

# Four Reasons I'm Pro Life

## 1. Theological (Bible)

### A. God Created Life.

**Genesis 2:7, NASB95** -<sup>7</sup> *Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

**Ruth 4:13, NASB95** -<sup>13</sup> *So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.*

**Isaiah 44:24, NASB95** -<sup>24</sup> *Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone...."*

### B. God controls life (and death).

**1 Samuel 2:6, NLT** -<sup>6</sup> *The LORD gives both death and life; he brings some down to the grave but raises others up.*

**Job 1:21, ESV** -<sup>21</sup> *And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."*

**Exodus 20:13, ESV** -<sup>13</sup> *"You shall not murder."*

### C. God cares about life.

**Jeremiah 1:5, NIV** -<sup>5</sup> *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

**Matthew 10:29–31, NASB95** -<sup>29</sup> *"Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> "So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."*

**Isaiah 44:2, GN** - *"I am your creator. I cherished you even before you were born."*

## 2. Ecclesiological (Church)

**Ephesians 5:25, NASB95** -<sup>25</sup> *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her....*

**1 Thessalonians 1:4, NLT** -<sup>4</sup> *We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.*

*"Everyone here matters to God and to our church."* - Pastor Jose

## 3. Scientific (Facts)

No educated biologist would dispute the claim that a fetus is alive. In biology, there are **seven criteria for determining whether something is a living organism**<sup>1</sup>, and a fetus meets all of those criteria:

Like all living organisms, **a fetus maintains an internal equilibrium** by producing various chemicals and bodily effects (homeostasis).

Like all living organisms, **a fetus is organized**, meaning it is composed of at least one cell.

Like all living organisms, **a fetus has a metabolism** – it can transform chemicals into cellular components and break down complex substances for energy.

Like all living organisms, **a fetus can adapt to changes in its environment**.

Like all living organisms, **a fetus develops reproductive features**.

Like all living organisms, **a fetus responds to stimuli**.

Like all living organisms, **a fetus grows**.

"By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception."<sup>2</sup>

- Dr. Hymie Gordon, the Chairman of the Mayo Clinic's Department of Genetics

"According to the laws of biogenesis, every species reproduces its own kind. 'Alligators give birth to alligators, bacteria give birth to bacteria, chickens give birth to chickens, and dogs give birth to dogs. No dog will ever give birth to an alligator, and no chicken will ever give birth to a bacterium. It's biologically impossible. Every organism can only reproduce its own kind. Based on this scientific fact, it should be evident that when a human male's sperm fertilizes a human female's ovum, the resulting embryo cannot be anything other than human... Every adult human possesses a unique genetic code that consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes. A fetus possesses this code as well. Therefore, since the fetus possesses a human genome, it cannot be anything other than human...." To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion ... it is just plain evidence of reality."<sup>3</sup>

- Dr. Jerome Lejeune, the 'Father of Modern Genetics'

"At conception, 23 pairs of chromosomes are present and active. By the fourth week of life, a baby's brain, spinal cord, and heart begin to develop. At six weeks, facial features begin to form, the skeleton is complete, and brain wave patterns can be recorded. At eight weeks, all organs are functioning and all systems are intact. At twenty weeks, the unborn child has hair and functioning vocal cords, sucks her thumb, kicks, and grasps with her hands. She feels pain even more intensely than adults."<sup>4</sup>

- Ankerberg and Weldon, *When Does Life Begin?*

<sup>1</sup> Alcorn, Randy C. *Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments*. Portland, OR: Multnomah, 1992.

<sup>2</sup> Deane-Drummond, Celia. *Brave New World? Theology, Ethics and the Human Genome*. NY: T&T Clark International. (Elec. Ed.)

<sup>3</sup> Rogerson, 3., M. Davies, and M. Carrol, *The Bible in Ethics* (JSNTSup, 207 Quote); Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press): 1995, p. 26.

<sup>4</sup> Ankerberg, J., and J. Weldon. *When Does Life Begin? And 39 Other Tough Questions About Abortion*. Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth & Hyatt, 1989.

## 4. Political (Ethics)

“The unborn person doesn’t have constitutional rights...the woman’s right to make decisions [is most important] ... that doesn’t mean that we don’t do everything we possibly can...to help the mother carrying the child.”

- Hillary Clinton (*Meet the Press*, Sunday 17, 2016)

“Describing the fetus as a ‘person’ or ‘child’ has long been a poor word choice to the pro-choice movement, which argues the terms misleadingly imply a sense of humanity...Mrs. Clinton, obviously misspoke.”

- Diana Arellano of *Planned Parenthood* (via Twitter soon after the Clinton comment)

“I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?” [Later in her speech she implored the gathering] “Please don’t kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child.” [She received a standing ovation. After her speech, she approached President Clinton, pointed her finger at him, and, on mic, said] “Stop killing babies.”<sup>5</sup>

“It is a deep poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”

- Mother Theresa, *National Prayer Breakfast*, 1994

### When was America really great?

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”<sup>6</sup>

- Alexis de Tocqueville (circa 1831)

## 5. Practical (Reason)

### “But, Joe, what about the ‘hard cases?’”

(A) What about a poor family with 14 kids and another on the way and that baby was NOT planned? \_\_\_\_\_.

(B) What about the family with an ill father, the mother has tuberculosis, their first child is blind, the second is deceased, the third is deaf, and the fourth has TB. Now, mom is pregnant again? \_\_\_\_\_.

(C) A white man rapes a 13-year-old black girl and she becomes pregnant? \_\_\_\_\_.

(D) A very young teenager is pregnant, but her fiancée is not the father of the baby? \_\_\_\_\_.

**We must be careful how we make these decisions?**

“But, Joe, it’s my body?” Really? →

**Romans 1:31, NKJV** – [In the last days] there will be some without...natural affection [lit., family love].

**Mom’s, Dad’s, Church, let’s love the babies!**



<sup>5</sup> Mother Teresa. “We Must Give Until It Hurts: Mother Teresa Condemns Abortion as ‘the Greatest Destroyer of Love and Peace.’” *World*, February 12, 1994, 22–23.

<sup>6</sup> MacArthur, John, *Can God Bless America?* Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2002. (Elec. Ed.)



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## A Sincere Word about God's Complete Forgiveness

**1 John 1:9, NIV** -<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

“I have the blood of over 50,000,000 babies on my hands. I've learned that the blood of Jesus covers it all.”

- Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe of *Roe v. Wade*)

**Psalm 147:3, NIV84** -<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.



**“I believe that life is sacred from  
conception to natural death.”**

– Pastor Joe

## Four Positions You Can Take on Abortion

Since 1973, four positions have been taken in the abortion debate:

1. There should be no right to an abortion, even to save the life of the mother.
2. Therapeutic abortions can be performed to save the mother's life.
3. Extreme case abortions can be permitted in cases of rape, incest, or severe deformation of the fetus.
4. Abortion should be available to any woman who chooses it. This is the typical "pro-choice" position.