[15]</sup> They distributed birth control, birth control advice, and birth control information. All three women were arrested<sup>[16][17][18]</sup> and jailed for violating provisions of the [Comstock Act](#), accused of distributing obscene materials at the clinic. The so-called Brownsville trials brought national attention and support to their cause. Sanger and her co-defendants were convicted on [misdemeanor](#) charges, which they appealed through

two subsequent appeals courts. While the convictions were not overturned,<sup>[19]</sup> the judge who issued the final ruling also modified the law to permit physician-prescribed birth control. The women's campaign led to major changes in the laws governing birth control and sex education in the United States.<sup>[20]</sup>

In 1921, the clinic was organized into the [American Birth Control League](#),<sup>[5]</sup> the core of the only national birth-control organization in the U.S. until the 1960s. By 1941, it was operating 222 centers and had served 49,000 clients.<sup>[21]</sup> However, some found its title offensive and "against families", so the League began discussions for a new name.<sup>[22]</sup> In 1938, a group of private citizens organized the Citizens Committee for Planned Parenthood to aid the American Birth Control League in spreading scientific knowledge about birth control to the general public. In 1942, the League officially changed its name to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.<sup>[22]</sup>

....according to the researchers who study [Margaret Sanger](#), she essentially agreed with Hitler's approach, and sought to weed from the human race blacks, southern Europeans, Hebrews, and other quote "feeble-minded." The Battle lines were drawn from this ideology Sanctity of Life vs. Quality of Life. =Literally a "Right to Live"

...and that quality of life is to be determined by the genetic engineers, or the philosophers, or whoever.

Although shocking, these eugenic proposals are not very different in principle from the present practice of aborting babies for any reason at all. A baby who has Down Syndrome, a baby who has some other birth defect, or a baby who would be an inconvenience doesn't have a life worth living, therefore isn't human, therefore we can dispose of them readily.

Respected scholars have already proposed different criteria for this quality of life, and you can read endlessly on this.

One illustration, Nobel laureate James Watson proposed that a person not be declared having the quality to live until three days after birth to be sure he's healthy. In other words, wait three days, and then if the child doesn't meet the criteria, take its life.

Other proposals would require that someone be several years old before he could be considered a human and thus qualify to live. And I heard recently that in some Scandinavian countries, they are now saying a person may not be truly

considered to be human until they are seven years old.

Of course, if criteria can be imposed near the beginning of life, then it can be imposed at any time in life.

Joseph Fletcher - you associate him with situation ethics - suggested that to be considered a person one must have a measurable IQ of at least 40. Infants would not qualify, nor would the aged who are senile, nor would others who had certain types of accidents. In such cases, argues Fletcher, abortion, infanticide and euthanasia are not taking personal life, but merely biological life.

This is what happens when you begin to educate the whole society that a child is a non-person, not worth living, and shouldn't be any kind of intrusion into your world, and you begin to treat them that way.

The present toleration of abortion is deeply rooted in this new kind of individualism and personal rights movement. The pro-abortion people always argue that a woman has a right to control her own body, and therefore she has the right to abort any intrusion into that body. Yet society recognizes rights must be limited when

they conflict with another person's rights. And certainly the person in the womb of the mother has rights.

The Late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said,  
“Whether a woman's right over her body extends to abortion depends on whether the fetus is a human life.”

And that is the issue. But as I told you last week, It is impossible for Science, Biology, Physiology, Gynecology or any philosophy to determine the origin of life and that creation of the Human soul. This can only be given by the Creator of Life.....  
GOD

## **Lesson**

### **I. The Reality of Abortion**

### **II. The Rebuttal of Abortion**

#### **1. Conception is a Miracle of God.**

When does life begin, particularly Human life. An important scientific gathering was convened in October 1967 in Washington D.C. to decide this question. Medical professionals, biological scientists and authorities in the fields of law, ethics and the social sciences gathered together to settle the

matter. This was the First International Conference on Abortion. The first major question considered was this: "When does human life begin?" And this is an important question, for we all know that we should not kill human beings. *But when does an unborn child become a human being?* At conception when the two cells unite, at birth forty weeks later, or at some point between the two?

Here was the decision of this group (composed of biochemists, professors of obstetrics and gynecology, geneticists, etc.):

*"The majority of our group could find no point in time between the union of sperm and egg, or at least the blastocyst stage [shortly after fertilization, when twinning might occur] and the birth of the infant at which point we could say that this was not a human life. The changes occurring between implantation, a six-weeks embryo, a six months fetus, a one week-old child, or a mature adult are merely stages of development and maturation."—First International Conference on Abortion, Washington B.C., October 1967.*

These scientists decided by a vote of 19 to 1 (with a minority of 20% of whom were Catholics) that the unborn child is a human being, just as you and I are, from the moment of, or just following the moment of, conception when the two cells unite.

Here is some of the information that these distinguished scientists used in arriving at their decision:

Because of modern science, we know a great deal about fertilization and the early development of the child within the womb.

When the sperm and egg unite, a new human life begins. It did not exist before.

The sperm carried the genetic code of the father, and has no life or continuing function beyond that of one goal: to fertilize the egg.

The ovum contains the genetic code of the mother and part of her body. It is not a new life, and has no other function than to be fertilized.

If the fertilization (uniting of the two cells) does not take place, both cells will die.

The cells are from human beings, but are not human beings.

But when the 23 chromosomes from the sperm unite with the 23 chromosomes from the ovum, a new being comes into existence. It is a unique human being, for none like it ever existed before, and none quite like it will ever exist again. It is a real person, just as real as you and I. Genetically, it is totally different from the body of the father or the mother. Organically, it is independent, programmed from within, growing in an orderly manner, moving toward further maturity.

Although needing the protective environment of his mother's body, this living being is completely independent in its functions from the very beginning of his or her life, and at only ten days of age takes over complete physiologic control of certain functions within the mother's body. One example of this is that the unborn child stops his or her mother's menstrual periods.

<https://www.pathlights.com/abortion/abort03.htm>

Some members of the medical community accept fertilization as the point at which life begins. Dr. Bradley M. Patten from the [University of Michigan](#) wrote in *Human Embryology* that the union of the sperm and the ovum "initiates the life of a new individual" beginning "a new individual life history." In the standard college [text book](#) *Psychology and Life*, Dr. Floyd L. Ruch wrote "At the time of conception, two living germ cells—the sperm from the father and the egg, or ovum, from the mother—unite to produce a new individual." Dr. Herbert Ratner wrote that "It is now of unquestionable certainty that a human being comes into existence precisely at the moment when the sperm combines with the egg." This certain knowledge, Ratner says, comes from the study of [genetics](#). At fertilization,

all of the genetic characteristics, such as the color of the eyes, "are laid down determinatively." James C. G. Conniff noted the prevalence of the above views in a study published by *The New York Times Magazine* in which he wrote, "At that moment conception takes place and, scientists generally agree, a new life begins—silent, secret, unknown."<sup>[10]</sup>

The view that life begins at fertilization reached acceptance from mainstream sources at one point. In 1967, [New York City school](#) officials launched a large [sex education](#) program. The fifth grade textbook stated "Human life begins when the sperm cells of the father and the egg cells of the mother unite

Similarly, a textbook used in [Evanston, Illinois](#) stated: "Life begins when a sperm cell and an ovum (egg cell) unite.

Now we have seen that Life is more than uniting of the sperm and egg. It is even more than the cell with 46 chromosomes

There is the Supernatural point to be made.

To illuminate this from the equation, is to eliminate the reason for LIFE, The Soul, the PERSON.

### One resource says

The **beginning of human personhood** is the moment when a **human** is first recognized as a **person**.

Well, there is much much more to a person, than just physical features, biological body parts.

When we leave these bodies, we do not cease to be a person!!!!

### **Negative. It is God who closes the womb.**

Genesis 20:17–18 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> So Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore *children*; <sup>18</sup> for the Lord had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Genesis 16:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing *children*. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.

1 Samuel 1:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb.

**Postive. It is God who opens the womb.**

**Genesis 17:16-17(NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of nations*; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

<sup>17</sup> Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall *a child* be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?”

**Genesis 21:1–2 (NKJV)**

**21** And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. <sup>2</sup> For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

**Genesis 25:21 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she *was* barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

## 1 Samuel 1:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup> So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, “Because I have asked for him from the Lord.”

## Theologically

### Job 10:8–12 (NKJV)

- <sup>8</sup> ‘Your hands have made me and fashioned me,  
An intricate unity;  
Yet You would destroy me.
- <sup>9</sup> Remember, I pray, that You have made me like  
clay.  
And will You turn me into dust again?
- <sup>10</sup> Did You not pour me out like milk,  
And curdle me like cheese,
- <sup>11</sup> Clothe me with skin and flesh,  
And knit me together with bones and sinews?
- <sup>12</sup> You have granted me life and favor,  
And Your care has preserved my spirit.

Job 12:9–10 (NKJV)

- <sup>9</sup> Who among all these does not know  
That the hand of the Lord has done this,  
<sup>10</sup> In whose hand *is* the life of every living thing,  
And the breath of all mankind?

Job 31:15 (NKJV)

- <sup>15</sup> Did not He who made me in the womb make  
them?  
Did not the same One fashion us in the womb?

Job 33:4 (NKJV)

- <sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God has made me,  
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Psalms 100:3 (NKJV)

- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, He *is* God;  
*It is He who* has made us, and not we ourselves;  
*We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Every soul, every person is a direct creation of God.  
To murder a child in the womb, is direct blow at the  
creative Power of God.

Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)

- <sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
Before you were born I sanctified you;

I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Galatians 1:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called *me* through His grace,

Matthew 1:18–23 (NKJV)

### ***Birth of Christ***

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: <sup>23</sup> “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and*

*bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*” which is translated, “God with us.”

Luke 1:41 (NKJV)

<sup>41</sup> And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

**brephos: an unborn or a newborn child**

**Original Word:** βρέφος, ους, τό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter

**Transliteration:** brephos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (bref'-os)

**Definition:** an unborn or a newborn child

**Usage:** infant, babe, child in arms.

Luke 2:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

Luke 18:15–16 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Then they also brought infants ( brephos) to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, “**Let the little children (paidios) come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.**”

2 Timothy 3:14–15 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from **childhood** you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

## 2. The Person Created in Womb is Created in the Image of God.

James 3:8–9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the **similitude** of God.

**homoiósis: a making like, likeness**

**Original Word:** ὁμοίωσις, εως, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** homoiósis

**Phonetic Spelling:** (hom-oy'-o-sis)

**Definition:** a making like, likeness

**Usage:** making like, likeness, resemblance.

**From****homoioó: to make like****Original Word:** ὁμοιόω**Part of Speech:** Verb**Transliteration:** homoioó**Phonetic Spelling:** (hom-oy-o'-o)**Definition:** to make like**Usage:** I make like, liken; I compare.**Acts 14:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian *language*, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!”

**Hebrews 2:17 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**Genesis 1:26–27 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion

over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

What we mean by this is that he is different than the animals. He different than you dog, or cat or the chicken you ate for lunch.

Man is uniquely created in the image of God with a soul and spirit, with reason and logic, with self consciousness. Self awareness.

“The main impact of the image is that God endues man with some of his divine attributes, thereby separating and making him different from the beasts. What are these special Godlike qualities which man is permitted to share? I shall mention six: language, creativity, love, holiness, immortality and freedom”

Man: The Image of God  
by [John Rendle Short](#) on March 1, 1981

We are not just flesh with biological processes. We are not a clump of cells to be disposed of at will. The body of flesh and bones, skin and muscle, is more than just a body. It houses the soul of man.

When the body dies, we continue to live....somewhere. Whether Heaven or Hell

### **Genesis 9:6 (NKJV)**

6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood,  
By man his blood shall be shed;  
For in the image of God  
He made man.

The point is that if you kill someone, it is punishable by death. Not because a body was killed, but rather there was an attack on the image of God.

This is never said of an animal. ONLY man

John MacArthur states,

“There is a personhood in men that does not exist in animals. There is a transcendence that rises above the rest of the created order.”

### **Acts 17:29 (NKJV)**

29 Therefore, **since we are** the **offspring** of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.

**genos:** family, offspring

**Original Word:** γένος, ους, τό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter

**Transliteration:** genos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ghen'-os)

**Definition:** family, offspring

**Usage:** offspring, family, race, nation, kind.

individuals of the same nature, kind, sort, species:

**since we are Pres. Act Part.**

huparchó: to begin, to be ready or at hand, to be

**Original Word:** ὑπάρχω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** huparchó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (hoop-ar'-kho)

**Definition:** to begin, to be ready or at hand, to be

**Usage:** I begin, am, exist, am in possession.

already have (be in possession of); what exists, especially what pre-exists,

## **Psalm 139:12–16** (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,  
But the night shines as the day;

The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.

13 For You formed my **inward parts**;

**kilyah: a kidney**

Original Word: כְּלִיָּהּ

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Transliteration: kilyah

Phonetic Spelling: (kil-yaw')

Definition: **a kidney**—-inner parts, organs

Amazingly, the kidneys are form in the 1st Month, along  
with the other organs

13 You **covered** me in my mother's  
womb.

**cakak: cover  
hedge, or fence about, shut in**

Original Word: סָכַךְ

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: cakak

Phonetic Spelling: (saw-kak')

Definition: to overshadow, screen, cover

14 I will praise You, for I am **fearfully** and  
**wonderfully** made;

**yare': affright**

cause astonishment and awe

stand in awe of, fear, reverence, honour

**Original Word:** יָרָא

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** yare'

**Phonetic Spelling:** (yaw-ray')

**Definition:** to fear

**wonderfully**

**palah: to be separated or distinct**

**Original Word:** פָּלַח

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** palah

**Phonetic Spelling:** (paw-law')

**Definition:** to be separated or distinct

A primitive root; to distinguish (literally or figuratively)

-- put a difference, show marvelous, separate, set apart, sever, make wonderfully.

**14 Marvelous are Your works,**

**pala: to be surpassing or extraordinary**

**be difficult to understand;**

His miracles

**Original Word:** פָּלַח

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** pala

**Phonetic Spelling:** (paw-law')

**Definition:** to be surpassing or extraordinary

And *that* my soul knows very well.

<sup>15</sup> My **frame** was not hidden from You,

**otsem: might, bones**

**Original Word:** עֲצָם

**Part of Speech:** Noun Masculine

**Transliteration:** otsem

**Phonetic Spelling:** (o'-tsem)

**Definition:** **might, bones**

15 When I was made in secret,

And **skillfully wrought** in the **lowest parts of the earth.**

**raqam: to variegate**

**Original Word:** רָקַם

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** raqam

**Phonetic Spelling:** (raw-kam')

**Definition:**

embroiderer (1), skillfully wrought (1), weaver (7).

wrought with needlework:  
to fabricate

lowest parts of the earth.

From **tachath**; lowermost; as noun (feminine plural) the depths (figuratively, a pit, the womb) -- low (parts, -er, -er parts, - est), nether (part).

16 Your eyes saw my **substance,**  
**being yet unformed.**

**golem: an embryo**

**Original Word:** גֹּלֵם

**Part of Speech:** Noun Masculine

**Transliteration:** golem

**Phonetic Spelling:** (go'-lem)

From

**galam: to wrap up, fold, fold together**

**Original Word:** גָּלַם

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** galam

**Phonetic Spelling:** (gaw-lam')

**Definition:** to wrap up, fold, fold together

## **2 Kings 2:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his cloak and **rolled it up** and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When *as yet there were* none of them.

## **First Trimester**

### **First Month**

Fertilization, descent of ovum from tube to uterus. Early cell division and formation of embryonic disc from which new organism will develop. Early formation of three layers of cells: (1) the ectoderm, from which sense organs and nervous system will develop (2) the mesoderm, from which circulatory, skeletal and muscular systems will develop (3) the endoderm, from which digestive and some glandular systems will develop. Special

layer of cells formed in the uterus which will become the placenta and through which nutritive substances will be carried to the new organism and waste products carried away. Special layer of cells forms the amnion or water-sac, which will surround the developing embryo except at umbilical cord. Heart tube forms and begins to pulsate and force blood to circulate through blood vessels in embryonic disc. Nervous system begins to arise, first in form of neural groove. Development of intestinal tract, lungs, liver and kidneys begins. By end of one month, the embryo is about one-fourth inch long, curled into a crescent, with small nubbins on sides of body indicating incipient arms and legs.

### **Second Month**

Embryo increases in size to about 1½ inches. Bones and muscle begin to round out contours of body. Face and neck develop and begin to give features a human appearance. Forehead very prominent, reflecting precocious development of brain in comparison to rest of body. Limb buds elongate. Muscles and cartilage develop. Sex organs begin to form.

### **Third Month**

Beginning of fetal period. Sexual differentiation continues, with male sexual organs showing more rapid development and the female remaining more neutral. buds for all 20 temporary teeth laid down. Vocal cords appear; digestive system shows activity. Stomach cells begin to secrete fluid; liver pours bile into intestine. Kidneys begin functioning, with urine gradually seeping into amniotic fluid. Other waste products passed through placenta into mother's blood. Bones and muscles continue development, and by end of third month spontaneous movements of arms, legs, shoulders and fingers are possible.

### **Second Trimester Fourth Month**

Lower parts of body show relatively accelerated rate, so that head size decreases from one-half to one-fourth of body size. Back straightens, hands and feet are well-formed. Skin appears dark red, owing to coursing of blood showing through thin skin and wrinkles, owing to absence of underlying fat. Finger closure is possible. Reflexes become more active as muscular maturation continues. Fetus begins to stir and so thrust out arms and legs in movements readily perceived by the mother.

### **Fifth Month**

Skin structures begin to attain final form. Sweat and sebaceous glands are formed and function. Skin derivatives also appear — hair, nails on fingers and toes. Bony axis becomes quite straight and much spontaneous activity occurs. Fetus is lean and wrinkled, about one foot long and weighs about one pound. Sixth Month Eyelids which have been fused shut since third month, reopen; eyes are completely formed. Taste buds appear on tongue and in mouth and are, in fact, more abundant than in the infant or adult.

### **Third Trimester Seventh Month**

Organism capable of independent life from this time on. Cerebral hemispheres cover almost the entire brain. Seven-month fetus can emit a variety of specialized responses. Generally is about 15 inches long and weighs about three pounds.

### **Eighth and Ninth Month**

During this time, finishing touches are being put on the various organs and functional capacities. Fat is formed rapidly over the entire body, smoothing out the wrinkled skin and rounding out body contours. Dull red color of skin fades so that a fifth pigmentation of skin is usually very slight in

all races. Activity is usually great and he can change his position within the somewhat crowded uterus. Periods of activity will alternate with periods of quiescence. Fetal organs step up their activity. Fetal heart rate becomes quite rapid. Digestive organs continue to expel more waste products, leading to the formation of a fetal stool, called the meconium, which is expelled shortly after birth. Violent uterine contractions begin, though milder ones have been tolerated earlier, and the fetus is eventually expelled from the womb into an independent physiological existence.

Continue reading at <https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/child-development/prenataldevelopment/#gs.utkqf5> |

### **3. We are Pre-ordained to exist.**

Jeremiah 1:4–5 (NKJV)

4 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
Before you were born I sanctified you;  
I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Psalm 139:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When *as yet there were* none of them.

Isaiah 49:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> “And now the Lord says,  
Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant,  
To bring Jacob back to Him,  
So that Israel is gathered to Him  
(For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord,  
And My God shall be My strength),

Acts 17:24–26 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> God, who made the world and everything in it,  
since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell  
in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped  
with men’s hands, as though He needed anything,  
since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.  
<sup>26</sup> And He has made from one blood every nation of  
men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has  
determined their preappointed times and the  
boundaries of their dwellings,

Acts 15:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “Known to God from eternity are all His works.

Job 14:1–2 (NKJV)

**14** “Man *who is* born of woman  
Is of few days and full of trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> He comes forth like a flower and fades away;  
He flees like a shadow and does not continue.

Job 14:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Since his days *are* determined,  
The number of his months *is* with You;  
You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot  
pass.

To kill a baby in the womb is to kill a pre appointed,  
ordained, life that God created

#### **4. God Has A Special Concern for the Needy and Helpless**

Psalms 82:3–4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Defend the poor and fatherless;  
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.  
<sup>4</sup> Deliver the poor and needy;  
Free *them* from the hand of the wicked.

Deuteronomy 10:17–19 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. <sup>18</sup> He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 1:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Learn to do good;  
Seek justice,  
Rebuke the oppressor;  
Defend the fatherless,  
Plead for the widow.

Jeremiah 22:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord: “Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

James 1:27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their

trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Innocent, defenseless people have a special protector in God, who wants to bring them to birth no matter what the circumstances might be that brought about their conception, or what difficulty there might be in the life to come. God has His purposes.

### Example

#### Exodus 21:22

Exodus 21:22–25 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> “When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. <sup>23</sup> But if there is harm, then you shall pay 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, stripe for stripe.

22 ¶ Also if men strive and hurt a woman with childe, so that her childe departe frõ her, & death followe not, he shal be surely punished according as the womans housband shal appoint him, or he shal pay as the Judges determine.

23 But if death followe, thẽ thou shalt paye life for  
life,

24 Eie for eie, tothe for tothe, hand for hand, fote  
for fote,

[\*Geneva Bible\*](#). (1560). (Ex 21:22–24). Geneva: Rovland  
Hall.

## 5. God Will Judge this Nation for Murder of innocence Babies

Exodus 20:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

Genesis 9:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> “Whoever sheds man’s blood,  
By man his blood shall be shed;  
For in the image of God  
He made man.

In other words, clearly the Scripture indicates that if  
you take a life, you’re going to lose your life. Some  
people say, “Well, that’s Old Testament teaching.  
Certainly Jesus changed all that.” No, He didn’t.

Jesus was the leading New Testament advocate of capital punishment.

Matthew 26:51–52 (NKJV)

<sup>51</sup> And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”

He is reiterating a divine law. If you take a life, you give a life. Jesus was articulating the law of God. You take up a sword and take that man’s life, and you will give your life.

Acts 25:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar.”

Paul knew capital punishment was God’s way. He said, “If I’ve done something worthy of death, then I do not refuse to die.” And there you have the

apostle Paul reiterating his own belief that God had established the law of capital punishment.

### Romans 13:3–4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

<sup>4</sup> For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

They are armed in order to take life. They don't have swords to spank you with. They have swords to take your life. Clearly, the Scripture in the Old Testament designed a capital punishment penalty for those who took life, and even the life of an unborn child fell under that. Jesus reiterated capital punishment is suitable for certain crimes, and so did the apostle Paul.

### Proverbs 6:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> These six *things* the Lord hates,  
Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him:

<sup>17</sup> A proud look,

A lying tongue,  
Hands that shed innocent blood,

God hates people who shed innocent blood. Is there anything more innocent than an infant? Is there anything more innocent than a protected infant hidden safely in the womb of its own mother?

In Proverbs 24:11, “Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold them back. If you say, ‘See, we did not know this.’ Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? Does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to every man according to his work?” If you’re allowing people who are innocent to be killed, don’t say, “Well I didn’t know what was going on.” God knows your heart. He knows whether you know. And if you’re guilty, He’ll render you according to His work.

There are many other Scriptures that speak about God’s attitude. In Deuteronomy 27:25 Leviticus 18, 2 Kings 24, Amos 1.

I want to take it a step further. God forbids any taking of innocent life, that we understand. But I want to take it a step further and say this, that where you have bloodshed, you have a very interesting result take place.

Psalm 106:34–40 (NKJV)

34 They did not destroy the peoples,  
Concerning whom the Lord had commanded  
them,

35 But they mingled with the Gentiles  
And learned their works;

36 They served their idols,  
Which became a snare to them.

37 They even sacrificed their sons  
And their daughters to demons,

38 And shed innocent blood,  
The blood of their sons and daughters,  
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;  
And the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus they were defiled by their own works,  
And played the harlot by their own deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled  
against His people,  
So that He abhorred His own inheritance.

Genesis 4:9–10 (NKJV)

9 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where *is* Abel your  
brother?”

He said, “I do not know. *Am* I my brother’s  
keeper?”

<sup>10</sup> And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.

Now follow the thought. God says, “You shed innocent blood, and that blood pollutes the land.” It’s as if blood is everywhere staining the land. The blood of millions of aborted babies in our land stains the soil.

And then in Genesis 4 God says, “That blood cries out.” He personifies that blood as if it’s alive. And what is it crying for? It is unrequited. It is crying for retaliation. It is crying for justice. It is crying for the execution of its murderer.

There will be a reckoning for the blood that cries out to God because it has been shed innocently.

Several times Scripture says, “And the blood of a certain person shall be on your head,” remember that? In other words, you’re responsible.

And so, God requires the death penalty when blood shed from innocent life cries out to Him. And I believe that’s the plight of America. I believe that the land is stained and soiled with the blood of the innocents who have been and are continuing to be even now as I speak massacred.

Nothing shows more clearly the total moral and spiritual decadence of our society, its disregard for God, its disregard for His creative work, for that which is made in His image, its disregard for His compassion and the compassion of Christ.

Nothing shows this more than the mass murder of millions of babies. This disdain for the sanctity of human

life, and the substitution of what we call the quality of life, which causes us to be murderers of children, causes the very soil of our land to cry out to God for retribution. And I believe that we are now under the judgment of God, a nation of murderers, the ground is crying out.

## 6. God Saves the Aborted Babies

First,  
Nobody has a right to heaven. All sinners are saved by grace.  
Sinners are completely unable to respond to the call to salvation, the command to repent and believe. GOD must act or no one will ever be saved.

There is no greater illustration than God, Sovereignly and Graciously saving the baby who dies in infancy or who dies via abortion or miscarriage.

This seems to be implied all thru scripture.

Jeremiah 19:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> “Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor

the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with the blood of the innocents

### **Mark 10:13–16 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “**Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.**

<sup>15</sup> **Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.** <sup>16</sup> And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and **blessed them.**

There is no place in scripture where God places blessing on those not in His Kingdom  
**This is an act of Grace.**  
**Sovereign Grace.**

### **Revelation 7:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the

throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

How is this possible, with out infant mortality. The Gospel has not gone to every nation, tribe and tongue that has ever existed unless God is gathering the little ones

How can hope be offered to a mother who aborted her child.

Forgiveness first in the death of Christ, but also hope that that baby will be reunited with her in Heaven. What Grace, what Hope what a restoration of relationships.

### **Infant Salvation**

By [Charles Haddon Spurgeon](#) Sep 29, 1861

Scripture: [2 Kings 4:26](#)

Sermon No. 411

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Now, let every mother and father here present know assuredly that it is well with the child, if God hath taken it away from yon in its infant days. You never heard its declaration of faith— it was not capable of such a thing— it was not baptized into the

Lord Jesus Christ, not buried with him in baptism; it was not capable of giving that answer of a good conscience towards God nevertheless, you may rest assured that it is well with the child, well in a higher and a better sense than it is well with yourselves; well without limitation, well without exception, well infinitely, “ well “ eternally. Perhaps you will say, “What reasons have we for believing that it is well with the child?” Before I enter upon that I would make one observation. It has been wickedly, lyingly, and slanderously said of Calvinists, that we believe that some little children perish. Those who make the accusation know that their charge is false. I cannot even dare to hope, though I would wish to do so, that they ignorantly misrepresent us. They wickedly repeat what has been denied a thousand times, what they know is not true. In Calvin's advice to Knox, he interprets the second commandment, “showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me,” as referring

to generations, and hence he seems to teach that infants who have had pious ancestors, no matter how remotely, dying as infants are saved. This would certainly take in the whole race. As for modern Calvinists, I know of no exception, but we all hope and believe that all persons dying in infancy are elect. Dr. Gill, who has been looked upon in late times as being a very standard of Calvinism, not to say of ultra -Calvinism, himself never hints for a moment the supposition that any infant has perished, but affirms of it that it is a dark and mysterious subject, but that it is his belief, and he thinks he has Scripture to warrant it, that they who have fallen asleep in infancy have not perished, but have been numbered with the chosen of God, and so have entered into eternal rest.

### **III. The Response to Abortion.**

#### **1. Stand up**

## 2. Salt up

### 3. Speak up.

Matthew 5:13–16 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## 1. Stand up

Be willing to stand up for the innocent helpless babies.

Be willing to Stand for the Truth in an age of compromise

Be unwilling to Move from the Truth of Scripture when so many are falling away.

## 2. Salt up

Get involved, Get off the couch, or out of the recliner.

Stop being so concerned that you have time off and get busy.

Salt is a preservative and it can sting when applied to a wound.

It never works as long as it stays in the salt shaker. It has to be applied.

Go to the abortion clinics. Talk to the women. Give them info to help them. Share the Gospel with them.

### 3. Speak up.

We must speak the truth.

We must speak the harsh reality of Abortion,

We must be willing to call Abortion murder, and sin

We must be willing to confront the society with the truth of God.

We must be willing to speak the gospel. The only solution to this problem is changed hearts. The miracle of Regeneration.

I remember reading some years back about a lady that I got to know, a lady that some of you remember. Her name was Ethel Waters, and when she was a real instrument for the Lord, giving her testimony, she shared a wonderful little story. She said, "A pretty black girl was attacked and raped by a white man in Pennsylvania. She was barely past her 13th birthday and soon was found pregnant." And

Ethel Waters said, “No abortion? No. Instead, a healthy baby girl who came to love Christ and sing for His glory and make millions happy, a girl whose theme song was ‘His eye is on the sparrow,’ and that girl was me.”

Reverence for life was the belief of Albert Schweitzer. It should be the belief of every mother and every physician in our land. All life comes from God. He who would remove it will have to answer to God for what he has done.

Here is a statement from the Journal of the California State Medical Association:

*"The reverence of each and every human has been a keystone of western medicine, and is the ethic which has caused physicians to try to preserve, protect, repair, prolong, and enhance every human life.*

*"Since the old ethic has not yet been fully displaced, it has been necessary to separate the idea of abortion from the idea of killing which continues to be socially abhorrent. The result has been a curious avoidance of the scientific fact, which everyone really knows, that human life begins at conception, and is continuous, whether intra— or extra—uterine [inside or outside the uterus], until death. The very considerable semantic gymnastics which are required to rationalize abortion as anything but taking a human life would be ludicrous if they were not often put forth under socially impeccable auspices. It is suggested that this schizophrenic sort of subterfuge is necessary because, while a new ethic is being accepted, the old one has not yet been rejected. "—Journal of the California State Medical Association, September, 1970.*

The conscience of the civilized world is gradually becoming hardened as legalized abortion continues year after year. The next step will be euthanasia, the killing of older people and the handicapped because they are unproductive or in our way. Abortion is prenatal euthanasia. Once a policy and an acceptance of euthanasia for a handicapped human life has been established at one stage in human life, then it will be easy to accept euthanasia at other stages of human life as well.

The American Medical Association is already suggesting the second step:

*-"Because of the present limits of such [prenatal] detection methods, most birth defects are not discovered until birth. If a child were not declared alive until three days after birth, then all parents could be allowed the choice. . the doctor could allow the child to die if the parents so choose and save a lot of misery and suffering."—American Medical Association, Children from the Laboratory, May, 1973.*

Other medical researchers have suggested 30 days after birth as the point at which euthanasia should be terminated, in order to insure the blotting out of all birth-defect babies. A prominent pro-abortionist, Joseph Fletcher, is urging that the I.Q. test be given to all people, and all those under a certain level be slain. There is covert talk by others that certain races and religious groups should be put out of the way.

*"The situation of a newborn baby is very different to that of the same baby, even a few weeks later. . At birth the body is only a potential human being and at that point it is surely the humane and sensible thing that the life of any baby with obvious severe defects, whether of body or brain, should be quietly snuffed out by the doctor or midwife. This should not be a decision referred to the family who are too emotionally involved."—Barbara Smoker, Vice-Chairman, British Humanist Association, in "The Times, "January 22, 1973.*

**Life sanctified in the blood**—We also know that God equates the presence of blood with life. [Genesis 9:4](#) reads, “But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.” [Leviticus 17:11](#) states, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.” [Deuteronomy 12:23](#) says, “Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life.” Scientists have observed that at 22 days of development, a baby’s heart begins beating and pumping the baby’s own blood through his or her circulatory system.<sup>3</sup>