



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, on August 13, approved the new form of birth control, known as “ella” or “ellaOne.” The prescription-only pill—marketed as emergency contraception—claims it prevents pregnancy if taken within five days of unprotected intercourse or contraceptive failure. Pro-life advocates, however, say the labeling of ella as another morning-after contraceptive option is misleading, because it is actually similar to the abortion pill (RU-486). Ella can prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the womb—after a woman may have already conceived—which causes an early abortion. (*LifeNews.com, 8/13; CLR Life News, 8/19*)

A new study has suggested that only 13 percent of Nigerian doctors would be prepared to perform abortion, if the Nigerian abortion laws were liberalized. The study also revealed that doctors do not think the liberalization of abortion laws will reduce abortion-related maternal deaths. Previous studies have found that a third of Nigerian lawmakers opposed abortion under any circumstances. (*LifeSiteNews.com, 8/6; SPUCC, 8/13*)

A new British study reveals the religious beliefs of doctors who treat their patients at the end of life appear to affect their clinical decisions. Of the roughly 4,000 British doctors who took part in the survey, those with strong religious convictions are less likely to make decisions that will hasten the death of terminally-ill people in their care. Doctors who are atheist or agnostic are nearly

twice as likely as their religious counterparts to make medical decisions that can hasten their terminally-ill patient’s death. “I believe doctors and patients need to be more aware of the part played by care providers’ beliefs and values when they plan care towards the end of life,” said study author Clive Seale, a professor of medical sociology at the Centre for Health Sciences in Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry at Queen Mary University of London. The findings are reported in the Aug. 26 online edition of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. (*Bloomberg Business Week, Ethics Newsline, 8/30; CLR Life News, 9/2*)

A poll by the Rasmussen Reports shows less than one-third of Americans approve of taxpayer-funded embryonic stem cell research, a dramatic change from the 52 percent that supported it when President Obama signed the Executive Order in March 2009 to expand federal funding of the type of research that results in the destruction of early human life. Wesley J. Smith, bioethicist and senior fellow at the Discovery Institute, said, despite the encouraging news about government intervention of this type of research, he wishes more people were educated about the differences between embryonic and adult stem cell research. “The hype of embryonic stem cell research,” Smith said, “the promise that was so often made that people would be out of their wheelchairs ... that Uncle Charlie’s Parkinson’s will soon be cured—has been busted.” (*CitizenLink, 8/30; CLR Life News, 9/2*)

Every day in the US over 3,200 babies are killed through abortion.
Source: Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Change? by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb



Martin Luther was a Lutheran willing to change. Just show him, based on the Word of God, where he erred and he would change. Otherwise he would stand firm. The Word of God was Luther's only authority.

A while back, for daily devotions here at the National Life Center, we studied the Bible passages in our *Scripture Quotations* booklet. The “For Life” message is so clear in so many places. The value of human life from the moment of conception flows from God. He gives, redeems, and sustains life. He works in lives giving meaning and purpose according to His will. He alone decides when life should end.

The only way to deny these fundamental truths is to deny the authority upon which they are based or to twist that authoritative Word to one’s own design. The former is the way of the world. The latter is the way of many in the Church.

Take God at His Word, however, and the value and dignity of human life is an irrefutable and wonderful truth! Passage after passage proclaims God's love for life and His willingness to demonstrate that love through the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Be Lutherans who are willing to change, but never change God's Word of Life. Instead, share it, proclaim it, and rejoice daily in it.

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them” Psalm 139:13-16 (ESV).

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