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“Do whatever He tells you.”



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“God knows we’re trying”



Saint Rosalia



Worthless Commercials?

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It is amazing the reaction one experiences when one witnesses particular incidences.

I know when I watch certain commercials such as toothpaste and sexual innuendoes, cereal and subliminal sexual connections, sunscreen and as close to nudity as they can go (but always pushing the envelope). Beer commercials are the worse, some can remember the scene but forget the name of the product to be sold; after paying thousands to millions of dollars to expose their product for a few measly seconds one cannot remember the name of the product.

How do these people who refuse to believe that their shows have any relevance to the violence that is going on in our country? If there is no

connection, why are they paying millions of dollars to persuade the audience to buy their product?

The next article is about the experiences felt by pro assisted suicide advocates and the obvious mental disability they possess. To feel a sexual experience or crave one after you help someone commit suicide is simply a sign of insanity. These people should not be free to walk the streets.

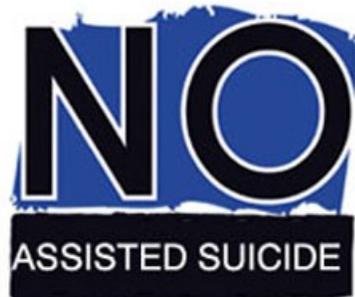
Does assisting suicide have a sexual—or perhaps better stated, sensual—component for some people? I have thought it might ever since reading *A Chosen Death* by assisted suicide advocate Dr. Lonnie Shavelson.

Shavelson witnessed Sarah, described as a Hemlock Society leader, murdering “Gene,” who changed his mind before dying, only to have Sarah put a plastic bag over his head. Demonstrating Shavelson’s moral hollowness, he not only didn’t stop the woman from killing Gene, but didn’t report the case to the police.

But this is the part of Shavelson’s account I want to focus on for the moment. Why does Sarah do

it? He quotes her waxing ecstatically about what it was like to assist the suicide of Naomi. From his book (page 75):

I firmly believe now that the most intimate moment you can share with a person is their death. More than sex. More than birth. More than anything. I was at the deliveries of my four grandchildren, and my experience with Naomi's death was above that.



There is something very sick about that. Very sick.

Now, the international assisted suicide rock star, Philip Nitschke—who famously said [suicide pills should be available in supermarkets](#) and allowed to “troubled teens”—admits that helping people kill themselves gives him a sexual thrill.

From [the Canberra Times story](#):

In his recent autobiography, Philip

Nitschke makes an astonishingly frank disclosure. He says that immediately after helping people to kill themselves back in the mid-1990s, he had an overpowering need for sex...

In the first set of page proofs of *Damned If I Do* sent out by Melbourne University Press, Nitschke was at his most candid. “After performing my role in those deaths, I had an urgent and pressing need for sex,” he wrote. He was having an affair with a journalist and the sex, he says, was “frantic and sometimes desperate”.

I wonder if Jack Kevorkian was similarly turned on. It would explain a lot.

I am sure that everyone who assists a suicide is not driven by sensual issues. But these two very similar descriptions of the “thrill” that came to them when helping make someone dead, should—at the very least—raise an eyebrow.

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15 of the Greatest Pro-Life Quotes of All Time

15. “I do not believe the promises of the Declaration of Independence are just for the strong, the independent, the healthy. They are for everyone—including unborn children.” – George W. Bush

14. “Sweeter even than to have had the joy of children of my own has it been for me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them.” – Susan B. Anthony

13. “The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man.” – Dr. Mildred Jefferson

12. “It’s alright all of us all living saying ‘oh well there’s enough of us so we won’t have anymore, don’t let anybody else live.’ I don’t believe in that.” – John Lennon

11. And she said hearing her unborn baby’s heartbeat “was the most beautiful music I ever heard in my life.”

10. “Being pregnant was very much like falling in love. You are so open. You are so overjoyed. There’s no words that can

express having a baby growing inside of you so, of course, you want to scream it out and tell everyone.” – Beyonce

9. “The right to life is the first among human rights.” – Pope Francis

8. “We’re all human, aren’t we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving.” – J.K. Rowling

7. “It seems to me clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime.” – Gandhi

6. “This is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what it means to be a member of the human family, even though tiny, powerless and unwanted” – Henry Hyde

5. “How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.” – Mother Teresa

4. “The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.” – Thomas Jefferson

3. “Even the smallest person can change the course of the future.” — J.R.R. Tolkien

2. “A person is a person no matter how small.” – Dr. Seuss

1. “I’ve noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.” – Ronald Reagan

Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr., Susan B. Anthony: All Pro-Life

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Pro-life advocates continue to use the community forums on the popular web site Buzzfeed to promote the pro-life message. A new post today highlights how some popular political and social figures all have one thing in common: they oppose abortion.

Some of the well-known people in the post who oppose abortion include Susan B. Anthony, Gandhi, Mother Teresa, and Martin Luther King Jr. Others include former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, former President Ronald Reagan, feminist Mary Wollstonecraft, and Hippocrates.

From [the post](#):

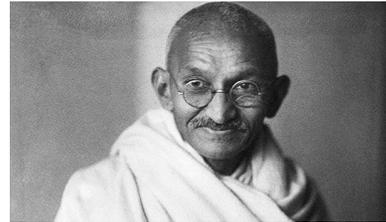


1. Susan B. Anthony The famous suffragette who helped win the right to vote for American women

can't be accused of being "anti-woman." In fact, Susan B. Anthony believed *opposing* abortion to be essential to promoting feminism. In her newspaper *The Revolution*, she called abortion "child-murder" and [wrote](#):

"Guilty? Yes. No matter what the motive, love of ease, or a desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed. It will burden her conscience in life, it will burden her soul in death; but oh, thrice guilty is he who... drove her to the desperation which impelled her to the crime!"

2. Gandhi



Revered around the world as a visionary leader, Mahatma Gandhi desired a peaceful culture of life. Abortion is a dreadfully violent act. Gandhi once said, "It seems to me as clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime." (*All Men Are Brothers: Autobiographical Reflections* (New York: Continuum, 1980) 150)

3. Mother Teresa



Mother Teresa dedicated her life to caring for the weak and the oppressed. She was a social justice fanatic when it came to ministering to the needy. And she was a strong opponent to abortion. She said, “Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”

Another time, she observed: “Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother.” She wasn’t afraid to speak truth to power, either. When addressing pro-abortion President Clinton at the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994, she stunned the audience into silence with her [eloquent denunciation](#) of abortion.



4. Martin Luther King Jr.

You didn’t know he was pro-life? [MLK Jr.’s niece, Dr. Alveda King says](#), “In advising men and women on questions of personal behavior 50 years ago, Uncle Martin sounded no different than a conservative Christian preacher does now. He was pro-life!” She adds, “He was not pro-abortion.”

**Fetal Anesthesia Expert:
Unborn Children Feel Pain,
Even Before Viability**
*by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC |
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Earlier this year, as members of Congress debated a bill to ban late-term abortions, a national debate ensued over the question of [whether unborn children feel pain](#). Abortion activists derided studies and expert testimony confirming fetal pain.

Now, an anesthesiology professor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Dr. Ray Paschall, who has done more surgeries with fetal anesthesia than any doctor in the world, says babies feel pain not only before birth but before viability:

“It’s not even close,” [he told a newspaper](#) about his status as the leading surgeon with experience with fetal anesthesia surgeries, “I’ve personally done around 260 now.”



response to pain. Paschall said he is “absolutely convinced, 100 percent more than I was even back in 2000, that was a purposeful movement away from a neurosurgeon’s knife.”

In response, Paschall upped the doses of anesthesia for the fetus, and he has not seen one move in 200 surgeries since. “I would never go back and do less. I might do more.”

Paschall was part of a team that developed fetal surgery for myelomeningocele, a type of spina bifida, where the spine fails to close correctly, leaving it exposed to corrosive amniotic fluid. The result is severe nerve damage, partial paralysis and hydrocephalus, or water on the brain.

Paschall’s experience butts up against another theory offered by fetal pain skeptics, who argue that the unborn fetus is immersed in a mix of fluids that chemically induce sleep, meaning that even if the brain wiring were in place, the fetus will still be oblivious. Paschall, obviously, doubts this.

“Anyone willing to make absolute statements regarding fetal, infant or adult neural development and processing is a brave person,” Paschall said, adding that “the complexities of the brain defy absolute explanation.”

Pre-birth intervention has been found to significantly improve outcomes. The target age for these surgeries, Paschall said, is between 21 and 25 weeks of gestational age, which happens to be precisely the age targeted in fetal pain abortion legislation.

Leading researchers confirm the scientific evidence behind fetal pain:

These fetuses are not viable outside the womb. But they do, Paschall firmly believes, feel pain. They thus are right in the target zone of fetal pain legislation.

In the early 1980s Dr. Kawaljeet Anand, then an intern at a British hospital, noticed many of his neonatal patients exhibiting stress and dying after surgery. This sparked research that led to a landmark 1987 piece

In one of their early surgeries, Paschall says he saw, and Dr. Noel Tullipan felt, a fetus move in

published in the New England Journal of Medicine that outlined the evidence of neonatal pain, including a litany of stress and hormonal responses, key “surrogate measures” of pain. Neonatal surgery would never be the same after Anand got done with it.

Anand proved that newborns not only perceived pain, but that they were literally dying from it. In one of his studies, mortality dropped from 25 to 10 percent just through using anesthesia. By the turn of the 21st century, thanks largely to Anand, newborn anesthesia was standard. By the time the Puente twins came along, it was not even a question.

That challenge conquered, Anand’s research moved on to premature infants like the Puente twins and from there to the pre-viable fetus. It is on the latter point, of course, that the controversy

really takes life.

Now with an endowed chair at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, the pioneering pain researcher finds himself at the center of the national abortion debate, often castigated for his insistence that the fetus and premature newborn feel pain. As ever, the politics of abortion lurk directly behind the question of fetal pain.

Anand has, in fact, argued that a fetus or premature newborn may actually feel pain more intensely than an older newborn. He asserted in 2007 congressional testimony on fetal pain legislation that “a fetus at 20 to 32 weeks of gestation would experience a much more intense pain than older infants or children or adults” because certain pain mechanisms are in play much earlier, while “fibers which dampen and modulate the experience of pain” are delayed until between 32-34 weeks.

Abortion Clinic Closes in Michigan, Woman Was Forced to Have Abortion There

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An abortion clinic in Michigan where a woman was forced to have an abortion has closed down, according to a pro-life group that monitors abuses at abortion businesses.

“Feminine Health Care abortion clinic of Flint, owned by Alberto Hodari, where abortionist Theodore Roumell runs the business, is now closed, according to local pro-life activists,” the pro-life group Life Dynamics posted today on its Facebook page. The group says 10 abortion clinics in Michigan have closed down since November 2011.

“The abortionist, 78-year-old Theodore Roumell, who has open formal complaints against him, has been doing abortions at the Feminine Health Care abortion clinic after Hodari retired,” Life Dynamics said. “The Flint abortion clinic was in non-compliance with the State of Michigan. Both the medical waste and free-standing surgical license had expired, and following open formal complaints against the clinic, the abortion mill is no longer open, says pro-lifer Lynn Mills.”



The organization indicated called to

the closed abortion clinic for abortions are now routed to the WomanCare abortion facility in Lansing that Roumell also runs.

Caitlin Bruce previously filed a lawsuit related to a forced abortion at the clinic.

Bruce had the abortion in April 2008 at Hodari’s Feminine Health Care Clinic in Flint, Michigan. But she told ABC News she changed her mind at the very last second but was pinned down and had her mouth closed as she tried to protest.

A high school dropout trying to make a life for herself, Bruce is the classic case of a minority girl impregnated by a much-older boyfriend — and her father persuaded her to have the abortion.

“I was really confused, asking everybody else what I should do. Everybody told me, ‘You were too young,’” she told ABC. “What I really wanted to hear was, ‘We’ll help you out.’”

On the table for the abortion, Bruce felt the first instrument go inside her and she asked Hodari to stop, but he and his assistants held her down.

“He had a real tight grip over my mouth, but I was screaming .. and trying to pull my legs together,” she said.

She said Hodari appeared to give up

and told her she could go home and as soon as she relaxed, Bruce tells ABC News Hodari completed the abortion.

“And that’s when I felt the worst pain in my stomach,” she said. “It really felt like he was ripping everything in me out, that’s how painful it was.”

She said Hodari never said another word to her and she lay by herself on the table horrified.

“This is a question about choice. Who makes the decision here? He told her she could back out any time,” Bruce’s attorney Tom Pabst told ABC News. “Who does he think he is?”

Hodari’s lawyer Steve Weiss called the lawsuit “baseless” and has already said she changed her mind too late for Hodari to go back on the abortion.

In a prior interview with ConnectMichigan, Bruce said, “He was inserting the speculum, and I told him I’m nervous. I just told him stop please. I’m really nervous and I don’t want to do this anymore.”

Hodari responded to the news service, saying “When she said stop, it was too late... I told her I would stop, but when I take my instrument there was blood and tissue on it from pregnancy, so I couldn’t stop.”

However, obstetrician and

gynecologist Dr. Mona Hardas told the Michigan news outlet that Hodari handled the situation poorly. She said Hodari could have taken Bruce to a local hospital for a second opinion rather than forcing her to have the abortion.

“Even if someone has signed a consent form, if someone wants you to stop you have to stop. I am shocked. I can’t believe this is still happening in this day and age,” she said.

Hodari responded to those comments, defending his record as an abortion practitioner.

“I am there because I want to help woman have safe abortions. Look at my records. I have done more abortions and longer than any doctor in Michigan,” he said.

However, Hodari has also killed women in failed abortions and was [fined \\$10,000](#) by a state board in connection with a woman’s botched abortion death.

Does God Hear Prayers for Abortion?

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I recently came across a [post](#), complete with the video, with the shocking news that Iowa Democrats and gubernatorial candidates participated in an event praying for abortion.

It may be curious that pro-choicers

and Democrats are praying to God, as [noted](#) by the *The Iowa Republican*:

They made the unusual decision, for Democrats, to begin the event with a prayer. This was likely in response to a prayer vigil being conducted by pro-life activists at the same time nearby.



However, despite that those leading or participating in a prayer belong to a party that [struck God from their national party platform](#), and are praying for something no truly religious person should support, there may be hope.

I recall how at a church my parents took me to they told us something about prayer. God will answer prayer in a few ways. He may say yes, He may say no, or He may say later. If He says no, it is because He has something else in mind. It is my prayer, then, that God does answer such prayers showing support for abortion, and that He answers these prayers in a way that causes further reflection and insight into the true Christian position, the pro-life position.

Excerpts of the prayer included:

“We give thanks, oh Lord, for the doctors, both current and future, who provide quality abortion care.”

“We pray for increased financial support for low-income women to access contraception, abortion and childcare.”

“Today, we pray for women in developing nations, that they may know the power of self-determination. May they have access to employment, education, birth control and abortion.”

“Today we pray for the families who have chosen. May they know the blessing of choice.”

Doctors are certainly something to give thanks for, but for those who save lives, not take it away. I give thanks for doctors who have once performed abortions but who have had a change of heart. And since all people are deserving of prayer, I pray for the safety of abortionists, and that they may be shown love, for we are all sinners. I pray that they may repent of their actions.

I pray for the increased support for

low-income women, not just financially so that they will be able to provide for their children in such a way, but that they may have emotional and spiritual support, so that they may be strong enough to choose life.

I pray for women not only in developing nations, but in already developed nations, so that they may have the sense of self-determination and knowledge to know that abortion does not necessarily make a nation developed.

I pray for the families who have chosen abortion, so that they may find healing from this choice which is often mis-categorized as a “blessing.”

It may be scandalous that there are those who pray to God, a God of love and life, for the destruction of innocence and the wounding of women. However, if you read the entire piece from *The Iowa Republican*, it may not be so surprising, given the track record of these gubernatorial candidates who seem to have a distorted fixation for and love affair with abortion. Again, it is my prayer that God uses the faith of these people to guide them towards the more Christian perspective.

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St. Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, [Lord](#) of Roses and Quisquina, was a descendant of the great Charlemagne. She was born at [Palermo](#) in Sicily. In her youth, her heart turned from earthly vanities to God. She left her home and took up her abode in a cave, on the walls of which she wrote these words: "I, Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, [Lord](#) of Roses and Quisquina, have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, [Jesus](#) Christ." She remained there entirely hidden from the world. She practiced great mortifications and lived in constant communion with God. Afterward she transferred her abode to Mount Pellegrino, about three miles from Palermo, in order to triumph entirely over the instincts of flesh and blood, in sight of her paternal home. She is said to have appeared after death and to have revealed that she spent several years in a little excavation near the grotto. She died alone, in 1160, ending her strange and wonderful [life](#) unknown to the world. Her body was discovered several centuries later, in 1625, during the pontificate of Pope Urban VIII. Her [feast day](#) is September 4th.