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**How We Are Deceived**

"Care, no matter what" is the motto of Planned Parenthood. Yes, it may sound good, but it is a lie. Planned Parenthood is lying to itself and to you. The proof: "97.2% of Planned Parenthood’s pregnancy resolution services are devoted to abortions, the purposeful ending of an unborn baby’s life." **[1]** They use the words “care” and "choice" -- subtle language which manipulates, deceives, and is dangerous, lt is, in fact, abuse of language, and a shallow piece of marketing.

Abortion is not healthcare and it can never be. It is an evil which to the deceived may look good. Remember when we were told by abortion proponents that it was to be “legal, safe, and rare”? Those were the old days; now we are told to "shout your abortion." There is even a celebration of abortion.

Currently, *Cosmopolitan* magazine is advocating a "satanic abortion" ritual to empower women getting abortions**. [2]** What, really? Abortion makes women more powerful? They even give advice on how best to take the chemical version of abortion (available now at your corner drugstore) which starves an unborn baby to death. Not all those seeking abortions would be into that kind of ritual; after all, some would call themselves Christian, but the end result is the same -- the death of a child**. [3]**

I must object. You, as a Christian believer, must object. A child’s definition of abortion is stark and accurate: “it’s when a mother kills her baby." Why will churches not engage on this issue? (Some do as we know, but they are in the minority.) One of the Christian’s gravest responsibilities is to discern when he is being lied to. An evil that looks “neutral" or tolerable or “necessary" should be seen for what it is. We must somberly address Scripture’s emphasis on not calling evil good and good evil. **[4]** Scripture has much to say here, and it appears that the discernment necessary to judge good as opposed to evil is a required addition to one’s character.

It would be a good exercise to rehearse what might be your answer to the Messiah as he questions you about what you did or didn’t say or do on this issue. lt would help us to see how extremely feeble our answers might be. And lest we fall prey to the frailest of the frail excuses that we are “personally" against abortion but that we won’t take away our neighbor’s right to his opinion -- that is like saying we are "personally" against abuse but if my neighbor abuses his child, l won’t interfere. **[5]** Hatred of evil is in fact, according to Romans 12:9, the mark of a true Christian.

May I remind us all that: **"Pro-choice" for one means death for another.** If you choose "choice," someone will die. To decide that a child must die so that you can do as you wish is one of the greatest moral evils and human miseries ever perpetrated on our culture. lt is a tragedy that many of those supposed to be our "Watchmen" -- i.e. pastors -- are not teaching and warning and sounding the alarm so as to prevent abortions among believers.

Are we in a time like lsaiah’s when "lsrael’s sentinels are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs that cannot bark" (lsaiah 56:10a). Or as the *New Living Translation* renders it: “For the leaders of My people [Israel] – the LORD’s watchmen -- His shepherds are blind to every danger. They are like silent watchdogs that give no warning when danger comes." **This is an absolutely wretched thing for a watchman-pastor to be a silent dog who does not bark.**

l hadn’t intended to write anything further on abortion, having written several articles and presentations. l felt that l had written my heart out, but unbelievably it seems that the subject has been ratcheted up with the celebration, ceremonies and rejoicing in abortions. And still -- pastors don’t speak out. **"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”** **[6]**

**-- by Barbara Buzzard**

**References:**

**[1]** *SBA Pro Life America*, 11/30/23.

**[2]** “Cosmo Promotes Satanic Abortions,” *Stand for Life*, 11/30/23

**[3]** The number of Christians seeking abortions is not dramatically different from non-Christians.

**[4]** Proverbs 17:15, 24:24; Isaiah 5:20; Malachi 2:17; Romans 14:22b; Proverbs 8:13; Psalm 97:10.

**[5]** Credit goes to Ray Comfort for this logic.

**[6]** Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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