"The innocent and righteous slay thou not."  Exodus 23:7

It could be that the present era of violence and bloodshed which would appear to be increasing in America began in 1932 with the repeal of the 18th Amendment. This act represented a compromise with evil in the allowing of alcohol to come back into America and to continue its destructiveness which had been abolished when people saw the terrible effects of alcoholism in our society. The repeal of the Amendment was seen as an economic measure to benefit America, but what actually happened was that it allowed immediately the influx of great evil into the United States. Eventually, it laid the foundation for the inroads of the drug culture into American society along with the erosion of the moral foundations of the nation. As a consequence, during the six decades of the allowance of alcohol into our society, we have seen the prohibition of prayer and the reading of the Bible in our school system, the allowance of abortion on demand, the allowance of euthanasia in Oregon and with Dr. Kevorkian in Michigan. We have also seen the rise in homosexuality and promiscuity. Our theaters, our videotapes, our television, and our magazines are contaminated by pornography. Murder and violence are common in our streets and in Oklahoma City on April 19, innocent citizens and little children were killed through an American terrorist act. It would seem that we have sown the wind and are reaping the whirlwind (Hosea 8:7).

From the medical point of view, I feel that I should make one illustration pertaining to all of this. It is true that there is nothing quite as thrilling and as soul satisfying as being the doctor who delivers a little new infant into the world. This is a blessed time for everyone concerned. No one should deny themselves the possibility of following through on a pregnancy, if such a condition is discovered whether that woman is married or not. The consequences resultant from going through an abortion in any one of the three trimesters are very great in the areas of physical pain and suffering as well as emotional anguish. There never could be a more innocent life in all the world than the little infant within the mother's womb. Strangely enough, recently in order to have physicians in the ranks of the abortionists, the educational institutions training obstetricians and gynecologists are seriously considering making it a requirement for residents to do elective abortions during their training. This has incensed many practicing obstetricians and gynecologists and in a recent poll a majority of these doctors objected to this kind of training for residents. I enclose with this newsletter the opinion of Dr. Denis Cavanagh, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of South Florida, who is a Christian and is a pro-life doctor and a very close friend of Christian Medical Foundation. Please pray for Dr. Cavanagh and all doctors across the land who are faced with this terrible issue. Also, pray that physicians will stand against euthanasia and the continuing moral decline of our society, not only generally but also medically.

People should know that all of the procedures used by abortionists are currently used by residents in Obstetrics and Gynecology to treat patients with spontaneous, incomplete or missed abortions ("miscarriages"), second-trimester fetal deaths, molar pregnancies, or to perform fetal diagnostic procedures. Also, it is not necessary to perform induced abortions to take care of abortion patients postoperatively, because all residents in Obstetrics and Gynecology know how to deal with hemorrhage and infection which are the most common complications of induced abortion. It should also be noted that of the 274 Ob/Gyn residency programs in the United States, 89% already offer opportunities to perform first-trimester induced abortions and 82% offer opportunities to perform second-trimester abortions. The fact is that most residents, like most certified obstetrician-gynecologists, do few if any induced abortions because they find their performance an unpleasant emotionally draining task which runs counter to their usual goal of delivering healthy mothers of healthy babies. They find it particularly odious when they know that in 98 percent of cases the indication for abortion is social and not medical.

The real reason for the ACGME induced abortion training requirement is to coerce more residents into performing abortions, in the hope that they will be more willing to do them as practicing obstetrician-gynecologists, and so fill up "the thinning ranks" of abortionists who keep the multimillion dollar abortion industry afloat.

The new requirement will not go into effect until January 1, 1996. If it is not rescinded before then, it will be challenged in the courts by individuals and by institutions. After all, even with the Roe v. Wade ruling on a woman's right to elective abortion, a physician has the right to refuse to do it.

Denis Cavanagh, M.D.

"Lo, children are an heritage from the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward.  Psalm 127:3

How wonderful it is to know that there are many physicians across America and Canada who stand for righteousness and for life. More and more they are standing for the cause of Christ in Medicine, Surgery, and Psychiatry.

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With Thy Sacred Spirit Sweet.  
Our my being made to flow  
Waters of cleansing, I entreat.  
Oil of anointing touch my brow,  
Blood of Jesus make me pure.  
Bread of Gilead from head to toe,  
Heal me, Cleanse me in Thy fire.  
Feed me on the bread of life,  
Transfuse me wholly in every cell.  
Give peace from all my earthly strife,  
Precious Jesus, make me well.  
Make me new even in my mind,  
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Heal my past and in me find,  
The kind of man you'd want to see.