"THOU SHALT NOT DO MURDER"

One of the most disturbing aspects of present day life to me as a surgeon and a Christian is the whole issue of abortion. Throughout most of my days as a physician I have viewed the abortionist as the most despicable of all physicians—one who profited personally from the distress and plight of unfortunate young women. Every surgeon has had the experience of fighting to save the life of those subjected to septicemia secondary to an infected abortion. Suddenly, today our own respected colleagues who to date have been involved in such admirable pursuits as delivering babies and helping prospective parents to be sterile, are now joining the ranks of those previously considered criminal. Anesthesiologists, nurses, technicans, interners and residents find themselves involuntarily drawn into the web. In order to live this new philosophy of destructiveness, those involved have had to create several psychological slight-of-hand maneuvers. First of all, they have had to come to believe that becoming pregnant in our era suddenly creates profound mental problems in the unwed and in those women who do not want to be pregnant because of family size or inconvenience. Also, they must accept the premise that the world is becoming over-populated, especially the United States (since this is where we live and where the abortions in question are being done).

The doctor abortionist and those involved with him must then believe that whatever is extracted from the womb at whatever age is not human, non-viable and not a person. How can one be accused of murder if he is not killing a human being? Of course, this error could be extended to those who are mentally ill, retarded, crippled, comatose, senile, or those who by any convenient definition are not what we at the moment define as normal. In a meeting of physicians at which the abortion issue was being discussed I asked an obstetrician what it was that he removed from the uterus when he did an abortion. His reply was that it was an embryo, not human—not animal--just an embryo; that is all. At once, I reflected upon my studies in college embryology where we studied first the embryology of the chicken and then the pig. In medical school we studied human embryology. Although there were similarities each embryo is distinct and identifiable as to species even from the earliest stages.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer left a great career in Germany as a physician, theologian and musician to go to Africa to serve Jesus and the "least of these"--his African brethren. His philosophy was one of reverence of life. While he was in Africa working to improve the lot of forsaken, helpless people and forge a legacy of life and hope, some of those physicians and politicians left behind in Europe were devising ways and means of destroying not only the helpless and dying but ultimately themselves. (NOTE: it was the German psychiatrists who determined the ideas of euthanasia which ultimately resulted in the gas chambers). So each generation must decide for the way of Cain or of Abel, for wrong or for right; for blessing or for cursing.

When Mary, shortly after her miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit, approached Elisabeth, it is recorded that Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost and her baby (then in the sixth month) leaped in her womb. See Luke 1:41. Later on in John 1:33 we read that John the Baptist states that Jesus baptises with the Holy Ghost. So when Jesus was an embryo in the first months of life in utero He filled Elisabeth with the Holy Ghost and caused John then in his sixth month to leap in his mother's womb! Infants in utero from one month to six months are those being killed by the thousands in our society today! The Bible plainly shows us that life from conception is sacred and scriptural. "Thou shalt not do murder" applies to the human from conception to the hour of death. The Christian who is spiritual and who believes the Holy Bible cannot believe otherwise.

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MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CMF CHAPEL! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

MONDAY - Every Monday - 6:30 AM. Men's Prayer Breakfast at CMF House. No reservations necessary. COME and begin your week with prayer!!!

TUESDAY - Every Tuesday - 10 AM. Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. BRING A SANDWICH, PLEASE! Kay is now teaching Luke's Gospel. The Clinical Correlation of the Gospel by Dr. Reed at 1 PM. Healing Service at 2 PM.

WEDNESDAY - March 3 - 7:30 PM. Dr. Reed at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 2400 W. 17th St., Wilmington, Del. 19806. Contact: Rev. Vincent Erickson, Phone 302/658-7326.

THURSDAY - March 4 - Dr. Reed and Kay at Ecumenical Healing Council, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Haddon Heights, N. J. Contact: Richard E. Maloy, Collinswood Presbyterian Church, Collinswood, N. J.

FRIDAY--SUNDAY - March 5--7 - Dr. Reed and Kay at Iglesia Barbara Ann Roessler Memorial, 1524 Tamesis St., El Parrisio, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, 00926. Contact: Rev. Mario Rivera, Phone 809/765-3977 or 766-5757.

FRIDAY - March 19 - 8 PM. St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting at St. Petersburg Federal Savings & Loan, 83rd Ave. at 9th St., St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - March 20 - 8 AM. Plant City CMF Station Meeting at Johnson's Restaurant, Plant City, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - March 20 - 7:30 PM. Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

FRIDAY - March 26 - 7:45 PM. Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch of First Federal Savings & Loan, 3212 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. For information please call 305/894-6150, 425-2511 or 647-4667. Do not call First Federal Savings & Loan.

SATURDAY - March 27 - 7:30 PM. Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity By-The-Sea, North Grandview at Ora, Daytona Beach, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. For information call Father David Dillon, Jr. Phone 904/252-8997.

------------ SONY VIDEO 3/4 INCH CARTRIDGE TAPES AVAILABLE for medical, nursing or Christian groups: 1) Dr. Reed and Pat Robertson--700 Club, 2) Dr. Reed and Roy Leep--CMF Tape--Discussion of Coma, 3) Dr. Reed and Roy Leep--Discussion of Malignancies. SPECIAL T. V. EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED FOR SHOWING THESE TAPES. ------------

NEEDED: PHYSICIANS for volunteer short term missionary work in Honduras. Only those physicians with a working knowledge of the Spanish language and who are able to pay all their expenses need apply. This is strictly a volunteer ministry. If interested, contact Dr. Bob Hagstrom, 9th Ave. at Broadway, Billings, Mont. 59103. Phone 406/252-4141.

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