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The Pill: Another Word for Abortion

Our faith teaches us, and embryologists have concluded, that life begins at fertilization (conception). Despite this scientific reality, pro-abortionists refute the medical evidence in favor of an unnatural assertion that life begins at embryo uterine implantation.

Approximately 1/3 of all abortions are now medication-driven terminations. Abortifacients are drugs or devices that end rather than avoid pregnancy by preventing the fertilized embryo from implanting in the mother's uterus. Since implantation occurs several days after fertilization, abortifacients are morally equivalent to abortion and represent a concealed attack on the human embryo.

The Morning after Pill or "emergency contraception," is the most known, primarily over-the-counter pregnancy prevention, available in most pharmacies, grocery stores, university bookstores and even vending machines. Taken within 72 hours after intercourse, the morning after pills are larger and more frequent doses of traditional birth control drugs which temporarily halt ovarian egg release, avert fertilization, and prevent the human embryo from implantation. The Pontifical Academy for Life points out that "it is clear, therefore, that the proven "anti-implantation" action of the morning-after pill is really nothing other than a chemically induced abortion."

The most aggressive abortifacient drug is Mifeprex or RU-486 which blocks a hormone necessary for embryo implantation. Coupled with a second drug, Misoprostol, given 48 hours later, Mifeprex's effectiveness is significantly enhanced resulting in uterine lining weakness and rejection of the live embryo. Prescription Mifeprex has been responsible for the deaths of 12 women in the US, United Kingdom, Sweden, and Canada, multiple patient hospitalizations as well as countless chemical abortions.

Traditionally, women need to make two visits to a doctor before they can be prescribed Mileprex: the first to confirm their pregnancy, the second to get their script. They can only obtain the drug at a clinic or medical office from specially certified health-care providers, not at a pharmacy. However, some organizations are now circumventing the health care system by making the drug available through mail order from India, a move which could put women at greater risk.

Data regarding abortifacients remains grossly inaccurate. Organizations including the CDC and National Institutes of Health mistakenly identify pregnancy as the moment of embryo implantation, ignoring the living, fertilized embryo before implantation. Consequently, this widespread use of abortifacients and the misrepresentation of when life begins continues to violate the natural rights and protection of the unborn.