

# 'Contemporary' Issues – What saith the Scriptures?...

## Abortion

Is it Murder?

A mother stepped into the doctor's office carrying a bright & beautiful baby a year old. Seating herself near her family physician, she said, "Doctor, I want you to help me out of my trouble. My baby is only one year old, & I have conceived again, & I do not want to have children so close together." "What do you expect me to do?" asked the doctor. "Oh, anything to get rid of it for me," she replied. After thinking seriously for a moment the doctor said, "I think I can suggest a better method of helping you out. If you object to having two children so near together, the best way would be to kill the one on your lap, & let the other one come on. It is easy to get at the one on your lap, & it makes no difference to me, which one I kill for you. Besides, it might be dangerous for you if I undertook to kill the younger one." As the doctor finished speaking he reached for a knife, & continued by asking the mother to lay the baby out on her lap, & turn her head the other way. The woman almost fainted away as she jumped from her chair, & uttered one word "Murderer! A few words of explanation from the doctor soon convinced the mother that his offer to commit murder was no worse than her request for the destruction of the unborn child. In either case it would be murder. The only difference would be in the age of the victim!

[Webster's 1828 Dictionary...](#)

### **ABORTION,**

1. The act of miscarrying, or producing young before the natural time, or before the fetus is perfectly formed.
2. In a figurative sense, any fruit or produce that does not come to maturity, or any thing which fails in its progress, before it is matured or perfect, as a design or project.
3. The fetus brought forth before it is perfectly formed.

[The NEW International Webster's Comprehensive Dictionary of the English Language also ADDS...](#)

A miscarriage produced ARTIFICIALLY!

The world has to change dictionary definitions because laws now say that we can KILL innocent life within the womb!

The Abortion 'crowd' without doubt are WRONG; but so are the 'pro-life' crowd' because 'abortion is NOT the problem – **SEXUAL IMMORALITY is the problem!**

People talk about the woman who is raped, surely she should be allowed to have an abortion (we'll discuss this later!) but in reality this happens one in a million! It is used as an EXCUSE to further the cause of abortion!

**Most abortions are carried out to DESTROY the fruits of a fornicating or adulterous affair!**

It has been estimated that 1.5 million abortions happen EVERY DAY worldwide! Now if you multiply 1.5 MILLION (1,500,000) by 365 days a year, most calculators CANNOT work out the number for it's too GREAT! If these figures are correct that means 10.5 MILLION souls are entering into ETERNITY, in Heaven, EVERY SINGLE WEEK!!! Imagine that! That's over 540 million souls EVERY YEAR!!! *Now just ponder on that for a while!*

Hos 4:6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.**

Pr 1:7 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Pr 1:29-31 **For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.**

People are destroyed through lack of knowledge! People do not know or understand the consequences of taking INNOCENT life in the womb of a woman. God will definitely JUDGE all those who take that life or help to take that life!

**Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.**

No matter what you have done; you may have messed up BIG-TIME, got pregnant outside of marriage, under age etc BUT if you turn to God He will help you through your problem & affliction! There is ALWAYS hope IN GOD!

**Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

**6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

**7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.**

**8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.**

**9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:**

Honour the first-fruits of thy increase DON'T KILL IT!

Children are a blessing from the Lord!

[God is LIFE...](#)

**Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life...**

**Ac 17:28 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.**

**Job 12:9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?**

**10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.**

**Isa 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:**

**Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;**

**Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Dan 5:23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:**

Everything that speaks of life points to the author of life – GOD!

God is the Author of Life!

God is the Originator of Life!

God desires Life!

**John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**Ge 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

**Ge 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.**

**Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;**

**John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Ro 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**How different Satan is...**

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

**When does LIFE begin?**

Le 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

**The life of the flesh is in the blood** – The moment blood is found in the embryo (*the germ or rudimentary form of anything in its earliest stage*) proves the life within – **The life of the flesh is in the blood!**

*A study on blood from the Scriptures is fascinating!*

2Sa 11:1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

When was she WITH child? The BIBLE says when the woman CONCEIVED! - That's when LIFE begins, at conception!

Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

There is every reason to believe that each individual becomes a whole person – body, soul, & spirit – at the very moment of conception! We are created a 'tri-part' being (1Th 5:23 **And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**)

**Read Luke 1v35-47**

Note v43 it is said the 'mother of my Lord' months BEFORE she gave birth!

Note also in v41 that the babe of John the Baptist leaped in the womb!

**LIFE begins at conception!**

Job 31:15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

Ps 139:13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

Isa 49:1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

If you are going to KILL LIFE in the womb i.e. KILL the baby, one thing will lead to another..

- 1) **Abortion** (i.e. those that can't look after themselves!) then...
- 2) Killing the **elderly** or infirm (i.e. those that can't look after themselves!) i.e. Euthanasia! then...
- 3) Killing of **cripples** (i.e. those that can't look after themselves!)
- 4) **Mentally & physically handicapped!** (i.e. those that can't look after themselves!)

How dare WE take LIFE from another when we did not create it neither give it!

Allowing the above will make us to have a 'reprobate' mind - Ro 1:28 **And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient...**

### REPROBATE

Abandoned in sin; lost to virtue or grace & religion

They profess that they know God, but in works deny him, being abominable and disobedient, and to every good work reprobate. Titus 1.

Abandoned to error, or in apostasy. 2Tim. 3.

### God is the One who decides upon LIFE & DEATH – ONLY HIM!

1Sa 2:6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

Ex 20:1+13 **And God spake all these words, saying - Thou shalt not kill.**

Ex 23:7 **Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.**

Jas 2:11 **For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.**

### The LAW of God PROTECTS children BEFORE & after birth...

Ex 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,**

24 **Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,**

25 **Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.**

Am 1:13 **Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:**

Mt 18:10 **Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.**

### What about abortion for the woman who has been raped or has had a baby because of incest?

De 24:16 **The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his **own sin.****

The baby didn't commit the rape so why should he suffer & die?

While rape is a terrible indignity, two wrongs never make a right. In fact, the sin of a mother murdering an unborn baby is greater than the sin of the rapist violating a woman. Having an abortion in this situation amounts to punishing an innocent party! It is the rapist who deserves punishment, not the unborn child.

The raped woman who has an abortion must now emotionally deal with two terrible events – the horrible & crushing indignity of being raped, & the guilt over killing an innocent human being. Babies who are conceived by rape have every bit as much right to live as any other human being. And to have that life snuffed out is a crime against them & against God!

### [Should a baby who is physically or mentally handicapped be aborted?](#)

Ex 4:11 **And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?** – that PERSON is God's CREATION, they BELONG to God!

Ro 9:20 **Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?**

**21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?**

John 9:1 **And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.**

**2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?**

**3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

God knows & understand all things & we DON'T!

We definitely should NOT harm that child that God has allowed to be brought into this world – no matter what condition!

Ps 127:3 **Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.**

Eze 18:4 **Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**

1Co 6:19 **What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**

**20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

### [Is abortion a consideration for an 'undesired' pregnancy?](#)

Pr 21:2 **Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.**

Pr 17:5 **Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.**

Pr 14:12 **There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.**

Isa 49:15 **Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.**

### **FORGIVENESS FOR ABORTION?**

Eph 1:7 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

Eph 4:32 **And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Isa 43:25 **I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.**

**TURN from your sins & seek the Lord!**





Thomas Edison – lost most of his hearing at 8 years old but he went on to invent the electric light & over 100 other useful inventions!

Fanny Crosby – blinded at just 6 weeks; yet gave us 8000 gospel songs!

Helen Keller – born blind, deaf & dumb! Anne Sullivan was born at Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, in poverty, in affliction. She was half blind. Her mother died & she went over the hill to the poor house. Then, at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, a brilliant operation restored her sight. Thereafter she devoted herself to the care of the blind. Meanwhile, down south a baby was born, a girl destined after early childhood never to see, speak or hear – Helen Keller was her name. She came under the care of Anne Sullivan. In two weeks Anne taught her thirty words, spelling them by touching her hand. Under this system, Helen Keller rose to renown. Teacher & pupil remained inseparable for 49 years. Time came when misfortune befell Anne Sullivan, who became blind herself. And now, turn about, Helen Keller taught her how to overcome the lack of sight. She schooled her former teacher as devotedly as she herself had been schooled. Finally Helen Keller stood at the deathbed of her other half. When it was all over, she ‘said’ “I pray for strength to endure the silent dark until she smiles upon me again!”

One must also keep in mind the Scriptural teaching that a person born with a physical deformity may end up glorifying God in a great way. The blind man of John 9 was born blind, & some of the disciples thought it may have been because of sin. But Jesus said...John 9:3 **Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

[How can we respond to the claim of abortionists that because women have the right to control their own bodies, they can therefore have an abortion if the baby is unwanted?](#)

The baby in the womb is not part of the woman’s body. The baby has his own body within the womb of the mother’s body. It is true that the mother’s body sustains the baby’s body with nutrients & a protective environment, but it is nevertheless a distinct body from her own body. Hence, for her to have an abortion not just an operation on her own body but amounts to killing another human being whose body is within her body.

## Euthanasia

I would take the *same line of thought* of abortion regarding euthanasia!

## Homosexuality

Again I find this ‘issue’ crystal clear from the word of God!

To start let me quote that great little quote someone has made up...

**‘God created Adam & Eve NOT Adam & Steve!’**

Ro 1:22 **Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

**23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**

**24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:**

**25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.**

**26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:**

**27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**



2Ki 23:7 **And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.**

Note the sodomites were very near the house of the Lord, hence why we see a lot of sodomites IN the so called 'church'! We hear of many scandals regarding 'priests' & boys!

Note also – the Sodomites were 'where the women wove hangings for the grove' i.e. they often are found among women because they are effeminate & don't like to mix with real men!!! *How accurate are the Scriptures!*

Ro 1:18 **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

God WILL judge all sodomites very harshly if they are not converted & reformed!

The act of sodomy or 'homosexuality' (as modern terms like it to sound a lot nicer & even 'normal' i.e. *it's just a different lifestyle!*) is an ABOMINATION in the eyes of God.

There is NO excuse for it; it is gross sin!

There is NO argument for the ordination of 'homosexual' priests etc. There is NO argument for 'homosexuality' FULL-STOP!

Clean up the country – get rid of the SODOMITES!

## Sex BEFORE Marriage

Like all SIN, you know you are doing WRONG when you sin for the first time because of your conscience!

John 8:9 **And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.**

Rom 2:15 **Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)**

2 Cor 3:3 **Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

We must be very careful that because of sin our conscience is not BURNED OUT!

1 Tim 4:2 **Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

God created human beings as sexual beings. But God intended sexual activity to be confined to the marriage relationship!

Unfortunately, as is true with so many other things, many people have taken that which God intended for good & have perverted its use!

Scripture is consistent in its emphasis that a sexual relationship can only be engaged in within the confines of marriage (1 Cor 7:2 **Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.**)

The apostles urged all Christians to abstain from fornication (Ac 15:20 **But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.**). Paul said that the body is not for fornication & that a man should FLEE it...

1Co 6:13 **Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.**

18 **Flee fornication.** Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

### **ADUL'TERY**

1. Violation of the marriage bed; a crime, or a civil injury, which introduces, or may introduce, into a family, a spurious offspring.

By the laws of Connecticut, the sexual intercourse of any man, with a married woman, is the crime of adultery in both: such intercourse of a married man, with an unmarried woman, is fornication in both, and adultery of the man, within the meaning of the law respecting divorce; but not a felonious adultery in either, or the crime of adultery at common law, or by statute. This latter offense is, in England, proceeded with only in the ecclesiastical courts.

In common usage, adultery means the unfaithfulness of any married person to the marriage bed. In England, Parliament grant absolute divorces for infidelity to the marriage bed in either party; and the spiritual courts divorce a mensa et thoro.

2. In a scriptural sense, all manner of lewdness or unchastity, as in the seventh commandment. Ex 20:14 **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

3. In scripture, idolatry, or apostasy from the true God. Jer. 3.

4. In old laws, the fine and penalty imposed for the offense of adultery.

5. In ecclesiastical affairs, the intrusion of a person into a bishopric, during the life of the bishop.

6. Among ancient naturalists, the grafting of trees was called adultery, being considered as an unnatural union.

In the OT adulterers were put to death - Le 20:10 **And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.**

Jesus pronounced adultery wrong even in its basic motives...

Mt 5:27 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:**

28 **But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

Paul called adultery an evil work of the flesh - Ga 5:19 **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**

Sex WITHIN marriage is good - Gen 2:24 **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**

Note what the Scriptures say in regard to 'ONE FLESH'...

Mt 19:5 **And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?**

Mt 19:6 **Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh.** What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Mr 10:8 **And they twain shall be one flesh:** so then they are **no more twain, but one flesh.**

1Co 6:16 **What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.**

Eph 5:31 **For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.**

*So obviously there is a special 'UNION' in the consummation!* That is why it is SO IMPORTANT to keep yourself a virgin unto your marriage bed!

### **VIRGIN**

1. A woman who has had no carnal knowledge of man.

2. A woman not a mother. [Unusual.]

3. The sign Virgo. [See Virgo.]

**VIRGIN.**

1. Pure; untouched; as virgin gold.
2. Fresh; new; unused

We are living in the last days; times when men are trying to change the standards & moral codes that have been set down centuries ago by God.

**It is WRONG...**

- 1) For unmarried people to live together as husband & wife!
- 2) For married people to go outside the marriage bond & enjoy extramarital relationships to satisfy their unfulfilled lust!
- 3) To have pre-marital sex
- 4) To say that right & wrong are 'relative' terms with the standard being the desires (needs) of man rather than the strict codes of the law!
- 5) To say that sex is an expression of love & should not be prohibited or curtailed

**Fornication & adultery are WRONG!**

Gal 6:7 **Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

Pro 14:34 **Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.**

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