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God alone has power to kill and 'make alive'

To the editor:

It was alarming to find in Julie Maslowski's letter of Dec. 19, that my eyesight was failing. I rushed back to Genesis 1:20 to see if nephesh ("soul"), describing the sea creatures, was still there. Whew. It hadn't left. This word, also used in Genesis 2:7, is central to the argument that God permits us to kill innocent little unborn babies. But if a nephesh ("soul") has to breathe to be alive, we may pity all those fish, crustaceans, etc., that swim about not knowing they are dead.

Maslowski's contention that since the sovereign God can take the life of his creatures, so we are allowed to do, gets perhaps to the nub of the whole issue. God indeed "kills and makes alive" (Deuteronomy 32:39), because as the Creator he does as he pleases with his creation. We cannot "make alive." It might seem a bit presumptuous to assume God's prerogatives.

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