

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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After-Birth Atrocities

One of the best decisions (IMHO) the Elders at the Fort Payne congregation have made since we moved to Fort Payne in 2010 was the decision to launch an FM radio station. It is a joy to be able to listen to it 24 hours a day. One of my favorite programs on the radio is Jim Dearman's **Good News Today**. That program has been on air for almost 15 years.

Recently, Jim highlighted an article by Brad Harrub entitled, "*After-Birth Atrocities*". Brad is a PH.D and is co-founder of *Focus Press*. The article Jim highlighted first appeared in *Focus Press*. I'd like to share a part of that article from Jim's program with you.

(Jim) *"I want to share an article with you in our commentary segment by Brad Harrub. The article is entitled '**After Birth Atrocities**' that first appeared in Focus Press. You can read the entire article there at **Focus Press.Org**.*

(Brad) *"There are certain things that you never expect to see during your own lifetime. These are things that are so technologically advanced or so insanely Godless that you assume they will not be a reality while you walk this Earth. One of those things has happened. On Feb 23, 2012, the **Journal of Medical Ethics** published an article entitled After Birth Abortion – Why Should the Baby Live? And in this article, the authors want to get rid of the term 'infanticide' and begin using the term 'after-birth abortion'. In the introduction of the article, the author states, 'the authors argue that what we call after-birth abortion (killing a newborn) should be permissible in all cases abortion is including cases where the newborn is not disabled.'"*

(Jim) *Amazing isn't it! The article continues.*

(Brad) *"While the thought of killing newborns is a thought you may never thought would happen during your lifetime, consider how de-synthesized Americans have become to abortion. Will our children and grand-children become de-synthesized to the killing of newborn babies. The author states 'this means that many non-human mammals and manly-retarded human individuals are persons, but that all the individuals who are not in the condition of contributing any value to their own existence are not persons. Merely being a human is not in itself a reason for ascribing someone a right to life.'"*

Brad continues *“Being human is special. Man was created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26) and we possess souls that will go into Eternity. Why would men suggest that we kill innocent babies? The authors declare, ‘The alleged right of individuals such as newborns and fetuses to develop their potentiality which someone defends is overridden by the interest actual people (parents, families, society) to pursue their own well-being because, as we have just argued, merely potential people cannot be harmed by not being brought into existence. Actual peoples’ well-being might be threatened by the new - even if healthy - child requiring energy, money and care which the family might be in short-supply of.’”*

(Jim) *In other words, if the baby is an inconvenience in any way, you should be able to kill it according to these authors. Brad asks us to consider the words of Proverbs 6:16, **“there are six things the Lord hates, yes seven are an abomination to Him, a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood”***

Brad continues, *“that currently our children are sitting at the feet of instructors that are teaching that man evolved from ape-like creatures. Textbooks have replaced God with naturalism and humanism. Our nation and courts have tried their best to outlaw and silence God. And killing children is just the next logical step for a Nation that has no absolute standard for right and wrong. While Christians must stand up and fight the atrocity of killing newborns, we must also rise up and address the root of the problem. The reality that God exists and that our Nation will not stand without Him. The inspired Psalmist stated, **‘the wicked shall be turned into Hell and all the nations that forget God.’** Psalms 9:17. We need to remind our communities, co-workers, friends and family, **‘righteousness exalts a Nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.’** Proverbs 14:34. It is time we teach our children they were created by God. Humble ourselves and seek Him. **‘If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.’** 2 Chronicles 7:14.*

(Jim) *Our land is in need of healing. There are those who are aborting babies before and long after development and some are calling for after-birth abortion. Let’s call it what Brad called it in the article, **“After Birth Atrocities!”***

When a society has reached the point that it is willing to allow the killing of a baby AFTER it has been born, how far can it be from deciding to selective kill any of us (not capital punishment)? How long will God allow this senseless thinking to continue before He says ENOUGH?!

Think about it.

Here’s hoping you’ll make the *“most of your minutes”* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland