

## Abortion Layers of the Dilemma (Portion Three)

*But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.*  
Luke 9:55

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### Life begins at conception, or does it

In the Genesis account of the creation of man, it is a two step process: the, breath, and, the, becoming.

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*  
(Genesis 2:7)

This is the first statement (and possibly the only one) where God Himself defines human life. Since it is the statement of God, as spoken by the Word of God; it should not be augmented by any type of logic of man. If there are other statements of the LORD God about the nature of life, then, these can be added to the first declaration. However, we must be careful about introducing logical deduction, or historical progression, into the definition. For instance, there is a Scripture that describes David's conception. This Scripture seems to indicate that David had life before he was born. There is, though, no indication that this is the topic of the statement of David. At this time, he is just referring to his decadent state, as pertains to pure righteousness. Nothing more should be added to the thought; especially not, that there was a decadent spark of life in the pre-born time, in the womb experience, of David's mother.

*To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

*Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

(Psalm 51:1-5)

The process of Genesis consists of the conception of man; in that case, from the dust of the ground. This is not any different from the conception that is accomplished by the merger of the egg and the sperm. By this merger, the entity that is formed is eligible for the designation of being, *after his kind*; that is, of being referred to as a human entity. There are specific medical terms for such entities, in each of the classifications of creatures; for mankind, the designation is: fertilized egg. This may be difficult for many to accept, but this fertilized egg does not fulfill the criteria that the LORD God set out for being referred to as being a member of mankind, yet. For, this entity is not in the image of God, yet. This entity is not yet complete, as Scripture declares is the position in life of the human creations of Genesis.

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

(Genesis 1:26-27)

Unfortunately for those who want to read things into the Bible, the LORD God did not, at that point, refer to any stages of development that were incrementally also referred to as being male and female. The finished product, if you will, of male and female is an entity that is *in his own image*. This does not mean that the developing entity is expendable. The developing entity is still a product of the will of God.

*Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

(Genesis 3:16)

As a product of the will of God, the entity that is conceived ought not to be tampered with. However, there is no specific designation of sin that is attached to tampering with the will of God. The general classifications that such behavior fits into are iniquity and sin. The prophet Samuel introduces us to these classifications, in his rebuke of king Saul.

*And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*

(1 Samuel 15:22-23)

In any case, the punishment that is prescribed for transgressions against the will of God, are in the hands of the LORD. This is so because the component of man that performs the transgression belongs only to the LORD God; as He told the prophet Ezekiel.

*The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?*

*As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

(Ezekiel 18:1-4)

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### **When is the soul delivered?**

This is a question that has no available answer; there is no Scripture that refers to such timing. It is my belief that the reason that there is no Scripture to address this matter of staging is that there is no need for us to know. Some folks have been so bold as to say that this type of question is, "above their pay grade". I say, so bold, only because this is the reaction of some of the people who hear this remark. In this set of people, are those who think that they have knowledge of when the soul is delivered to the body. In many of these cases, these are the folks who insist that the soul is delivered at conception; even though this is a thought that has no scriptural support. Scripture specifically reserves this knowledge to God, alone.

*As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.*

(Ecclesiastes 11:5)

In fact, the concept of either having, or being, a soul is not reserved to mankind. There is reference to some other types of souls--or, at least, to some other type of soul than land-based humans. Among these souls are those that reside in the sea. The book of Revelation mentions these other souls.

*And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.*

(Revelation 16:3)

So, the question of the development of the soul, in the kingdom of man, is not one that we will be able to answer, from Scripture. Furthermore, we reject any attempt to describe a process of delivery of souls that is based on tradition or convention. Both of these are known to be fallible; especially, when they are not based on Scripture. The Lord Jesus Christ described such a time of failing; a time when it would have seemed that the ones

who were proposing the traditions and conventions, should have been of an authority level (and "pay grade," too) that they could have been trusted to know what is in Scripture.

*Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.*

*But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?*

*For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.*

*Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

(Matthew 15:1-9)

Some matters will be beyond our spiritual vision, as long as we are resident in the flesh, in this life.

*Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*

*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

*For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

(1 Corinthians 13:8-12)

We need to concentrate on, bringing to bear the remedies and admonitions that are within our understanding; leaving the others for the intervention of the LORD God, and of His Son, and of His Holy Ghost.

*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting*

*for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

(Romans 8:22-27)

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