

Unborn children are human and have inalienable rights

To the editor:

"Kudos" for the honesty shown in the writer's letter of Feb. 17 where she admits "the pre-viable fetus is a human being and is alive in the womb." Since 1973, pre-born children have been referred to by supporters of abortion on demand as "masses of fetal tissue."

The writer then claims that the "termination" (abortion) of that life "isn't wrong or immoral precisely because ... they've (pre-born children) absolutely no right over a born woman."

Planned Parenthood's Dr. Mary Calderone stated, "We have yet to beat our drums for birth control the way we beat them for polio vaccine, we are still unable to put babies in the class of dangerous epidemics, even though this is the exact truth." Planned Parenthood's own publication, "Changing Bodies, Changing Lives" lamented ... "remember, there will be a real, live, helpless human being totally dependent on you for his or her needs. Babies and children need a lot. Think about yourself." Pardon me, I'm becoming nauseated.

Our Declaration of Independence declares that every child is, "... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It's an absurd stretch for the writer to accord such rights to pre-born children, although the laws of many states do just that.

Dr. Alan Guttmacher, Planned Parenthood's research guru, stated, "I don't think they (pre-born children) are made in God's image. I think they are made in man's image." This is where the real issue lies, and where the battle rages. The American Medical Association has previously written that "the unborn child is human, and at all periods differs in degree and not in kind from the infant and the adult. Therefore, we must regard it as a human being with an inalienable right to life, and that its destruction is homicide."

The same American Medical Association Journal referred to abortionists as "modern Herods," "educated assassins" and "monsters of iniquity." Adding a profound clarity ... "The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of its mother, is already a human being, and it is a most monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in the field, because a

man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light." — John Calvin

We are all created by God, in his image. Abortion is, therefore, an attempt to destroy that image, and an indirect attempt to destroy God.

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