

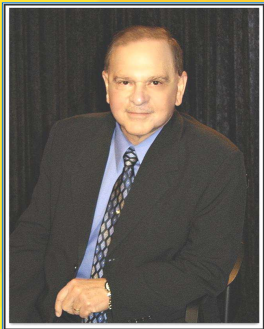


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KILLER OF INFANTS



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It should be noted that for purposes of this article, the term “early church” refers to beliefs occurring before the first ecumenical council, the Council of Nicea, held in A.D. 325 in what is today the city of Isnik, Turkey.

For many years the issue of abortion in America has caused me great anguish; and having always wondered what the early church believed about this matter, I began a thorough search of the subject, delving into a course offered as part of our Ph.D. program at Omega Seminary. In a rather large volume entitled *Early Christian Beliefs*, which examines over 700 topics discussed by the early church, I

found numerous articles by well known leaders of the apostolic era concerning abortion, child abuse, the sacrifice of a child to a “god,” or the abandonment of a child after its birth. Truly, my quest yielded tremendous insight; and I was somewhat surprised to learn how seriously this issue was viewed by the early church, and what they actually believed and taught concerning the “killer of the infant.”

Excerpts are listed below, with some articles being slightly abbreviated due to space limitations.

Exodus 21:22, 23 is very clear: *“If men fight and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely...[and] if any lasting*

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It's Time To "Wake Up"...But For What Reason?

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We will look at four points:

- 1) **Wake Up**; Its first use was rousing someone to action...expresses the idea of being excited or "stirred up" of what has settled to the bottom. (Ouch!)
- 2) **Get Ready**; Putting on the right attire for the job. It's listening to the right sound of the trumpet that Israel woke to; some for battle, some for just assembly. The trumpet sound told it all!
- 3) **Get Engaged**; No, I'm not talking about marriage. "Take part"- continuity of action or occupy the attention or efforts.
- 4) **Stay Plugged In**; Up to date, stay aware of the latest developments, in touch, involved in what is going on. Remain!

New Question: What have you talked yourself out of that God is trying to bring you into? Look across the board; spiritually, family wise, in your marriage, and so on? Moses was reluctant to do what God wanted him to do. He had a thousand excuses and so do we. I call him RIP-VAN-MOSES...He's been on the shelf, "asleep" for 40 years wandering and wondering. Now get ready Moses, your attire for this "get ready moment" is not complete. Take off your shoes...there is always SUBTRACTION before ADDITION! I'm going to anoint your feet with good news. We are going to the Promised Land. Wake up and get ready...See, the get ready part for all of us is "losing" parts of our flesh.

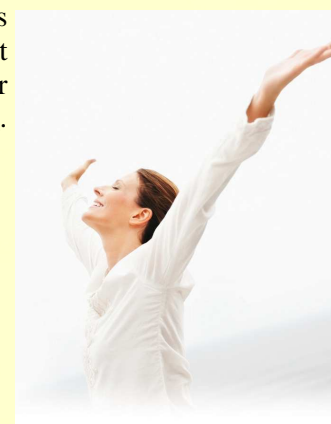
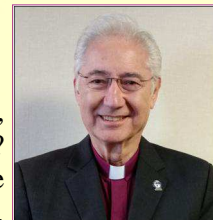
All the men had to be circumcised before they could be in covenant with God...to confirm their acceptance. Even Gideon was awakened, stirred up by an angel but as it played out instead of 30,000 men only 300 were qualified or certified. SUBTRACTION for ADDITION. "Moses don't tell me why you can't *do it* or why you can't *be it*, go forward". Moses was schooled in Pharaoh's courts and he probably excelled in his debate class and could "talk" himself out of anything. But God was saying, "You've met your match Moses, *talk to the hand*. I don't even want to hear it. **I KNOW WHO YOU ARE 'CAUSE I'VE PUT IT IN YOU.'**"

It's like the Prego commercial..."It's in there." P.S. "Moses, look around you're conversing with a bush, and you can't explain a burning, talking bush. If you can explain why this bush is not burned up then, I'll listen to you...now get engaged!" "What's in your hand?" or

should I say for the sake of us all, what has God put in your tool-box? As with Moses and others, don't die on the wrong side of your destiny. Don't let your fear keep you from your future. God says, "I'm with you when you feel me or don't feel me, when you're faithful or unfaithful, right or wrong, when you're broken or whole, I'm still with you. To quote a favorite preacher of mine..."*The problem with most of us is that we've shrunk our lives down—to fit our own personal interests.*" We will fight ONLY for ourselves until God shows us a picture that's bigger than ourselves...when God wakes you up and shows you "the vision" of something more meaningful than yourself. So what will it take to get you "engaged", to talk yourself into doing something worthwhile in the Kingdom? When He hears your desire, He'll engage you. Now you're "hearing and seeing" for a life change...they go together. There are people depending on you. Start moving in what you ALREADY know that your purpose is and He will enlighten the path you follow.

I think of the new light I recently installed outside. For a clarification, it's called a "motion sensor light." Listen...it only comes on when it detects motion...Hello! He will lighten our path, if we're in motion. God is saying to us, get out of the dark and move. Moses told Joshua *what to do* and *why to do it*...but God came along later and *showed him HOW!!!* The questions are only answered in our moving forward. "Waking up, getting stirred, dressed for the job, getting engaged and **staying plugged in**"! Sure God can choose someone other than you but don't give Him a reason to. (Amen somebody!) God said, "*If I be for you, even you can't be against you!*" Read it again. I said it right. God helps us from being against ourselves, feeling sorry or fearful or _____.
(Fill in the blank.)

So it's time to get engaged and stay, staying plugged in. Are you awake yet?



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harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot."

1.) One of the greatest Church Fathers was Tertullian.

He said: "Among surgeons' tools there is a certain instrument that is designed with a nicely-adjusted flexible frame for first of all opening the uterus and then keeping it open. It also has a circular blade, by which the limbs within the womb are dissected with careful, but unflinching care. Then a copper spike is driven into the unborn to take its life. From this infanticide method, some gave it the name, 'Killer of the Infant'."

2.) **Tertullian**, in another article, writes: "Are you to dissolve the conception by aid of drugs? I believe it is no more lawful [and right] to hurt a child in the process of birth than to hurt one who is already born."

3.) **Hippolytus** said: "Women who are reputed to be believers [in Christ] have begun to resort to drugs that produce sterility. They also kill the unborn in their womb after conception, because they do not want to have a child by either a slave or by a common fellow out of concern for their family's [honor] and their excessive wealth. Satan has advanced his schemes. He leads women to commit adultery and murder at the same time!"

4.) **Mark Minucius Felix** said: "Some women drink a medical preparation to kill the future life of the fetus in their wombs. So they commit murder. And these teachings come down from the belief and practice of worshipping [pagan] gods."

5.) **Barnabas** said: "You shall not kill the child by obtaining an abortion. Nor again, shall you destroy the child after he/she is born."

6.) The **Didache** (DID uh kee), an early manual of teaching, said: "You shall not murder a child by abortion, nor kill one who has been born."

7.) Letter to **Diognetus** said: "They [that is, Christians] bear their children, but they do not destroy their offspring."

8.) **Athenagoras** said: "We teach that it is wrong to expose an infant [to the elements of nature]. For those who expose them are guilty of child murder."

9. **Clement of Alexandria** said: "Although [pagans] keep parrots and curlews, the [pagans] do not adopt the orphan child. Rather, they expose their own children who are born at home. Yet, they take up the young of birds. So they prefer irrational creatures to rational ones."

10.) **Tertullian** said: "First of all, you [pagans] expose your children [to the elements of nature], so that they may be picked up [from the roadside] by any

compassionate passer-by, one to whom they are not known."

11.) **Lactantius** said: "I cannot find language to even speak of the infants who were burned [and sacrificed] to Saturn, the god."

12.) [Speaking of Pagans:] **Lactantius** said: "They either strangle their own children, born from themselves, or if they are too "pious or religious" [to strangle them], they expose them [to the elements of nature to die]."

13.) The **Apostolic Constitutions** said: "You shall not kill your child by an abortion, nor kill the baby that is not born [by any other means]. For everything that is shaped and has received a soul from God, if it is killed, it shall be avenged as being unjustly destroyed."

It is apparent from the foregoing excerpts that the early church fathers considered this a heinous crime against humanity. Likewise, as twentieth century Christians, we also bear witness to this errant disregard for life as a grievous sin. Nevertheless, it should be noted that our churches today are most certainly filled with tormented men and women haunted by such immoral and ungodly acts committed prior to their salvation experience. To these tortured souls we extend the love of Christ and His enduring pardon for sin, as well as the cleansing of memories and guilt accompanying such acts.

Psalms 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

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Church/Ministry Tax Date to Remember



In addition to regular semiweekly and monthly withholding requirements, churches/ministries should note the following dates. Keep good records!

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September 15th

- ◆ A Church must make quarterly estimated tax payments if it expects an unrelated business income tax liability for the year to be \$500 or more. Use IRS Form 990-W to figure your estimated taxes. Quarterly estimated tax payments of one-fourth of the total tax liability are due by April 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2018, for church on a calendar-year basis. Deposit quarterly tax payments electronically using the EFTPS system.
- ◆ Ministers (who have not elected voluntary withholding) and self-employed workers must file their third quarterly estimated federal tax payment for 2018 by this date (a similar rule applies in many states to payments of estimated state taxes.)

October 16th

- ◆ If you have an automatic 6-month extension to file your income tax return for 2017, file Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ, and pay any taxes, interest, or penalties required.

October 31st

- ◆ Churches having nonminister employees (or one or more ministers who report their federal income taxes as employees and who have elected voluntary withholding) must file an employer's quarterly federal tax return (Form 941) by this date. You may have to deposit the federal income taxes you withheld and both the employer and employee Social Security taxes and Medicare taxes. If your total taxes (line 10) are less than \$2,500 for the current quarter or the preceding quarter, you don't have to make a deposit. But to avoid a penalty, you must pay the amount in full with a timely filed Form 941 or you must deposit the amount on a timely basis. If you aren't sure your total tax liability for the current quarter will be less than \$2,500 (and your liability for the preceding quarter wasn't less than \$2,500), make deposits using the semiweekly or monthly rules so you won't be subject to failure to deposit penalties.

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