

## Abortion: Medical Procedure or Pagan Sacrifice

To most proponents of abortion and to those who are indifferent to the situation abortion is merely a medical procedure. It is thought of upon the same lines as having tonsils or kidney stones removed. Abortion is billed as safe, healthy and effective.

Medical procedures are designed for the most part to remove or eliminate what is ailing you. A medical procedure is a good action taken to remedy something harmful within us physically. It is a good designed to produce, hopefully, a greater good.

Human life, pregnancy, and children are not illnesses or ill conditions. They are not objects or conditions that need remedied for the greater good of the person. They are to be respected, enjoyed, and loved respectively and collectively. Abortion is not a medical procedure by any basic definition besides the fact that it involves a doctor. Abortion is the destruction of the sacred, human life. It is the tragic end of a beautiful natural experience, pregnancy. Abortion is also the loss of happiness and the future, a child.

Is abortion then a “pagan sacrifice”? The answer is a resounding, unshakable yes! Why, because sacrifice is the language of love. We all sacrifice what we have for what we love. And if we do not sacrifice out of love for the one true God we are sacrificing to false gods. We must choose this day who we will serve.

Many people are more willing to sacrifice their children through abortion because of the love they have for time instead of sacrificing their time because of the love they have for their children. Abortions are often sought because of the inconvenience the child may pose to their busy schedule, career or social life. In the end they end up making a human sacrifice to a false god - time.

Many people are also willing to sacrifice their children through abortion because of the love they have for money instead of sacrificing their money because of the love they have for their child. Many abortions are performed under the pretext of expense. Human life is thrown into the trash so that the parents may be able to afford a larger home, nicer car, etc.. Some legitimately poor people state that they couldn't afford to raise the child but this is not true. There are always ways to make ends meet and people there to help. In the end all of these people end up making a sacrifice to another false god who seems to rule so many - money.

There are so many false gods to whom people sacrifice their unborn children that I could not possibly name them all. The point is that if you end a human life by your choice in order to obtain more time, money or anything else you are sacrificing to a false god. Time, money, power, etc. are not gods they are gifts. They are gifts from the one true God for us to use for good and to further His Kingdom. Any other use of these gifts or an inordinate desire for these gifts is an act of worshipping the creation instead of the Creator.

In order for there to be an end to abortion in this country and the world hearts must be changed. Laws can only change so much but hearts can change the world. The value of sacrifice must be taught to our young people. They must learn and understand that when we sacrifice our time, money, power, or talent for others we give them life either physically or spiritually. Sacrifice is the language of love and there is no greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends.