

JOCELYNE'S RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: NOVEMBER 2016

My Commentary on: "Conversation with a Former Abortionist: Full Interview with Dr. Anthony Levatino"

<https://youtu.be/kHNzoZ4oheU>

I feel that if we really knew the truth of what abortion entailed, that we would not support it. That's why I have chosen this particular resource to highlight this month. Dr. Anthony Levatino, a former abortionist, bravely shares his personal testimony and reveals the reality of abortion. You may also wish to have a look at the link to the video titled, "Abortion Procedures : 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Trimesters" listed on our website in which Dr. Levatino explains the medical procedure involved in an abortion, depending on the trimester of pregnancy. It is important to note here that Dr. Levatino wisely uses animated illustrations to depict these methods, as opposed to graphic real-life images.

Dr Anthony Levatino is an American doctor, but these abortion procedures are also those used in Canadian abortions. Therefore, being a Canadian citizen, I would like to comment on abortion in Canada.

Since Canada's inception, Canadian law has set out to protect the life, liberty and security of all its citizens. Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice." These rights, however, have been denied the unborn since the decriminalization of abortion in January of 1988. It was decided at this time that the criminalization of abortion denied women the "liberty" of choice and so violated the Canadian Charter.

What was neglected in this ruling was the consideration of the humanity of the unborn, and therefore the rights of these unborn human lives under the Charter. Attempts at refuting the human nature of the pre-born are misguided and ignorant. The science of embryology confirms the Catholic teaching that human life begins at the moment of conception. For a selected list of quotes from Embryology textbooks, see the following link: <https://www.princeton.edu/~prolife/articles/embryoquotes2.html>

Given this evidence, it is clear that the Canadian Charter is not being upheld in Canada, as unborn humans do not currently share these rights. Life inside the womb is human life and it is so at the moment of fertilization. We cannot, therefore, deny humans their rights just because they are smaller and more vulnerable than other humans. It should also be noted that while Canadian law has decriminalized abortion, it has not regulated it. Abortion in Canada, therefore, can be done anytime in pregnancy, up until delivery, for any reason.

Abortion is an evil that we have accepted in our society for too long. We have hidden the horrific truth regarding abortion under misleading language. We call it "Women's Rights" or "Reproductive Health Care," for example. Abortion, however, is neither of these things. Abortion has been shown in numerous studies to negatively impact the health and wellbeing of women and children. But these facts are often glazed over by the media, who prefer lies to truth. We have been lied to and it is time to set the record straight.

For those women who have chosen abortion, please do not feel that you are being judged. Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her (John 8:7)." I am a great sinner. I will not "throw a stone." It may be that when you made the decision to abort that you believed what you were told; you believed that abortion was your right, that you had no other choice, or that what was inside you was not a human life, but just a fetus. Whatever your reasoning, I sincerely hope that you have been able to find healing since your abortion. I would like you to know that you are a precious child of God and that He loves you no matter what. I would like you to know that He would like to offer you His pardon and peace.

There are some great organizations that can help you find healing if this is something you are seeking. There are links to the websites of some of these organizations provided on the "Pro-Life" page of our website. I would also invite you to check out the list of other abortion-related resources to be found there. You will find links for organizations that are looking to make changes to protect the lives of the pre-born. You may choose to get involved in these efforts if this is something that speaks to you.

Yours in Christ,

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