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If in doubt, always choose life: You won't go wrong

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“Strange contradictions come forth in such times. On one hand, we look to science and technology to solve our problems, but on the other, we place so little faith in their advance that we revert to the crudest and most archaic of all solutions - death - to solve problems.”

(Franky Schaeffer, son of the late Christian philosopher, Francis Schaeffer)

Considering those thoughts I ask, “Why must a child who is unborn and unwanted by its mother have to die?” Surely there has to be a better ethical and moral solution to an unwanted pregnancy than death.

Even Jimmy Carter, in his new book “Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis,” concedes the dilemma of unwanted pregnancies and the problems associated with abortion on demand.

Given the complexity of this issue, why would any moral, rational person want to err on the side of death?

For God's sake, if the pro-life people are right, then every time a baby is aborted from a mother's womb it is as much a murder as if someone walked up to a person on the street and just simply shot them to death because they got in their way! It would be “killing” for “convenience.”

Even the most liberal citizens of our country have a problem with abortions being used as simply “another” form of birth control and a matter of convenience.

Please hear me on this. The issue is very simple: every woman who becomes pregnant, for whatever reason, is going to have a baby. The issue is whether this baby is going to be delivered alive or dead.

For those of us who believe that life begins at conception the issue is simple. If I could be like those who have convinced themselves otherwise, then I either wouldn't care or I would strenuously fight for the rights of the mother over the rights of the child.

But if you believe morally and, by the way constitutionally, that the right to life is the greatest right any citizen of this country has then you will join me in securing the protection of all defenseless forms of human life. There is no one in more need of protection than the child in the womb, even if that means protection from his own mother!

I thought Ronald Reagan put it so well when he said, “We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life - the unborn - without diminishing the value of all human life. There is no cause more important.”

In our day this issue has truly become a “womb to tomb” debate, especially with the onslaught of euthanasia and cases such as Terri Schiavo's.

I would humbly plea for all of us on both sides of this issue to prayerfully consider our reasons for why we believe the way we do.

And, I hope the conclusion of this “soul-searching” will encourage each of you to join me in observing January as “Sanctity of Human Life” month.

After all, doesn't the Declaration of Independence say, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”?

The words I want you to notice are: “self-evident” and “life.” You see, if you're not alive you cannot enjoy any of the liberties or the happiness that our Constitution guarantees. The desire and passion to live is a drive that God has given every living being on the face of the earth. It is self-evident!

Notice that the “right to life” precedes and exceeds all other rights and privileges afforded us by our Creator and is secured under our Constitution! The right to life even exceeds privacy rights and the right of a woman to do what she wants with her body, if that decision results in murder! We must draw the line at death.

I think, given the options, we must all choose to err (if we must) on the side of life. Surely with all of the knowledge and technology that we have we can find a better answer to an unwanted pregnancy than death! I say, “If in doubt, always choose life and you can never go wrong.”

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