

# 'Intellectual honesty' is only part of issue

To the editor:

Now I have heard it all. In her letter appearing in this newspaper dated Feb. 21, abortion rights advocate Ms. Peggy Loonan terms Mr. Myre, who is anti-abortion, as not intellectually honest. Over the years, I have heard the pro-abortion people employ euphemisms (terminating a pregnancy, emptying the uterus of its contents, etc.) to describe taking the life of an unborn child. To term someone who opposes abortion as not intellectually honest has to be the height of hypocrisy.

That being said, I'd like to try to respond to Ms. Loonan's letter. If I understand her last sentence, the unborn child is to stand ready to lose his or her life "because men continue to choose to have sex without correctly using a condom." Does that make any sense to anyone? In addition to being nonsensical, her statement seems to me to be almost as degrading to women as abortion itself. It assumes that women have neither intelligence nor a sense of shared responsibility in their encounters with males; that they are unwitting victims. Ms. Loonan and I obviously do not know the same women.

In a previous letter to the editor (Feb. 1), Ms. Loonan dismisses my prior letter's (Jan. 24) assertion that the credible scientific community has concluded that all life, including human life, begins at the time of fertilization/conception with a "not true." She then goes on to state that "the scientific community makes no judgment about when human life begins, recognizing only that egg and sperm are living cells that begin cell division upon uniting ...." All that cell division going on and Ms. Loonan would have us believe that nothing extraordinary has taken place. Left to progress naturally, of course, this "cell division" will result in the birth of a child.

In that she is concerned about intellectual honesty, I'm sure that Ms. Loonan would join with me in a request that biologists and other members of the scientific community write in to this newspaper to discuss the beginning of human life. That would seem to be of benefit to all readers of this newspaper. If the conclusions are as I understand them to be, then I assume that, in order to be intellectually honest, Ms. Loonan would have to acknowledge that abortion is the unwarranted termination of a human life.

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# Name of women's group hypocritical

To the editor:

Last Wednesday brought us yet another letter trying to justify murder for the sake of free sex. This poor (obsessed by a cause) person, belongs to a group, with a hypocritical title, that indicates it has concern for the "Life and Liberty for Women," but advocates the murder of women (the abortion of pre-born females). Isn't it time to see and admit the truth? We all know the way it should be, which isn't necessarily the way some would like it.

Marital sex is a privilege God gave us for the sake of sharing in creation and bonding both parents for life. He could have just kept providing children, they are not our creation, but His, just as we are. Our part is the opportunity to love, nurture and guide another human being. If for any reason, we are not ready to accept any of these responsibilities, we should refrain from marriage and its privileges, if we want to keep marriage somewhat sacred. Duh.

As seen in this "real men" letter, sex is portrayed as anyone's right and its results (pregnancy) as an annoyance instead of an honor. "Peace is in the truth." That's a bit of wisdom that John Paul II tried to convey to the world. Not for His good, but for ours. In other words, if we want to be at peace inside ourselves, we need to learn and live the truth, which is what is right. This has already been written. To me it also means that we can't have peace while living our own desires.

Yes, we are all allowed our own opinions and we may behave as we choose, but we can never make a wrong right. And if we want peace, the only way is to learn and live the truth.

So you may listen to some individual who has a cause, which needs as many people as possible to justify their actions, that will never be right, (the truth), or we may seek peace.

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