

## **"ABORTION THOUGHTS"**

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**When does life actually begin?** The answer, quite simply, is that it begins **at conception**. When the male and female reproductive cells join to form the embryo which eventually will grow into the fetus, it is at that very moment that the formation of a new body begins. This is the result of God's plan of reproduction for the human race. The embryo will move through a variety of important stages for nine months. A pamphlet issued several years ago by Planned Parenthood stated, "An abortion requires an operation. It kills the life of the baby after it has begun" (1963).

**Adolf Hitler's** (1889-1945; leader of the Nazis) death-camps were mild in comparison to our abortion chambers. **King Herod** had absolutely no heart when he gave the order to kill all baby boys two and under (Matthew 2:16). More than a million babies are slaughtered each year in the United States of America before they ever see daylight. That is more than twice as many lives destroyed annually as were lost in all of the wars in the preceding two centuries of our country's existence.

**The taking of the lives of infants in abortion** has been rationalized by the assertion that the "fetus" is not a human being. Rather, it is but a dispensable attachment of the mother's body. Such a position is neither biblically nor scientifically logical.

Then, some say, "**But, the mother has a right to chose abortion** if she wants, rather than to be bothered with this baby which is growing within her body. There will be dirty diapers, various childhood diseases, embarrassment, interference with education plans, inconveniences, etc.". The mother made her choice when she consented to cohabitation.

**Sin is always wrong** at any time or at any place, and when accomplished against anyone. Somehow or another, though, we are especially infuriated when innocent children are assaulted, there is a great cry against "child abuse." And yet, youngsters are being sinned against in so many ways in today's cruel world - like abortion. Exodus 20:13 says, "You shall not murder". (NIV) May the statesmen of our nation take this serious and realize that they are going to be held accountable. Likewise, we are accountable to draw their attention to this sin.

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