

The Old Paths

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“Selfishness On Display”

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A news report concerning the October issue of “Ms.” magazine caught my attention. According to the news, this upcoming issue will list 1,016 of the over 5,000 signatures of women who signed confessions saying that they took part in the murder of their children. Those who were interviewed justified the murder of their children by saying things like, “I wanted to do something bigger than myself — I didn’t want to be stopped by anything” (signatory Tyffine Jones, 27). Look again at her statement. Was she not stating clearly that she considers motherhood as something that is “less” than what she wanted to be? She was wanting to do something “bigger than herself” so she murdered her child, and has now confessed to the murder in “Ms.” magazine.

Debbie Findling, another signatory in “Ms.” confessed to killing her baby boy last year because he had Down’s Syndrome. She said, “I felt like it was my right to make the decision” Later, she added, “I don’t regret my decision.” Debbie is a 42 year-old married woman who has plans for writing a book detailing her experiences in killing her baby boy. Currently, she has a 5 year-old girl, and is trying to get pregnant again. Her profession? She is a: **philanthropic foundation executive**!! (Think: brotherly love, or charitable work toward the needy) Perhaps after this article

comes out, she will be fired for not living up to her profession! Certainly, she did something quite “un-philanthropic” (is that a word?) in killing her baby boy. Other murderers who signed confessions in “Ms.” magazine include: Gloria Steinem, Carol Leifer, Kathy Najimy, and Amy Brenneman.

Eleanor Smeal, the president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, which publishes “Ms.” magazine, said that this issue of the magazine was prompted by concern for how the Supreme Court might decide in the coming years relative to mothers killing their children; as well as legislation currently pending in South Dakota where the citizens could vote to have murder outlawed completely in their state. Eleanor is displeased at the possibilities, and in fact, said, “All this seems very dire.” She went on to say, “We have to get away from what the politicians are saying, and get women’s lives back in the picture.” What is left unsaid by Eleanor is: “...Unless these women are killing their daughters, for in those cases, the female child needs to have her voice silenced, too That is, unless her mother **wants** her to live.”

The news report goes on to say that the 5000+ total signatures in “Ms.” magazine will be sent in a petition to Congress, the White House, and state legislators. The reason is not stated, but perhaps the purpose of sending such a petition is so that our country’s legislators and leaders will have the signed confessions of murderers in their

hands, so they can see just how many women in this country have little or no respect for human life.

Friends, let us open our eyes to the actions of the world and make sure we do not get caught up in such sin, nor have our children think that this is justified behavior! Paul wrote, “*be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind*” (Rom. 12:2). Let us strive to act and live like Christ in all things (Col. 3:17; I Pet. 4:11)!

Selfishness And Murder Often Walk Hand-In-Hand

No, not every selfish person will commit murder. However, “Ms.” magazine has cataloged over 5,000 examples of selfish people who did! Pay careful attention to those who speak of their “right” to take the life of their own child. They must have given themselves the “right” through their selfishness, for God certainly gave no man or woman the right to kill innocent children. I believe such people as are glamorized in this magazine are close relatives to those folks mentioned in Romans 1, whom God said were “*without natural affection*” and “*did not like to retain God in their knowledge*” (Rom. 1:31, 28).

At the very least, the October issue of “Ms.” is nothing more than selfishness on display. The women who signed those confessions, and consented to interviews, are declaring their “freedom,” “rights,” etc., to kill their children! How messed up can we be? Sadly, while many women get to confess their crimes in this issue of “Ms.” there is no one speaking up for the dead children! What a tragedy, and how appalling that our nation would have a magazine which defends and promotes selfishness and murder.

“Abortion” = Murder

Some may wonder why I used the term “murder” consistently in the above section, rather than the politically correct term, “abortion.” First, I wrote “murder” because that is what it is. “Abortion” of children is “aborting”, or stopping the pregnancy. Of course, the only way one can “stop” a pregnancy is to deliver the child, living or dead. Yes, there is such a thing as a miscarriage, but those 5000+ women did not sign their names to having miscarriages! They signed their names in confession to actively and willfully stopping their pregnancy by killing their child and delivering a dead baby. Their active pursuit of a child’s death constitutes murder. This is why I wrote “murder” in the above section.

Calling the active and willful taking of a baby’s life “murder” is not unique with me. When we read the Bible, we see God’s view of unborn children. He considers these children just that: human, living, children! We see this in Old Testament days when God spoke to Rebekah, telling her that she was carrying “twins in her womb” (Gen. 21:23-24). She delivered twin boys, the Bible says, that would become fathers of two nations (Gen. 21:26-27, 23). We see God’s attitude toward the unborn children when He proclaimed the death penalty for someone responsible for the death of the unborn child (Ex. 21:12-22). David, the sweet psalmist of Israel, wrote by inspiration that God knew him even before he was born (Ps. 139:15-16). Jeremiah said a similar thing in relation to God knowing him before birth (Jer. 1:5). Solomon wrote that God hates “hands that shed innocent blood” (Prov. 6:17). Can we find anything on earth more innocent than an unborn

child? Such passages show us that the unborn babies are alive, human children. Therefore, we need to respect their lives!

When we study the New Testament, we see Luke, a physician inspired of God, wrote about a baby in the womb (Lk. 1:41-44). The words chosen are significant, for he did not call this child “unviable tissue mass” or something akin to that. The original word Luke used was a term specifically used to describe a baby, an infant, or a child! Luke used this term to describe the child Elizabeth was carrying within her (Lk. 1:41). Soon after, her cousin Mary would be pregnant, and Luke used the same word to describe the unborn Christ-child (Lk. 1:26-38; ch. 2)!

Another reason I chose the word “murder” is because the word “abortion” just “white-washes” what has actually taken place. It helps to soothe a bothered conscience when we say “abortion” instead of “murder.” If you are not sure about this, just say the word “abortion” aloud. Then say “murder”. One word actually makes you feel different, doesn’t it? That’s the point! It is high time we felt the concern, worry, and even anger at the sin of murdering one’s own offspring. Let us raise our children up to understand that there is no excuse or reason for murdering their children — in or out of the womb!!

Conclusion

The practice of killing the unborn is not the only example of selfishness on display. We could speak of sodomy (Rom. 1:26-27; I Cor. 6:9-10; etc.), drinking, drug use, and numerous other things. However, it is the murdering of the unborn that is the topic in the magazine, so we include it here to compare that practice and those women’s attitudes with what the Bible says.

In conclusion to our study, let us also understand that folks engaged in such a selfish sin can be forgiven. Christ said that all people can be forgiven through Him. He died for all (Matt. 20:28; II Cor. 5:15; I Jn. 2:2). However, in order to be forgiven of this sin, or of any sin, it demands our faith in Christ (Jn. 8:32; Heb. 11:6), repentance of sin (not staying in sin, Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30), confessing Christ (Rom. 10:10; Acts 8:37), and being baptized for the remission of sins (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16). If anyone who has ever been responsible for the death of her child reads this article, I hope she understands the sin that has occurred, and then will turn to Christ for forgiveness. One doing such, is not a selfish person, but has humbly sought forgiveness at the Master’s feet, and the Bible says she will get it! All those who signed the confession in “Ms.” can have forgiveness, too if they will follow the Lord’s plan.

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