

10 Questions about abortion

A FOETUS CAN'T
FEEL ANYTHING,
CAN IT?

Even those in favour of abortion suggest that an unborn child's nerves are developed to the point where he or she can experience pain by twelve weeks. Older unborn babies who undergo surgery in the womb are often given anaesthetic to stop the pain. So yes, an unborn child can feel pain during an abortion and some have been seen on ultrasound moving away from a doctor's instruments during the procedure.

IT'S A WOMAN'S
BODY,
ISN'T ABORTION
HER RIGHT?

An unborn child is a distinct entity with a unique genetic code from the moment of its conception. This means that although it is temporarily growing inside a woman's body, it is not part of her body. It is not a mother's right to have her child put to death.

ISN'T IT JUST A
CLUMP OF CELLS?

A newly-fertilised egg is already a human being, and stores a huge amount of genetic information: enough to control an entire lifetime of development. Just eighteen days after conception, the baby's heart is forming, and a few days later the heart begins to beat. By forty days, the time when many abortions take place, a brainwave can be detected. By nine weeks, a baby can suck his thumb. Does this sound like a clump of cells to you? (1, 2)

AREN'T YOU
JUDGING WOMEN?

It's wrong to judge a mother going for an abortion, but we are right to judge activities and situations to evaluate their morality. Human beings constantly make judgements and in fact, judgement is one of the 24 universal character strengths designated by modern psychology. (3)

WHY ARE YOU
RELIGIOUS PEOPLE
TRYING TO FORCE
YOUR VIEWS ONTO
EVERYONE?

Freedom of religion is protected under the Australian Constitution, so Christians have the right to pray in public. But protecting mothers and babies from abortion is more than a religious question: it should be seen from a human rights perspective. (4)

Abortion is the greatest killer of unborn children. Around 90,000 babies are killed by abortion in Australia every year. Globally, that is a staggering 73 million annually. (5, 6)

WHAT IF THE
MOTHER HAS NO
CHOICE?

It is only those that are pro-abortion who say that a woman has no choice. Pro-life people know that there are many choices for a pregnant mother and are always ready to offer whatever help she needs. The person who supplied this flyer will have information on local pro-life groups and pregnancy centres which can support a mother so that she doesn't feel forced to abort her baby.

WHAT IF THE
MOTHER WAS
RAPED?

This is a sensitive topic for many people. At first it may seem compassionate to suggest that a woman pregnant from rape requires an abortion. However, aborting her baby will only compound the trauma already experienced by such a woman and will do nothing to bring her the healing she needs. The question may also be asked: how is it fair to punish another innocent victim of a crime?

WHAT IF THE BABY
HAS HEALTH
ISSUES?

Unfortunately, medical staff put expecting parents under a great deal of pressure to abort sick unborn babies. However, there are a few things to consider: medical diagnoses are often wrong and sometimes an illness or abnormality is simple to treat after birth. Also, many parents who give birth to a child that lives for only a short time are peaceful in the knowledge that their child was loved for its entire life. Contrast this with an abortion: a child is put to death with the collaboration of its own mother without being given even a chance at life. Babies and mothers deserve more than this.

ISN'T THIS THE
BEST THING FOR
SOME MOTHERS?

Abortion can never be 'the best thing' for many reasons: it is not safer than childbirth; it can lead to serious health issues; it increases the risk of breast cancer; it can lead to significant mental health issues. (7, 8, 9, 10)

HOW IS STANDING
AND PRAYING
GOING TO HELP?

We believe that prayer is the best solution to every problem, big or small. We pray for the abortion providers, for the mothers and for the babies. If a mother wants practical help, then we are only too willing to provide that as well.

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