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Birth of Twins Highlights Evil of Abortion

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Consider Maria Jones Elliot who, pregnant with twins in 2012, went into preterm labor and gave birth to her daughter, Amy, 23 weeks into pregnancy. Amy was a tiny 1 pound 3 ounces and was immediately whisked off to NICU in order to save her life. Unexpectedly, contractions stopped and Amy's twin sister, Katie, decided she wasn't ready to be born! While tiny Amy fought to survive, her twin sister was doing very well in Maria's womb where she continued to mature and grow. Eighty-seven days later Katie was born with a clean bill of health! These beautiful twin sisters are recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as twins with the most days between births.

Putting aside the feel-good elements of the story, consider for a moment the status of these sisters under the law in America. While Amy was recognized as a human being whose life was protected and worth fighting for, in most states her twin sister would be considered a mere fetus with no rights-a potential victim of abortion.

Here we see plainly the ruthless arbitrariness of abortion: one twin could legally be killed but the other is protected by law. Is location so determinative? This common-sense example is indicative of how laws that leave any unborn child unprotected are discriminatory and assume a fanciful and contrived essential difference between living human beings.

The science, after all, could not be clearer; the union of two human gametes brings into existence a whole and unique member of the human species who is undergoing organized and self-directed development and growth. So the question then becomes, does this human being possess rights as do all other human beings? And what do we owe this human being? Is it even remotely sensible that one twin is protected by her mother, by the law, and by the wider human community while the other twin is left unprotected?

When the scientific facts are acknowledged, and when the right questions are asked, the answer seems plain. All human beings are and should be treated as the bearers of rights, deserve a "fair shake," and ought to be protected by society and her laws. This is the intrinsic duty of individuals and of society-to protect the innocent and to cultivate justice. What kind of society is it that can confront both the impersonal science and the very real unborn twin in the face, and say, "Yes, she is a female human being but we don't have to treat her justly; this one has no rights and does not deserve protection under the law?" If the right questions are asked and honest answers given, the matter is shown to be clear as day. Perhaps this is why the *modus operandi* of abortion-rights activists is to focus on difficult cases that pull at the heart strings all within the context of an imaginary "war on women."

The common objection tends to arise: "But a woman has a right to do with her body as she wishes." Yes, a woman - and in this she is no different from a man - has freedom and the ability to do what she wishes with her body. But this freedom and right is not absolute, and is rather a limited freedom or a conditional right. The just limits of that right include not causing harm to another innocent human being when exercising one's bodily freedom. So while a woman can do with her body as she sees fit, she cannot do whatever she wants to another human being's body without his or her free consent. Since the embryonic or fetal human being is a member of the human species, she cannot justly cause harm to that child. As the popular retort to this objection goes, "Her rights end where another person's body begins." Ultimately this objection is both a red herring and *non sequitur*.

The reasoned and honest answers to the most appropriate questions make the abortion advocate appear monstrous. And history has always judged, as monstrous, the caprice and arbitrariness of a society that demands some human beings have rights and others can simply be thrown away. Such a society is being judged even now by Pope Francis' oft-used description of ours as "a throw away culture." As he recently lamented, "Unfortunately, what is thrown

away is ... often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary' ... It is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day."

The refusal of our laws to acknowledge modern science and honor the basic ethical demand to recognize the rights of every human being, and the stubborn refusal to answer the right questions honestly has created countless victims "who will never see the light of day." Shouldn't both twins and every human being be treated equally under the law? That they are not is a radical inequality, a grave offense, and a tragic poverty.

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2014/birth-of-twins-highlights-evil-of-abortion>

Gardasil: An International Scandal

As part of our ongoing reporting of the Gardasil controversy, below are excerpts from a Press Release from Michèle Rivasi, MEP France

On April 2 Michèle Rivasi, MEP Vice-Chair of the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament, organized a press conference in Paris on the topic of Gardasil, a vaccine from Sanofi-Pasteur MSD against certain human papillomaviruses responsible for cancer.

In the space of seven years, nearly 2 million young women aged 13-26 years received at least one dose of this vaccine in France... even though the evidence of its effectiveness has not yet been proven.

Michèle Rivasi believes it is likely that clinical trials of Gardasil were not conducted following the rules of science. Normally, to evaluate safety, the treatment must be compared with a placebo. However, in the case of this vaccine, the "placebo" that was used was the vaccine adjuvant itself.

Today in Europe, many young women, aged 18-24 years without medical history are affected with very debilitating diseases that could be attributed directly to vaccination.

Océane Bourguignon was 15 when she received two injections of Gardasil. Within months she was hospitalized for multiple sclerosis. She temporarily lost her sight and the use of her legs.

Cervical cancer in France is no longer a public health problem (1.7 % of all cancers)

The vaccine is only effective against infections caused by some strains of the virus: Gardasil contains antigens only for strains of type 6, 11, 16 and 18 and the other vaccine, Cervarix, for 2 strains. However, infections with strains 16 and 18, established as scarecrows by manufacturers, seem rarer in Europe. Note that there are more than 100 strains (including 18) considered high-risk to be carcinogenic.

There is no evidence to date demonstrating efficacy of the vaccine against the occurrence of cervical cancer. Data from 20 years back would still be necessary to obtain such evidence; however, the duration of vaccine protection is limited in time.

The presence of aluminum adjuvant is very problematic, as shown by scientists Chris Shaw and Lucija Tomljenovic, from the University of British Columbia, and Professor Authier and Gherardi, from Hospital Henri-Mondor (Créteil), all present at the conference. The aluminum migrates into the body and reaches the brain, where it accumulates. There are many adverse effects noted: death, convulsions, syncope, Guillain-Barré syndrome, transverse myelitis, facial paralysis, chronic fatigue syndrome, autoimmune diseases, pulmonary embolisms, myofasciitis macrophages, pancreatitis...

The effectiveness of conventional smears to detect cervical cancer has been proven.

Austria refused to include these vaccines in the vaccination schedule, and Japan no longer recommends this vaccination; many challenges exist in other countries.

To read the full press release sees <http://sanevax.org/gardasil-international-scandal/>

To read a number of stories by women and families adversely affected by Gardasil vaccine see. <http://healthimpactnews.com/tag/gardasil/>

Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?

Make sure they get the facts first!

A LIFE depends on it...

1-800-712-HELP (4357)

Website: <http://www.optionline.org/>

RESOURCES and REFERRALS

An update of the ever popular "article" on pro-life resources available. Please keep for future reference!

Pregnancy Resources

Pregnancy Centers (800) 712-HELP (4357)

www.optionline.org - Free pregnancy testing and counseling; information on abortion and other alternatives; medical, legal & community resource referrals; childbirth & parenting classes, maternal and infant clothing, baby furniture, adoption referrals. (Cecelia says, "If you only remember one number this is the one... You never know when you may need it!") If you would like a business card to put in your wallet with this number, contact our office, or cut out the box at the bottom of this page and put it in your wallet.)

Birthright (800) 550-4900 www.birthright.org

Free pregnancy testing, support services, community resource information on housing, medical care referrals, infant & maternity clothes, and adoption referrals.

Gabriel Project (800) 910-0191

www.gabrielproject.com

Church-based support system and pregnancy help hotline to assist anyone in need due to a pregnancy-related crisis.

Nurturing Network

(800) TNN-4-MOM (4666)

www.nurturingnetwork.org

The Nurturing Network (TNN) provides an individually tailored program of support free of charge to mothers whose own support networks have let them down. The comprehensive support offered by TNN's professional Staff and Volunteer Members includes specialized educational and employment assistance along with the more routine medical, housing and counseling services.

First Resort Pregnancy Consulting

www.firstresort.net

Oakland 510-891-9998

San Francisco 415-409-TALK (8255)

Redwood City 650-261-9115

Free Pregnancy testing, counseling on all options, ultrasound services for women contemplating abortion; prenatal care and medical consultation; parenting classes; referrals for maternity and baby supplies; adoption referrals; post-abortion counseling.

Help After an Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard / After the Choice

1-877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463)

www.rachelsvineyard.org

A process to assist those suffering after abortion in a group setting, usually over a weekend, or several evenings; a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion.

Project Rachel – 1-888-456-HOPE (4673)

www.hopeafterabortion

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone...

Abortion Recovery International 949-679-9276

Toll Free: 1-888-4MY-Recovery

Text Us: 949-378-5149

www.abortionrecovery.org

Encourages and extends healing opportunities to those wounded by abortion and enlightens society to the effects of abortion on individuals and families.

Men and Abortion Network

<http://www.menandabortion.net>

Our Mission is to promote emotional healing for men who have lost a child to abortion, and to create awareness among the counseling community, pro-life movement and society as a whole regarding the impact on millions of those hurting fathers.

Support for Former Abortion Providers

Society of Centurions of America 651-771-1500

founded by Dr. Philip Ney. Abortion providers may be referred to the Society of Centurions for ongoing support. Its director, Joan Appleton, RN, a former abortion facility nurse, can be reached at 651-771-1500 (Pro-Life Action Ministries) or by mail at P.O. Box 75368, St. Paul, MN 55175.

And Then There Were None 888-570-5501

<http://www.attwn.org/>

Our goal is to provide financial, emotional, spiritual and legal support for anyone wishing to leave the abortion industry. We will provide the following:

- ⑤ Emotional support as often as needed during transitional time
- ⑤ A spiritual advisor of the former worker's choosing
- ⑤ Legal counsel who will protect the worker's interest at no cost during transition
- ⑤ One month of financial support after worker resigns

End of Life Issues

International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide P.O. Box 760, Steubenville, OH 43952 740-282-3810

<http://www.internationaltaskforce.org>

For assistance with “end of life” issues, including durable power of attorney for health care

Addressing the issues of euthanasia, assisted suicide, advanced directives, right to die cases, disability rights, pain control and much more. The International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide is an international leader in the ever-increasing debate over assisted suicide and euthanasia. Their goal is to make certain that a patient’s right to receive care and compassion is not replaced by a doctor’s right to prescribe poison or administer a lethal injection

Calendar of Events

For the latest updates of events see

www.calendarforlife.org

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