In Response to the Morgantaler Appeal
by Dr. Don Denmark

Over the past few days I have, on several occasions sat
down to pen a response to the recent Supreme Court
decision on the Morgantaler appeal to the Supreme
Court. The decision, in essence, has opened wide the
flood gates to abortion on demand by removing all
tattempts to control this through the removal of
therapeutic abortion committees, and the need for this
procedure to be carried out in an accredited hospital
setting in Canada.

My heart has been filled with anger and anguish, and
each time I try to write I can only put the pen down,
bow my head and intercede in prayer for the tens of
thousands of unborn children whose lives will be
terminated with the minimal of consideration for their
well being. The decision to abort now rests entirely
between the woman who pursues this as her solution to a
pregnancy of inconvenience, and her physician who
supports her and in that shows no regard for the
sacredness of life for the second patient who has now
come into his or her care.

I feel as if the very foundation on which I practice
medicine as a Christian physician has been cut out from
underneath me by the decision of the Supreme Court
justices. This decision was based solely on the fact
that therapeutic abortion committees impede the
freedom and rights of women to choose the fate of their
unborn child in the absence of any consideration of the
sacredness of life.

Biblically, we clearly understand that life begins at
conception, and scientific research is continuing to
clarify this position as we learn more and more of the
humanness of the unborn child. To me, as a Christian
physician, there can be no other decision than to
understand the fact that this unborn child is indeed a
human being created fully in the image of God and
should have equal access to the rights of life and
freedom as guaranteed under our present Charter of
Rights.

The callous disregard for the unborn child as a human
being with rights and the continual offering of these
children on the altars of the operating room, remind
me of the people of Judah whom Jeremiah addressed
outside the gates of Jerusalem as they continued to
sacrifice their children on the altars in the valley of
Ben Hinnon in order to appease the God Molech. In this
day, we have deceived ourselves in thinking that the
normal state of health of pregnancy brings such
emotional and financial stress upon us, that it has
come to be a danger to our health. By this reason we
justify the sacrifice of in excess of 65,000 of our
children each year.

Clearly a response is indicated on our part in these
apparent last days. We praise God that at a time when
destruction of human life seems so rampant His grace is
abounding in such a beautiful way.

I know that many of you have already responded to this
attack against the foundation of our medical practice
and I encourage you to continue your letters and calls
to them to bring to their attention the devastating
impact that this has on the psychological well being of
the woman, as demonstrated in the recent articles of
the medical literature regarding the post abortion
syndrome.

It is also apparent that the incidents of maternal
morbidity significantly increase when abortions are
carried out in outpatient clinics and clearly this does
not promote the well being of women as is advocated by
the "pro-choice" people.

I would encourage you to speak out on behalf of the
unborn children and the sanctity of life.

Comment - Dr. William Standish Reed

It is my understanding that Dr. Morgantaler and his
group who are "pro-choice" in Canada brought expert
attorneys from the United States to the Canadian court-
attorneys who are experts in jury selection. If in
fact, jury selection becomes so vitally important that
only those who are assured to give a verdict in the
direction of the abortionists are chosen, how can this
be construed to be a fair method insofar as achieving a
valid decision is concerned? Certainly day by day in
Canadian and American society, we see continuing
erosion of traditional, moral, and Christian values.
Only through physicians, nurses, and concerned
Christians standing up for morality and righteousness
can this landslide toward destruction be stemmed. It is hoped that as a result of some of the comments of the justices who handed down this decision that the Parliament of Canada will be impelled to come up with a parliamentary decision in favor of the unborn. Let us begin to pray for this. As an American, I can only feel ashamed to think that American attorneys were utilized, in this instance, as they have been in the United States, to cause the carnage directed toward the poor little unborn children of this hemisphere.

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