

Life News



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Life Newsbytes

Professor Richard Dawkins, the prominent atheist scientist, has said that it is “immoral” not to abort unborn children with Down syndrome. He made the comments in a discussion on Twitter. The professor argued that fetuses should not be given the same legal rights as older human beings. Anthony Ozimic, communications manager for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, told the BBC: “All unborn children, whether disabled or not, are equal members of the human family, and therefore have an equal right to life with the rest of humanity. As a scientist, Dawkins should know better than to deny that human life begins at conception. As a former fetus, I am against abortion in all circumstances.” (BBC, 8/21; SPUC, 8/22)



Since 1973 over 56,662,169 abortions in the United States

Each year over 1,120,775 abortions in the United States

Source: National Right to Life

Speaking Up For Life

“The Church cannot just be against abortion, it must be FOR LIFE! Sharing the truth of the immeasurable value God gives to life not only exposes the heresy of abortion, it also prevents Christians from falling prey to this heresy. For those who have been seduced by the heresy of abortion, the truth offers The Way back—Jesus Christ and His grace.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*

“We are to obey government except when it tells us to disobey God. Then, we must speak up and resist evil. We must use God’s Word to defend life, marriage, and family—the very foundation for civil society. When we are told to keep God’s Word ‘private’ and not share it in the marketplace of ideas, then we have lost our freedom of religion. How, then, can we be ‘salt and light’?” (Matthew 5:13-16) *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org*

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Expert Language by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Last October, I found myself smiling in a sad sort of way as I read a guest editorial in the *Des Moines Register* by a physician and self-proclaimed “expert on abortion care.” (“Abortion care,” I believe, is your quintessential oxymoron.) She was commenting negatively on our Iowa Medical Board’s recent decision to ban Telemed Abortions in Planned Parenthood facilities in Iowa. This procedure allowed an abortionist in Des Moines to deliver the RU-486 abortion drug to patients in remote locations by entering a code in his computer that opened a drawer underneath the patient’s computer.

This “expert” doctor had an interesting vocabulary. In her attempt to justify the Telemed Abortion protocol, she wrote about determining the “gestational age of the pregnancy,” and measuring the “size of the pregnancy,” and of “passing the pregnancy.”

Let’s superimpose this expert’s language on non-experts in ordinary life. “Honey, the test was positive. We’re going to have a pregnancy!” “Mom, we had our first ultrasound today and we saw our little pregnancy.” “Feel this. Our pregnancy is kicking!” “Oh, look, our pregnancy is a boy.” “Great news, Dad! Sally just delivered our pregnancy!” “We can’t wait to parent this darling pregnancy.”

Paul tells Pastor Timothy, “**Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths**” (1 Timothy 4:7a). Our “expert’s” language is “irreverent.” It not only dehumanizes a truly new and unique human life, it dehumanizes the very handiwork of God. It dehumanizes a child for whom Jesus shed His blood. It dehumanizes a real, little someone whom God wants to call in baptism and for whom He has a plan and purpose.

Our “expert’s” language is “silly.” It makes no embryological sense. Even we non-physician types can see the total lack of logic and reason and proper terminology. It’s silly! I doubt our good doctor would write this way in a paper on Telemed Abortions submitted to a peer reviewed journal. I can imagine it coming back with “SILLY” scrawled across the top in big red letters! Or would it?

Such silly myths to dehumanize humans in order to justify destroying humans in such inhumane ways are so deeply imbued even in medical professionals that the silly becomes sacrosanct. “[S]eeing they do not see” (Jesus – Matthew 13:13). They turn light into darkness (Job 17:12). They become “blind guides” who “**lead the blind**” (Matthew 15:14). Many follow. Some are Christians.

We need truth and light. We have Him! Jesus came to “**give light to those who sit in darkness**” (Luke 1:79). He came and said, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**” (John 14:6). We have truth and light in the person of Jesus who saves us. From the vantage point of saved ones, we strive to share His light and truth in our churches and in our world.

Thank you for helping Lutherans For Life equip fellow Lutherans to do so. The more we shine the Light in the darkness and apply the Truth to the myths, the more people will come to respect, not only life, but the Creator and Redeemer and Sanctifier of life. Thank you!



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