

Abortion still takes the lives of potential human beings

To the editor:

It's obvious that Ms. Peggy Loonan (May 30 letter) and I are never going to agree on the correct interpretation of Scripture regarding the beginning of human life. I believe the conclusions she reaches from the passages she quotes to be quite a stretch. And she has rejected the Scripture references that I and others have provided.

But those are her personal religious beliefs. And I would never do anything to denigrate another person's religious beliefs, even if they differ from mine (which hers do), and even if they disagree with scientific conclusions (which, I believe, hers also do).

But I am confused by Loonan's strong support of abortion. She acknowledges that the fetus is alive. And she also acknowledges that the child is a human life at or near the time of birth. So, logically, it would seem that Loonan would believe the fetus to be at least future human life. Why, then, is she so bent on destroying that future human life through abortion? I'm really confused by that. I oppose abortion because I believe that human life begins at the time of conception/fertilization. But even if I didn't, I would find it illogical to kill potential or future human life.

My other comment on Loonan's letter has to do with her sentence that seems to imply that those of us who oppose abortion will be subject to divine correction at judgment time: "If anti-abortion extremists have a problem with that truth, they'll have to take that up with God himself on Judgment Day." Think about it, Ms. Loonan. We "anti-abortion extremists" come down on the side of life. You abortion rights advocates come down on the side of death. I believe that there will be many issues that our loving God, the source of all life, will want to talk to me about on Judgment Day. But I don't anticipate that abortion will be one of them.

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