ABORTION AND THE CHRISTIAN

Defending The Pro-life

Position



ABORTION

DEFINITION: it is the deliberate termination of pregnancy by removal of the fetus from the womb.

NOTE: It sounds innocuous because it is the pregnancy that is terminated. However, in an abortion, not only is the pregnancy terminated, so is a life!

TYPES OF ABORTIONS

Suction Aspiration Saline Injection Hysterotomy Dilation and Curettage (D & C) Dilation & Evacu-ation (D & E)

SALINE INJECTION



Amniotic fluid is removed and replaced with a toxic saline solution

Baby ingest the toxins and dies 1-2 hours later from salt poisoning, dehydration, and hemorrhaging

24 hours later the mother goes into labor delivering a dead baby

Chemical burning of the skin causes a painful death for the baby

HYSTEROTOMY



Used in last trimester

Baby removed as in a Cesarean birth

Baby set aside and allowed to die or killed by a deliberate act

SUCTION & ASPIRATION

Used on 80% of abortions up to 12th week of pregnancy

Mouth of the cervix is dilated

Hollow tube with knifelike edged tip is inserted into the womb

A suction machine with force 28 times greater than a vacuum cleaner literally rips the developing baby to pieces and sucks the remains into a container to be disposed

DILATION AND CURETTAGE

Dilate cervix to allow the insertion of curetta—a loop-shaped knife—into the womb

Instrument scrapes placenta from the uterus and cuts baby apart; pieces are drawn through the cervix

Baby is re-assembled to be sure that all parts are accounted for

If parts are left inside, the mother could bleed or become infected

DILATION AND EVACUATION

Used between 12 and 24 weeks

The child is cut to pieces by a sharp knife, as in D & C

The child is much larger and far more developed

The child weighs as much as a pound and is as much as a foot in length

PROSTAGLANDIN

Prostaglandin hormones injected into womb or released in

Vaginal suppository cause uterus to contract and deliver baby prematurely

Sometimes a saline solution is used to kill baby before the premature birth

RU 486

Synthetic steroid used 5-7 weeks after conception

Deprives baby of vital nutritional hormone progesterone

Child starves to death as nutrient lining of the womb sloughs off

Delivery of a dead baby

COMPLICATIONS OF RU 486

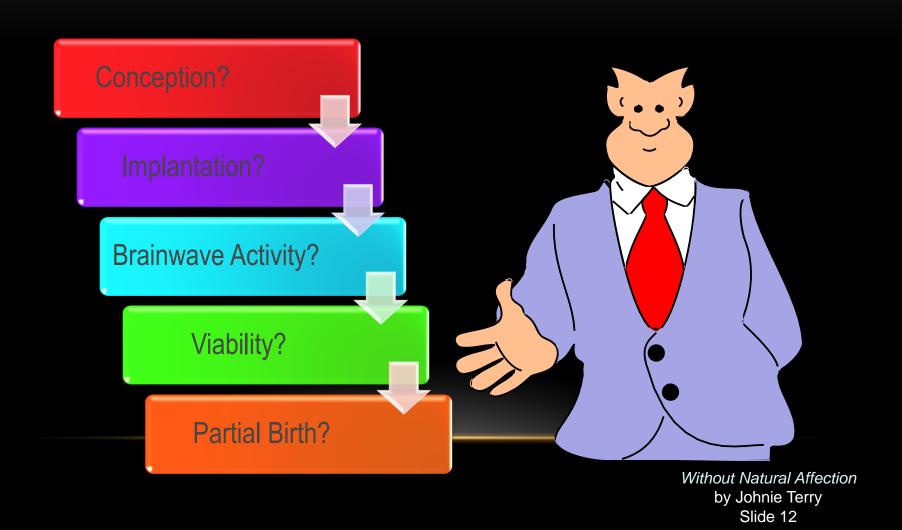
- Prolonged Bleeding
- Severe Cramps
- Nausea

- Diarrhea Headache
- Skin Rash
- Vomiting



In France, women must sign a document acknowledging the risks of taking RU 486

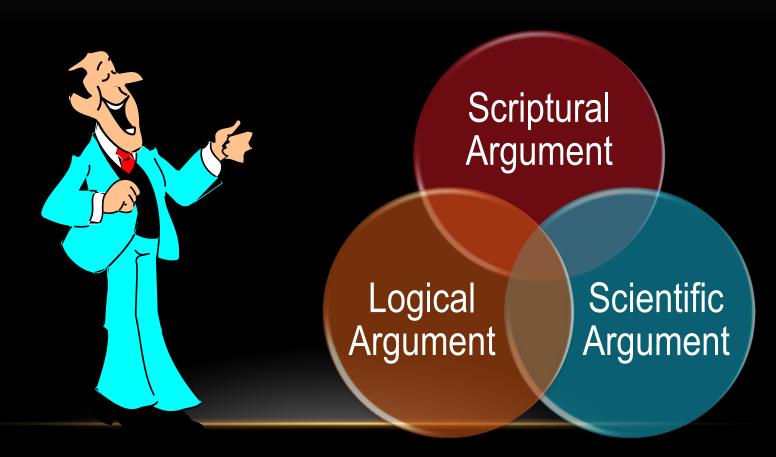
THE KEY QUESTION: WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN?



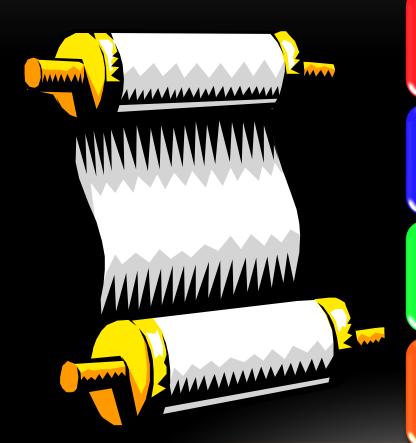
VIEWS ON THE BEGINNING OF LIFE



THREE AREAS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE



SCRIPTURAL ARGUMENT



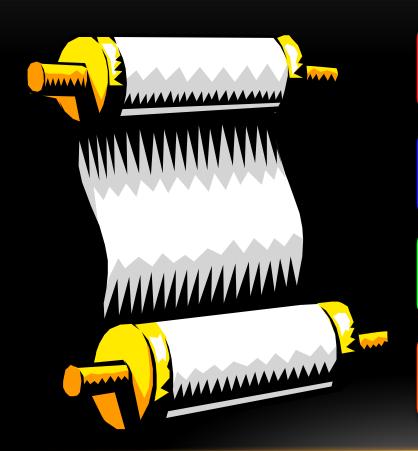
The unborn created by God (Ps. 139:13)

The life of the unborn is protected by the same punishment for injury or death as that of an adult (Ex 21:22)

Christ was human from the point of conception

Unborn children possess personal characteristics such as sin (Ps. 51:5) and joy that are distinctive of persons

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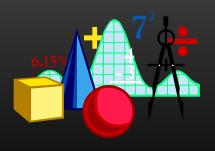


Personal pronouns used to describe unborn children (Jer. 1:5)

God knows the unborn (Jer. 1:5, Ps. 139:15-16)

The unborn are called by God before birth (Gen. 25:22-23; Judges 13:2-7; Isa. 49:1)

Unborn babies called "children" (Luke 1:41, 44; 2:12, 16; Ex. 21:22)



SCIENTIFIC ARGUMENT

Biology demonstrates that life begins at conception

Medical technology demonstrates unequivocally that life begins at conception

Immunology demonstrates that life begins at conception

Treatment of the fetal disorders demonstrates that life begins at conception



First Month

Conception:
All Human
Characteristics
Are Present

Heart Muscle Pulsates at Three Weeks Head, Arms, and Legs
Begin to
Appear



Second Month

Brain Waves Can Be Detected

Nose, Eyes, Ears, and Toes Appear

Heart Beats and Blood Flows

Skeleton Develops

Unique Fingerprints

Sensitive to Touch on Lips and Has Reflexes

All Bodily Systems Are Present and Functioning



Third Month

Swallows, Squints, and Swims Grasps
With
Hands,
Moves
Tongue

Sucks Thumb Feels
Organic
Pain (8 to
13
Weeks)



Fourth Month

Weight Increases Six Times

Grows up to Eight to Ten Inches Long

Hears Her Mother's Voice



Fifth Month (Viability)



LOGICAL ARGUMENT

Contradictions in the murder laws

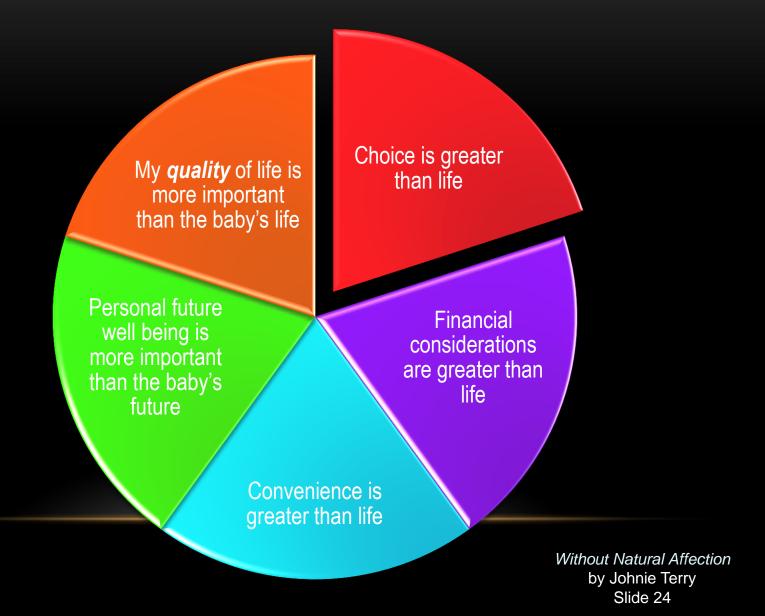
Contradictions with the Endangered Species Act

Pro-choice arguments cannot be used in any other area of life without grave consequences

Planned Parenthood admitted that life begins at conception

Faye Wattleton of NOW admitted that life begins at conception

THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND ABORTION



TEN INDISPUTABLE FACTS ABOUT ABORTION

If you're pregnant, it's a baby. If it's not a baby, you're not pregnant!

Women, not men, die from complications due to abortion.

Feminists are working harder than any other group to defend and serve men who want sex without commitment or responsibility.

Partial-birth abortion is purely elective and never performed for health reasons.

Pro-choice is not about pregnancy rights. It's about the right to kill the preborn baby that the mother does not want.

TEN INDISPUTABLE FACTS ABOUT ABORTION

The reasons more companies are including abortion in their health coverage is that one abortion is less expensive than years of medical coverage.

The only part of the woman's "body" that is removed in an abortion is what is removed during menstruation: her blood. The rest is a baby.

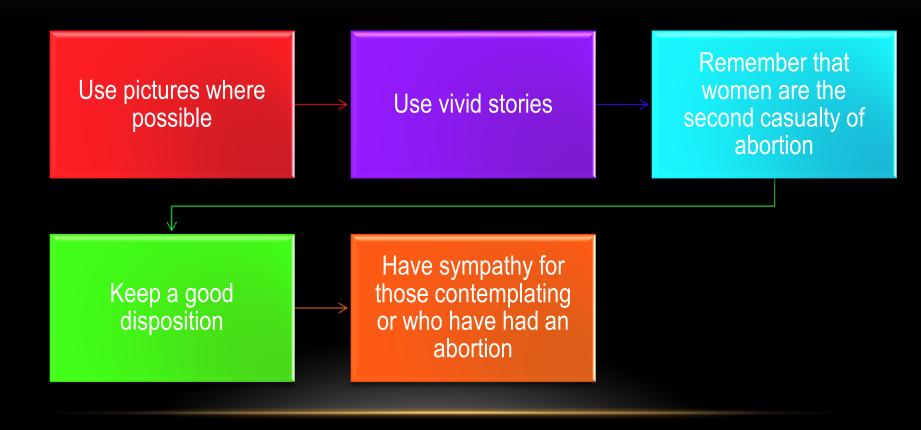
Tumors cannot move their arms, legs, toes, or eyes.

People cannot *reasonably* believe that aborting a baby is more humane than giving the baby life with an adoptive family.

Women do not want to take their husbands to their class reunions and introduce them to the fathers of their aborted children.

PRACTICAL STEPS

In Defending Your Case



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In Helping the Cause

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Volunteer at a local crisis pregnancy center

Donate items to these centers (CPC's)

Be open to adoption

Vote only for prolife candidates Share information with people

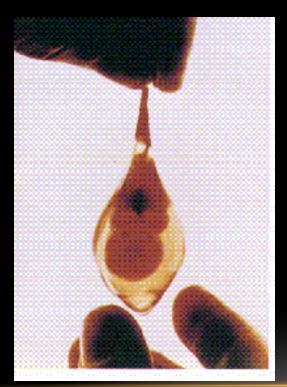
Hand out literature

Sue abortionists for medical problems

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FETAL DEVELOPMENT

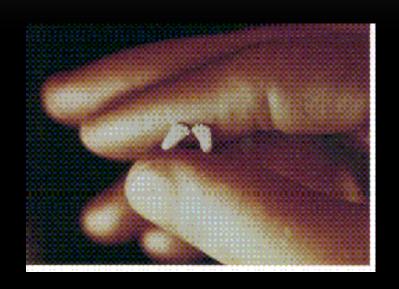
6 Weeks



8 Weeks



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SUCTION ASPIRATION



SALINE ABORTION



PROSTAGLANDIN ABORTION



DISPOSAL OF ABORTED BABIES

