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## **Abortion - Follow the Money!**

Vicki Evans, Respect Life coordinator for the Archdiocese of San Francisco's Office of Public Policy and Social Concerns, (and a member of California Right to Life Educational Fund) recently completed her thesis, "**Commercial Markets Created by Abortion: Profiting From the Fetal Distribution Chain,**" for her licentiate in bioethics from the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University in Rome, where she graduated summa cum laude. (Congratulations Vicki!)

Abortion has become a \$1 billion-a-year industry in the United States, quietly fostered over the past 40 years by a climate that allows related, morally suspect commercial offshoots to develop in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and life sciences.

"Legal and widespread abortion has made possible a host of clandestine business practices that thrive under the radar of the American populace," Evans says in a synopsis of her 72-page study. "Regulation and transparency are often avoided because ideological fears of limiting access to abortion or of inviting scrutiny by opposing ideological groups. Thus, the commercialization of human beings as commodities persists."

Evans says abortion and its offshoots represent exploitation of the weak and vulnerable -- "the worst brand of injustice."

A certified public accountant, Evans used her financial background to follow the money trail in the abortion industry and related businesses.

"I wanted to come up with a body of knowledge that nobody else had thought of before," she told Catholic San Francisco. "In following the money and seeing who gets paid for what and how much they get paid, and how unregulated these areas are, I found a lot of

facts that many people wouldn't have noticed or wouldn't have thought to look for."

Among Evans' findings:

-- There were 1,787 abortion providers in the United States in 2005.

-- Planned Parenthood Federation of America's abortion market share grew from 12% in 1997 to nearly 25% in 2008.

-- "PPFA presents a comprehensive case study on how business evolves to capitalize on changes in the law and the prevailing culture": During the 1990 through 2008 election cycles, the abortion industry made

political contributions of \$15.76 million. Of this amount, \$12.61 million, or 80%, went to abortion-supportive Democrats running for office.

-- The predominant industries engaged in fetal tissue research are part of the emerging life-science industry: the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and biologics sectors. Commercial use of fetal tissue has historically revolved around the production of childhood vaccines but is now expanding into vaccines to treat flu, HIV and

more.

-- The cosmetics industry, particularly the anti-aging market segment, is a beneficiary of the growth of abortion. From miracle creams and emulsions developed using fetal-cell technologies, to face lifts and cosmetic procedures injecting aborted fetal tissue to promote youth and vitality, this business sector has an "enormous and increasing demand" for fetal cells and organs.

-- A fetal parts industry could not have developed without a legal and protected abortion structure.

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Millions of fetuses that are by-products of abortion cannot technically be bought and sold, but a market does exist.

Evans concludes with an appeal to the dignity of life over utilitarian considerations.

“Natural law dictates that there is something exceptional about man,” she writes. “The commercialization of human beings as commodities is contrary to the law written in his heart. The moral law does indeed have a bearing on the just ordering of society. When morality is excluded from a civil society, the weak and vulnerable are easily exploited for the benefit of the strong and powerful. This is the worst brand of injustice. It deserves to be brought to light.”

For a copy of the entire thesis, contact this office, or see

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**Do you know someone who might  
be considering abortion?  
Make sure they get the facts first!  
A LIFE depends on it...  
1-800-395-HELP (4357)**

## **Adult Stem Cells, Not Embryonic, Helping Patients With Multiple Sclerosis**

**By Dr. David Prentice**

*Dr. David Prentice is Senior Fellow for Life Sciences at Family Research Council. Up to July 2004 he had spent almost 20 years as Professor of Life Sciences, Indiana State University, and Adjunct Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics, Indiana University School of Medicine.*

A groundbreaking new study published in the last week provides more good news for treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS) with adult stem cells. Researchers at the University of Bristol used patients' own adult stem cells to treat their MS.

In a Phase I clinical trial, six patients with MS were treated with their own bone marrow adult stem cells and their progress followed for one year. The treatment appeared to stabilize the patients' condition and showed some benefits. As one measure of the success

of the procedure, damaged nerve pathways were able to carry electrical pulses more effectively after the treatment.

Multiple sclerosis is an incurable disease, with the patient's own immune system attacking the central nervous system and eventually leaving many patients in a wheelchair.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this trial was the elegantly simple procedure. Patients reported to the hospital and had bone marrow adult stem cells removed; the cells were filtered, and then given back to the patients intravenously. The patients went home before the end of the day.

Professor Neil Scolding, at the University of Bristol and North Bristol NHS Trust, leads the research team. Professor Scolding said:

“We are encouraged by the results of this early study. The safety data are reassuring and the suggestion of benefit tantalizing. Research into the underlying mechanisms is ongoing and vital, in order to build on these results. We believe that stem cells mobilized from the marrow to the blood are responsible, and that they help improve disease in several ways, including neuroprotection and immune modulation.”

The team is now planning a Phase II/III study. The report for this trial is published in the Nature journal Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

Previous studies have also had good success at stopping MS progression, and in some cases putting patients into remission. Dr. Richard Burt at Northwestern University has published several studies showing good success using adult stem cells to “reboot” the immune system of MS patients. Scientists in Australia have also used the procedure with success, and recently Dr. Mark Freedman of Ottawa, Canada has produced “long-lasting remission” in MS patients. In these cases, patients had their bone marrow adult stem cells collected, then received chemotherapy to knock the rogue immune cells that were attacking their nervous system. Then their adult stem cells were re-injected. While recent successful treatments have used milder chemotherapy, this is still not a gentle or risk-free procedure for the patient. The new approach by the Bristol team is all the more interesting in this

respect, because there is no pre-conditioning with chemotherapy.

An international group of multiple sclerosis researchers have looked at these uses of adult stem cells for treatment of MS, and propose moving forward with additional clinical trials to help patients.

<http://www.lifenews.com/bio3098.html>

## Life Saved at Mall Table!

By Cecelia Cody

I had trouble “fielding a team” for a recent information table, and almost cancelled when it looked like I was going to be a “team of one.” Then on the morning of the event, I almost didn’t bring the fetal models: a display of six babies in various stages of development. At the last minute I grabbed the fetal models.

It was a busy morning, and I was glad I’d come. Then around 1PM, a young woman was looking at the fetal models. She pointed to one and asked “how old?” I said 10-12 weeks, and then showed her our hand held model at 10-12 weeks. She took the model and said, “My fetus is 9-1/2 weeks; I’m having an abortion on Wednesday.” (Not on my watch, I thought!) After about 15 minutes talking with her and showing her several pamphlets, and detailing the development and explaining that her baby has a heartbeat, brain waves, and is “fully formed,” just needing time and nutrition to come to birth, the tears were flowing down her cheeks, and she said “I can’t do this, it’s a baby!” She took the hand-held fetal model, pamphlets and my card, and left.

About an hour later the “Mommy-in-waiting” returned with an older woman, who introduced herself as “the grandmother” – the baby is her son’s. Grandma was so happy, and said she would do whatever was needed to bring this baby to birth. During the conversation she mentioned that she had recently “lost another grandchild to a miscarriage.”

Recently one of our volunteers found a hand-held fetal model that costs about \$1, so we are able to hand them out to interested information table visitors. Your donations allow us to continue these information tables, and distribute literature and now 10-12 week fetal models. *Some people sit at information tables handing out materials, others provide the funding for the materials – all are an important link in the life chain.*

## "Voice of the Unborn Child"

By Leslie Rummell.

I am here.  
Don't be deceived.  
I am a human being  
From the moment I was conceived.  
So why is there such sadness?  
And why is there such gloom?  
For God is carefully weaving me  
Within my mother's womb.  
Is that the voice of anger?  
Or is it doubt and fear?  
Why doesn't the world out there  
Want me living here?  
God, am I unwanted?  
'Cause I'm so meek and mild.  
Can anybody hear my cry?  
I'm the voice of the unborn child.  
Are you disappointed?  
Am I not in your plan?  
Jesus, help me now.  
I just don't understand.  
I am alive and well.  
Please do me no harm.  
Let me come into the world  
And be loved in someone's arms.  
My plea is that you save my life.  
Can you hear my cry?  
Have mercy now and hear my prayer.  
Please don't let me die!  
The Father has a plan for me  
And He will help you see;  
There is someone in the world  
Who'll take good care of me.  
I ask you now to let me live  
And know that this is true;  
You will NEVER be alone.  
God will help you through.  
He'll guide you and will comfort you  
Through your pain and strife;  
Listen to your child within  
And give to me my life!

## Calendar of Events

**September 22-October 31 - Fall 40-Days-for-Life**

*“God puts the right person at the right time in the right place. The only qualification necessary to do His will is to be available.”* Elena, 40daysforlife San Diego

For further information <http://www.40daysforlife.com/>

**Saturday, October 9, 2010** San Francisco  
Archdiocesan Respect Life Conference Saturday,  
October 9, 2010, St. Francis Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral,  
Geary and Gough Streets, San Francisco. We are  
pleased to partner with the National Catholic Bioethics  
Center (NCBC) of Philadelphia to present topics  
related to *Marriage as seen through the Dignity of the  
Person*. Save the date – details to follow in future  
newsletters and via our e-mail alerts.

**Tuesday November 2 – Election Day 2010**

Start now to learn the candidates' position on  
important issues including the protection of all  
innocent life from fertilization to natural death, as well  
as becoming informed on the various propositions. It is  
our duty to be informed citizens and to vote our  
consciences.

**Saturday - January 22, 2011 – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for  
Life.** Mark your calendars now (if you haven't already)  
for the largest gathering of pro-lifers on the West  
Coast. For further information visit:  
<http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

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Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed  
by Judie Brown, and share the same "no-exceptions,  
no excuses" beliefs and the same dedication to  
promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent  
human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.