



The Southeast Sower

What Job Did Not Do (Dennis Allan)

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Human life has suffered serious devaluation in recent decades. The Holocaust and various wartime atrocities are among the first examples that come to the mind of anybody who knows a bit about recent history, while other practices get less attention. Statistics suggest that the worldwide total abortions performed in the last fifty years may have reached a number as high as two billion! Estimates of the number of Jews killed because of Hitler and his partners in crime vary, but the number of human lives snuffed out through abortion in the last half century is clearly hundreds of times greater.

The popular acceptance and political promotion of abortion are propelled by significant changes in attitudes about human life. When a society rejects the idea of God's existence, the notion of absolute standards of morality and the concept of the sanctity of

human life, the devaluation of human beings is an inevitable consequence. One of the best-known advocates of this devaluation over the past few decades is Peter Singer, a professor of bioethics at Princeton University. Singer, an Australian-born Jew, has become a champion of the animal rights movement. He openly suggests that the life of a pig or a dog could have greater value than the life of a child, especially a newborn child or one with some significant physical or mental defect. He goes so far as to say it might be better to do medical experiments on orphaned humans than on lab rats! It is incredible to think of the cruel acts of Josef Mengele being validated by a Jewish philosopher. It is a good thing that many Jews and non-Jews disagree vehemently with Singer about this and a number of other points.

Another symptom of this devaluing of human life is

the growing movement in favor of euthanasia and assisted suicide (that is, support for legalization of the active participation of others, typically doctors, in the act of suicide). Worldwide, dozens of organizations defend and promote this cause, suggesting that helping a person end his life, usually to avoid suffering for him and for others around him, is an act of decency worthy of legal protection. Several countries already have laws that favor the practice of assisted suicide.

A society that abandons its belief in the Creator and in the moral and ethical principles that He has defined is destined to follow the trail that leads to confusion and the deprecation of human life. It is easy to be influenced, perhaps without even realizing it, by the ideas of people who place more value on a dog than they do on innocent and defenseless human beings.

A man who lived

thousands of years ago offered a perspective that can help us find the moral compass that we need to face such questions. Job suffered terribly. Besides tragically losing all of his possessions and all of his children, he was the victim of terrible diseases and constant unbearable pain. He did not understand why God had allowed such anguish in his life. Job even thought, erroneously, that God might have inflicted this suffering on him. Facing such agony, this man lost his desire to live. In the early chapters of the book about Job's experiences, he made comments and appeals that show his will to die. He said it would have been better if he had never been born (chapter 3). If he had never been conceived, or if he had died soon after birth, he would not have faced such terrible pain. In another section, he said it would be better to die quickly, and even asked God to take his life (6:8-9).

If there was ever a case that provided reasons to defend abortion or assisted suicide, Job's suffering would be that case. That is why we need to notice two things that Job did not do. (1) He did not say it would have been better if his mother had decided to abort him. If he had died naturally, that would have been fine with him, but he never hints that the decision should have been made by another human being. (2) He did not seek a solution through suicide. He saw no reason to continue living (6:11), but he did not take upon himself the right to end his own life.

Job did not defend abortion or suicide because he understood that

God, not man, exercises authority over life. God could end Job's life, but he refused to take any action to hasten his own end.

We need to respect God, the Creator, and to value human beings, made in His image. This fact is the foundation of the special respect that should be given to human life: "For in the image of God He made man" (Genesis 9:6).

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Same Costs To Print Any Bills (author unknown)

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing says it costs about \$15 dollars to print a thousand bills, regardless of the denomination. Thus to print a \$500 bill is as cheap to do a \$1 bill.

Whether one covets \$1 or \$500, the cost in spiritual life is always the same. The "love of money" can be present in both the rich and the poor.

TEST YOUR SKILLS

IN THESE REMARKS ARE HIDDEN THE NAMES OF 27 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. IT'S A REAL LULU. KEPT ME LOOKING SO HARD FOR FACTS I MISSED THE REVELATION I WAS IN A JAM. ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAMES ARE NOT CAPITALIZED. THE TRUTH WILL COME TO NUMBERS OF READERS. TO OTHERS IT IS A REAL JOB. FOR ALL IT WILL BE A MOST FASCINATING SEARCH. YES, THERE WILL BE SOME EASY TO SPOT; OTHERS HARD

TO JUDGE. SO WE ADMIT IT USUALLY RESULTS IN LOUD LAMENTATIONS WHEN WE CAN'T FIND THEM. ONE LADY SAID SHE BREWS COFFEE WHILE SHE FUZZLES OVER IT. HER HUSBAND, JUD, EATS COOKIES WHILE HE ATTACKS IT LIKE A PRO. VERBS, NOUNS, THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE. LIKE HER SON, DAN, I ELIMINATE THE EASY ONES FIRST. IF IT WAS LEGAL TO GET HELP, I WOULD PUT OUT THE DOORMAT, THE WELCOME ONE. YOU MAY USE THE ORACLE AT ADELPHI, LEMON PIE, OR ONE CLOSED EYE, BUT NO TIPS; ALMS OF HELP ARE NOT PERMITTED. YOU MAY SING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WHICH THERE IS A SONG OF SOLOMON, OR WOMAN, OUT. WHETHER YOU LIVE IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; CHICAGO, NEW YORK, OR MONTANA, HUMILITY HELPS. I CHOSE A SHARP PENCIL AND CIRCLE THE NAMES. MY BROTHER JOE LIKES TO USE A HIGHLIGHTER. MOST WILL GET TWO OR THREE, BUT A ZERO MAN SHOULD BE ASHAMED. CAN YOU FIND THEM?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The grace of God will not lead you outside the will of God.

Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

Never give the devil a ride! He will always want to drive!

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.