

Semantic arguments matter much less than chance to live

To the editor:

I will briefly respond to the letters of Peggy Loonan (June 22) and Julie Hall (June 30) before I cover something more important.

Loonan concludes that my refusal to denigrate her personal religious beliefs means that I cannot disprove her interpretation of Scripture. She is correct. I cannot disprove a Scriptural interpretation. That is the nature of an interpretation. I can disagree with it (which I do), but I cannot disprove it. And neither can anyone else.

Hall challenges me "to prove that illegal abortion would change the number of abortions performed in this country." If I understand correctly, she wants me to prove the outcome of a potential future event. She's got me there. I don't know how to do that.

Both women raise *Roe v. Wade*. Loonan says it displays concern for both the life of woman and fetus. How absurd.

Under *Roe v. Wade*, the fetus has absolutely no rights and can be killed through abortion at any time during a woman's pregnancy.

Hall wants me to prove that the fetus can be aborted at any time in a pregnancy, including during birth. I thought last year's tragic *Stenberg v. Carhart* decision in which the United States Supreme Court overturned a Nebraska law banning the partial-birth abortion procedure effectively said that.

Both women mention the quality of life issue. They are so concerned about the future lives of some fetuses that they conclude that it's sometimes just better to kill them. Abortion rights advocates believe they have the right/responsibility to determine quality of life for someone else. That's just not true. No one has

that right.

If there was ever any doubt about that fact, that doubt was shattered by the very courageous letter from Ms. Connie Hubble appearing in this newspaper on July 1. I would encourage everyone to read this letter. I don't know how anyone who is at all objective can continue to support abortion after reading it. In it, Ms. Hubble blows a hole in the abortion premise that some lives are not worth living.

In her letter, Ms. Hubble describes her childhood of abuse and eight different foster homes. After all that, she declares her profound gratitude to her mother for not aborting her. I don't know you, Ms. Hubble, but I thank God for you and your letter.

Most importantly, to any women dealing with a problem pregnancy and considering abortion, please read Ms. Hubble's letter. Your unborn child is begging you to give him or her this most precious gift, called life. Please do so. Your child will be forever grateful.

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