

## *After-Birth Atrocities*

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There are certain things that you never expect to see during your own lifetime. These are things either so technologically advanced or maybe so insanely godless that you assume they will not be a reality while you still walk this earth. Well, one of those has happened. On February 23, 2012 the *Journal of Medical Ethics* published an article titled “After-Birth Abortion: Why Should the Baby Live?” In this article, the authors want to get rid of the term *infanticide* and begin using the term *after-birth abortion*. In the introduction of this article, the authors state: “The authors argue that what we call after-birth abortion (killing a newborn) should be permissible in all cases abortion is, including cases where the newborn is not disabled” [parenthesis in orig.].

While the thought of killing newborns may be something you never thought would happen during your lifetime, consider how desensitized Americans have become to abortion. Will our children and grandchildren become desensitized to the killing of newborn babies? The authors state: “This means that many non-human animals and mentally retarded human individuals are persons, but that all the individuals who are not in the condition of attributing any value to their own existence are not persons. **Merely being a human is not in itself a reason for ascribing someone a right to life**” (emp. added). Being human is special! Man was created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26), and we possess souls that will go on into eternity.

Why would men suggest we kill innocent babies? The authors declare: “The alleged right of individuals (such as fetuses and newborns) to develop their potentiality, which someone defends, is over-ridden by the interests of actual people (parents, family, society) to pursue their own well-being because, as we have just argued, merely potential people cannot be harmed by not being brought into existence. **Actual people’s well-being could be threatened by the new (even if healthy) child requiring energy, money, and care which the family might be in short supply of**” [emp. added]. In other words, if the baby is an inconvenience in any way, you should be able to kill it. Consider the words found in Proverbs 6:16, “These six things the Lord

hates. Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood.”

Currently our children are sitting at the feet of instructors who are teaching that man evolved from ape-like creatures. Textbooks have replaced God with naturalism and humanism. Our nation and courts have tried their best to outlaw and silence Jehovah God. Killing children is just the next logical step for a nation that has no absolute standard for right and wrong. While Christians must stand up and fight the atrocity of killing newborns, we must also rise up and address the root of the problem—the reality that God exists and our nation will not stand without Him. The inspired psalmist stated, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17). We need to remind our communities, coworkers, friends and family, “Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). It is time we teach our children they were created by God, humble ourselves, and seek Him. “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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