

Now Concerning Spiritual Things
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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**THE ABORTION ISSUE
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Partial-Birth Abortion

On June 28, 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Stenberg v. Carhart*, 530 U.S. 914 (2000), its first substantive abortion case since *Casey*. In *Stenberg*, the Court determined that a Nebraska statute **that prohibited the performance of so-called partial-birth abortions was unconstitutional** because it failed to include an exception to protect the health of the mother and because the language defining the prohibited procedure was too vague. In affirming the decision of the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the Court agreed that the language would be interpreted to prohibit not just the dilation and extraction (D&X) procedure **that pro-life advocates oppose**, but the dilation and evacuation (D&E) procedure that is the most common abortion procedure during the second trimester of pregnancy. The court believed that the statute was likely to prompt those who perform the D&E procedure to stop because of fear of prosecution and conviction. **The result would be the imposition of an "undue burden" on a woman's ability to have an abortion.**¹

During the 106th Congress, both the Senate and House passed bills that would have prohibited the performance of partial-birth abortions. The Senate passed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1999 by a vote of 63-34. H.R. 3660, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000, was passed by the House on April 5, 2000 by a vote of 287-141. Although the House requested a conference, no further action was taken. [The reason no further action was taken is because pro-choice forces prevailed]. Similar partial-birth abortion measures were vetoed [by President Clinton] during the 104th and 105th Congresses. In both instances, President Clinton focused on the failure to include an exception to the ban when the mother's health is an issue.²

¹Sourced from information furnished through the office of Congressman Michael C. Burgess, representing the Texas 26th Congressional District.

²Ibid.

Since the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion in January of 1973, more than 1000 separate legislative proposals on abortion have been introduced in the U.S. House and Senate.

Here is a description of the partial birth abortion procedure obtained from a website which may also be confirmed by other sources.

1. Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grabs the baby's leg with forceps.
2. The baby's leg is pulled out into the birth canal.
3. The abortionist delivers the baby's entire body, except for the head.
4. The abortionist jams scissors into the base of the baby's skull. The scissors are then opened to enlarge the hole.
5. The scissors are removed and a suction catheter is inserted. The child's brains are sucked out, causing the skull to collapse. The dead baby is then removed.

A distance of only three inches makes this a legal medical procedure instead of homicide.

The following account was obtained from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Brochure on Partial Birth Abortions and was reproduced on a website.

In September, 1993, Brenda Pratt Shafer, a registered nurse with thirteen years of experience, was assigned by her nursing agency to an abortion clinic. Since Nurse Shafer considered herself "very pro-choice," she didn't think this assignment would be a problem. She was wrong. This is what Nurse Shafer saw:

"I stood at the doctor's side and watched him perform a partial-birth abortion on a woman who was six months pregnant. The baby's heartbeat was clearly visible on the ultrasound screen. **The doctor delivered the baby's body and arms, everything but his little head. The baby's body was moving.** His little fingers were clapping together. He was kicking his feet. **The doctor took a pair of scissors and**

inserted them into the back of the baby's head, and the baby's arms jerked out in a flinch, a startle reaction, like a baby does when he thinks that he might fall. Then the doctor opened the scissors up. **Then he stuck the high-powered suction tube into the hole and sucked the baby's brains out. Now the baby was completely limp.** It was the most perfect, angelic face I have ever seen."

This legal medical procedure kills a living infant when he/she is almost fully delivered from her mother's womb. It's a painful, brutal procedure that's paving the way to open infanticide.

More about Fetal Harvesting

Baby Parts for sale

A batch of eyes by UPS – 30 livers by FedEx

But that's not all. Abortion and particularly partial-birth abortion have spawned a new industry. The following information was obtained from an article on Fetal Harvesting written in July 1999 by J. C. Willke, MD.

Partial-Birth abortions seemed to be so horrible that most of us [physicians] wondered how such procedures could be defended. Many of us chalked it up to the fact the pro-abortion advocates and the abortion industry didn't want to give one inch for fear that their whole house of cards will fold. I, among others, felt that their resistance to forbidding this gruesome procedure was a fear of a domino effect. If we stopped this one, then we'd stop the next and the next and the next and they didn't want it to start. But now *we have evidence* of a very clear additional reason why they want these late-term abortions to continue. The reason is that this is the one method that gives them intact fetal bodies from which they can obtain organs for research.

The other method of late-term abortion, D&E (Dilatation and Evacuation), involves reaching up into the uterus and *dismembering the live baby*. This delivers pieces of macerated organs that are usually unsuitable for fetal research, transplantation, etc. This may be the main reason for their vehement defense of the practice of Partial-Birth abortion.

According to Dr. Willke, the contractor for fetal tissue would send a representative to an abortion

clinic who would examine the patient's records and screen out the undesirable fetuses (mothers with STD, for example). Then they would place an order for baby parts such as livers brains, thymuses [lymphoid tissue], cardiac blood, cord blood, etc. Only an estimated 2% of the late-term aborted babies had abnormalities. The rest were healthy. "95% of the time, she was just there to get rid of the baby." Abortion clinics would sell the tissue to private contractors who would than sell to universities and researchers. Delivery was by UPS, FedEx, Airborne and sometimes by special couriers. Leftover parts were run down the garbage disposal or if it was too large to go down the drain, they had a special freezer where they accumulated 60 or 70 fetuses in one box to be picked up for incineration.

Opening Lines, a Division of Consultative and Diagnostic Pathology, Inc., is a wholesale trafficker in aborted baby parts from American clinics. The company's director a licensed Medical Doctor, profits from an evidently extremely lucrative trade. His current "Fee for Services Schedule" offers eyes and ears for \$75 up to \$999 for a brain, an intact trunk (with/without limbs) \$500, a liver for \$150. When you add up all the parts, a single aborted baby is worth thousands of dollars.

Sale of human tissue, including fetal tissue, is against federal law, but *Opening Lines* advises clinics how "simple" it is to get around that. It offers to "lease space from your facility to perform the harvesting to offset your clinic's overhead."

Opening Lines is one of two wholesale traffickers, uncovered by pro-life Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics, Inc., in Denton, Texas.

But all is not lost. Help is on the way. Michael C. Burgess was recently elected to Congress from the 26th Congressional District in Texas. Congressman Burgess holds an undergraduate and a Master's degree from North Texas State University, an M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed his residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Dr. Burgess also received another Masters

degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas. He is the founder of a private practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates of Lewisville, and former Chief of Staff for Lewisville Medical Center. He has practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology for more than 21 years in Lewisville, has delivered more than 3000 babies and says *there is no reason whatsoever for partial-birth abortion*. In a letter to his Congressional colleagues dated January 21, 2003, Congressman Burgess wrote, "Soon I will introduce the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. This legislation will be identical to the Partial-Birth Abortion Act of 2002 (H.R. 4965), which passed the House in July 2002, by a wide bipartisan margin."

In the last Congressional elections, the Republican Party gained a majority in the U.S. House and Senate. We now have a Pro-life President in the White House. These are two powerful political guns in Washington, D.C., which I believe portend the passing by both the House and the Senate the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. **When it gets to the President's desk this time, it will not be vetoed!** Hallelujah. I further believe the political climate in Washington, D.C. that will permit this to happen has been brought about by prayers of the saints who understand that any political expediency contrary to God's will invokes God's curse. It's in the Book! More about this later.

A partial-birth abortion ban is partial-victory. The decision of Roe v. Wade must be overturned or superceded through either the Court system or by Statute enacted by Congress.

A nation is not exalted by a budget surplus or deficit, by "going along to get along," by being "politically correct," a strong military or a standard of living second to none in the world. A nation is exalted only by righteousness³ and the measure of righteousness is God's measure, not man's – God's laws, not man's. The nation of the United States of America must make drastic changes in order to once again be exalted by God. Here is a warning to our nation from God's word:

"If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, *to give glory to my name*, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will *curse your blessings*; yea, I have cursed

³Proverbs 14:34.

them already, because ye do not lay it to heart."⁴

What are the *blessings* referred to in the above scripture? What are our *blessings* as a nation? The answer is obvious: the freedoms we enjoy that are the envy of freedom loving people worldwide. One measure of the blessings of that freedom is a standard of living second to none in the world. A *curse* upon our *economic blessings* has already begun.

It may be of interest to you to know that God gave a prophetic vision to Frank D. Hammond,⁵ one of His servants, in a dream the night of February 5, 1985. In that vision God revealed *what is going on in this nation today*, the economic crisis that began on September 11, 2001, the reasons why, the only solution and things yet to occur. For biblical proof that God reveals such things to his servants today, I refer you to Amos 3:7 and Joel 2:28-32 (b). The Apostle Peter quoted the Joel 2 reference on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, as recorded in Acts 2:17-21, in the first Gospel sermon ever preached.⁶ The remaining space in this letter will not permit reproducing the complete "Vision" and its Interpretation, but here are excerpts quoted from two parts of the *interpretation* :

Financial

"There will be an attack upon our currency and our economy. Our prosperity and per capita income has been one of the highest in the world. Money and materialism have become America's gods. Just as the plague-judgments which came upon Egypt were against their gods: the Nile, the frogs and all else they worshiped, so God's judgment is against America's gods of money and materialism. I was not told in what ways this judgment would come (rising inflation, rising interest rates, deflation or in other ways). In all probability it will come by a combination of factors. The god of money will fall and its power will fail.

⁴Malachi 2:2, KJV, italics added.

⁵Frank D. Hammond, In a Night vision, GOD WARNS AMERICA ARISE, OH CUURCH, Impact Christian Books, Inc., publishers, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

⁶The premise on which I write is based on the fact that the Bible is the inspired Word of God from the "In the beginning" in Genesis chapter 1 through the "Amen" at the end of the book of Revelation.

“Since the Lord gave enlightenment that our own nation will be the channel for this judgment, we might expect that leaders within government will make decisions or pass legislation which will create economic chaos. Our government may fail to take appropriate or timely action. One thing was made clear to me: governmental authority and function are not our source of economic protection and provision. The government is not God! To look to government as one’s source is to replace God with an idol. It will be through the function or malfunction of government that the curse will appear. This does not mean that we should put the blame upon the President or the congress. The sin of materialism, the worship of money, has infected the hearts of our people. The decisions of our elected servants merely reflect the greed, selfishness and lust which are in our hearts. Attempts to hedge against the crisis with money will prove ineffective and disastrous. Is there any hope? Yes! *When the plagues fell upon Egypt the Israelites were protected because they believed God and did what He told them to do.*” [Editor’s note: This has already begun. Since 9/11/01, massive losses in the stock market have collapsed many businesses, caused a great increase in unemployment and the end is not yet in sight.]

Shedding of Innocent Blood

“The Lord impressed upon me that abortion brings the curse and that the continued loss of our children by abortion is a part of the bloodshed of His judgment. Thus, abortion is both the cause and effect of God’s judgment.

“But, Oh America, the bloodshed will not be limited to continued abortion. **There will be added to this the bloodshed that comes through terrorism and violence in our land.**⁷

“America is guilty of gross sins of murdering millions of babies. God will no longer ignore this carnage. There is ample warning in the Word of God that He will avenge the bloodshed of murder. Murder of the innocent has replaced childbearing. Who is more guilty of murder for hire than the doctors and their staffs who receive pay for murder by abortion? Abortion is blood sacrifice, but not unto God! It is an offering to demons and a sacrifice to the gods of sensual pleasure. Using murder [abortion] in an attempt to cancel the effects of a previous sin is the same process that King David

employed when he tried to cover up the sin of adultery with the sin of murder. The plan did not work for David and neither will it work for others. David sowed unto the flesh and reaped God’s judgment. God said to him, *Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house. (II Samuel 12:10).*

“The Lord warns that the disregard for human life expressed through abortion will not be limited to innocent babies, but will expand to include the elderly. The trend that has been set by abortion-murder will eventually lead to full-blown euthanasia. The word *euthanasia* means *easy death*. The bloodshed will include both humans [babies] and animals. The bloodshed of **THIS** judgment will not be the result of war and foreign invasion. The “nation” that comes against us is to be a demonic kingdom. God’s restraining hand presently withholds the invasion of demonic hordes. The only thing that will keep God’s restraining hand in place is a sweeping, spiritual revival which will turn America back to God in obedience, righteousness and holiness.”

What must we do? Here is the answer given to Frank Hammond:

(A) Begin by **repenting** of (1) all sin relating to money and “things” as a god, (2) all sin relating to abortion and (3) all sin related to the “watered down” or “compromised” Gospel that has invaded many Churches that deny the virgin birth of Christ, His sinlessness, His death and resurrection, the efficacy of His blood, the reality of heaven and hell and the Bible as the word of God.

(B) Then **confess** (1) the sins of our nation (Daniel 9:1-9), (2) that we have done wickedly (Daniel 9:5) and (3) that we have not hearkened to God’s word and ministers (Daniel 9:6).

© Pray and **plead** for (1) God’s mercies (Daniel 9:4, 9) and (2) that He will deliver us from judgment (Daniel 9:16, 18).

(D) Unite in **spiritual warfare** against the demonic powers of mammon, greed, covetousness, selfishness, lust for money, abortion, murder, fornication, sexual lust, child sacrifice and liberal theology. Use the spiritual weapons in the Name of Jesus, the blood of the Lamb, the word of testimony, the sword of the Spirit and praise (Ephesians 6:12; Mark 16:17; Revelation 12:11; Ephesians 6:17, 18; Psalm 149).

⁷It is interesting to note that the violence through terrorism was prophesied by God to Frank Hammond on February 5, 1985, 16 years, 7 months and 6 days before the terrorist’s attacks on September 11, 2001.