

Walking Away from Slavery

There is a basic difference between the challenge of abolishing slavery and the challenge of preventing abortions. Abortion is allowed by the law but it is **Not Mandated by the law**. **This Isn't China**---not yet anyway. Imagine that we were back in the 1840s when there were still plantations worked by slave labor all over the South. But imagine that no State Law and no Federal Court Decision like *Dred Scott* enforced slavery. So a slave could just walk away from the plantation, if he had the courage to do it. No one could force him to go back.

That is the situation we are in now in respect to abortion. A woman walking into Planned Parenthood for an abortion can turn around and walk away if she has the courage to do it. No State law and no federal court decision can force her to go through with the abortion. When *Roe versus Wade* was still in effect, it only said that the States cannot outlaw abortions. It did not say that any woman had to have an abortion, if she refused to do it.

So what makes her do it ? The law of Wall Street. The law of the luxurious American life style: **MORE MONEY, FEWER KIDS**. The situation created by the runaway inflation in the housing market which dictates that women must keep working to help pay the mortgage. The life style of conformist Christians who have explained away all of the New Testament teachings about money, wealth and riches like the verse which says that ***the love of money is the root of all evil***. The *law* which dictates that young women must pursue careers and put off having babies until they are in their thirties. So, from 15 to 35, they must rely upon contraception backed by abortion to avoid babies.

In an **investment minded** society, an abortion is the best investment there is, if it saves a young woman's *life style*--that luxurious life style which depends upon her **career**. Counting the money already invested in her and her education, and the money she can make as some sort of professional after many years of education, a \$ 500 abortion will return \$ 500,000 in money saved and money earned.

People may not consciously make that calculation but they understand it quite as well as if they did. They understand that contraception backed by abortion is a necessity of the money-loving American life style which depends upon women pursuing careers. That is what the 1992 *Casey* decision said--the life style of American women now depends upon the easy availability of legal abortion. In fact, it does.

Along with that life style goes the near disappearance of sexual morality from today's high schools and colleges. Then, after college, they adopt the *shack up* life style, which has no room for children. Eventually, they may marry and have the one child or the two children that the modern life style allows. Or they may find themselves unable to have children because they put it off so long--all their young lives--and because abortion and *STDs* make women sterile. The number of American women arriving at age 40 with no children has doubled in the past 40 years. We also have a national case of potty mouth which inevitably accompanies the erosion of sexual morality and the disappearance of maidenly modesty. Our young women are as foul-mouthed as our young men.

The sexually promiscuous lifestyle promotes half a dozen epidemics of *STDs*--venereal diseases which cause millions of new infections every year and which cause permanent health problems. They often lead to sterility.

American girls today must wait until age 35 to have a baby. So they must either remain virgins and wear burkahs for 20 years or, when they instead wear bikinis while romping on the beach at Spring Break and drinking *Zima*, they must rely upon Planned Parenthood for contraception backed by abortion. What is the realistic choice ? In fact, most of them start dating and wearing sexy dresses at 15 and they start having sex in high school or in college at the latest.

American girls today must remain safely sterilized sex objects all their young lives. And when contraception fails, as it often does, abortion is the only realistic answer. The myth is that contraception is the alternative to abortion. But most women going in for abortions were using contraceptives. One basic reason contraception regularly fails is that women consciously or unconsciously rebel against being safely sterilized sex objects. They neglect to use the contraceptives. They are impelled to test the relationship, to see if the man will take responsibility. When he declines to take any responsibility, they are headed for the abortuary.

Irrelevant Legal Battles

How many women decide about abortion depending upon what the law says in their States ? Even in States where abortion is seriously restricted, instead of just nominally restricted, there is nothing to prevent them from driving to another state for a surgical abortion or obtaining the abortion pill and taking it without even leaving home. Whatever political drama these legal contests generate, they are of little relevance for women making the abortion decision.

Big Confrontations versus Small Conversations

From time to time there are big confrontations over the *issue* of abortion involving thousands of people on both sides. But the decision which individual women make about abortion is much more likely to be determined by small person to person conversations than by these big noisy confrontations, which mainly have to do with people getting the chance to be seen on TV.

two different challenges

There are two different challenges in respect to abolishing abortion. The second is to try and stop other people from having abortions. The first is to stop abortion in your own family.

It is a false faith to believe that the State will ever reliably stop people from having abortions. The more pressing challenge is how to stop abortion in your own family when it is trapped in the money loving lifestyle which is tied to contraception and abortion and Careers for Women.

To abolish abortion, American Christians will have to abolish the money loving American lifestyle. That is, they will have to walk away from it and from their fellow Americans who persist in clinging to that lifestyle--their fellow Americans and their fellow so-called *Christians*. They will have to somehow find their way back to that real Christian **COMMUNITY**, properly so called, which lived simply, avoided wealth, and took care of one another.

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