

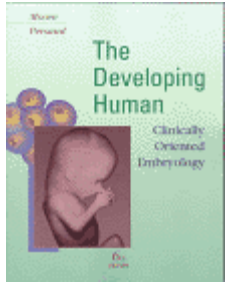
Abortion, The Bible, and The Case For Life

Prov. 6:16-19

The Case For Life - The Argument

- It is wrong to intentionally kill an innocent human being.
- Abortion is the intentional killing of an innocent human being.
- Abortion is wrong. It is sinful, it is evil, it is morally reprehensible.

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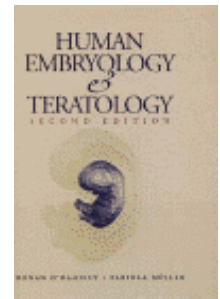
The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology: “A zygote is the beginning of a new human being (i.e., an embryo). Human development begins at fertilization, the process ... to form a single cell called a zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual.”

Moore, K. and T.V.N. Persaud. 1998. *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology* (6th ed.), W.B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, pp 2-18.

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Human Embryology & Teratology: “Although life is a continuous process, fertilization is an important landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new, genetically distinct human organism is thereby formed... (p. 55).”

O'Rahilly, R. and F. Muller. 1996. *Human Embryology & Teratology*, Wiley-Liss, New York, pp. 5-55.



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- Dr. Alfred M. Bongioanni, professor of pediatrics and obstetrics at the University of Pennsylvania, stated:
 - “I have learned from my earliest medical education that human life begins at the time of conception... I submit that human life is present throughout this entire sequence from conception to adulthood and that any interruption at any point throughout this time constitutes a termination of human life....I am no more prepared to say that these early stages [of development in the womb] represent an incomplete human being than I would be to say that the child prior to the dramatic effects of puberty...is not a human being. This is human life at every stage.”

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- Dr. Jerome LeJeune → professor of genetics at the University of Descartes in Paris, was the discoverer of the chromosome pattern of Down syndrome.
 - “after fertilization has taken place a new human being has come into being.” He stated that this “is no longer a matter of taste or opinion,” and “not a metaphysical contention, it is plain experimental evidence.” He added, “Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception.”

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- Professor Hymie Gordon, Mayo Clinic:
 - “By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception.”
- Professor Micheline Matthews-Roth, Harvard University Medical School:
 - “It is incorrect to say that biological data cannot be decisive.... It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception.... Our laws, one function of which is to help preserve the lives of our people, should be based on accurate scientific data.”
- Dr. Watson A. Bowes, University of Colorado Medical School:
 - “The beginning of a single human life is from a biological point of view a simple and straightforward matter—the beginning is conception. This straightforward biological fact should not be distorted to serve sociological, political, or economic goals.”

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- Summary: “Scientifically, your life as a human being began at conception. You are the same human being that you were when you were 6 years old, though you look very different. You are the same human being you were at 6 months in your mother’s womb. The same human being you were as a 6 - day - old embryo. You’ve matured in size, awareness, independence, and other ways. But you started out human, and you will end human.” (Scott Klusendorf)

The Bible and Human Life

- The case for life and against abortion is ultimately rooted in the Creator who is the Giver of life; and found in His revealed will, the Bible.
 - **Act 17:26-29** → And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God

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- Genesis 1:26-27 → And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

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- Psalms 139:13-16 → For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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- Jeremiah 1:5 → 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
- Job 10:8-12 → Job 10:8 Your hands fashioned and made me, and now you have destroyed me altogether. 9 Remember that you have made me like clay; and will you return me to the dust? ... 11 You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. 12 You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.

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- Genesis 25:21-22 →
21 And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
- Gen 25:22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD.
- Genesis 37:3 →
Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colors.

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- Luke 1:41,44 → 41
And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
- Luke 1:44 → For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.
- Luke 2:12,16 → 12
And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- Luke 2:16 → And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. (cf. Lk. 18:15-17; Acts 7:19)

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- Exodus 21:22-23 → Exo 21:22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*.
- 23 And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

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- II Timothy 3:1-3 → 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come...
3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- Romans 1:31-32 → Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

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- Exodus 20:13 → “You shall not murder.” (ESV)
- Romans 13:9 → For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
- Proverbs 6:16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:
17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and *hands that shed innocent blood*, (cf. Genesis 9:6)