

Contribution to the Battle Against Abortion



A Gynecologist “speaks out,”*

publicly confessing and repenting of his intrauterine infanticides

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The *document* that we are republishing below is extremely revealing for its boldness, frankness, and directness. Everything related herein concerning the tragic situation in our neighboring country of Serbia is unfortunately mirrored in the dismal reality of our own homeland.

The existence of rousing voices, such as the present one from Serbia, is comforting. May these voices increase, awaken consciences, and lead to repentance and an end, at long last, to the holocaust of abortions, that the Lord might have mercy on us!

Dr. Stojan Adasevich is the only gynecologist in Serbia who has publicly confessed that abortion is murder, for which the doctor is no less responsible than the mother. His recently-released book (in Serbian), *The Sanctity of Life*, is a collection of his articles on intrauterine infanticide.

We quote a portion of this invaluable witness, which was published in the Serbian Church periodical, *Orthodoxy*.

QUESTION: At what point did you understand that, in performing an abortion, you were murdering a human being?

ANSWER: I am a doctor and am aware of my actions. I am guilty of all of the atrocities that I committed while working as a gynecologist, and am obligated to bear witness, awaken others, and strike a note of warning to the fact that the termination of a pregnancy is essentially the murder of an unborn, defenseless child. Legal abortions were among the duties assigned to me in my work. At that time, I did not know that I was committing murder, but I now maintain and understand that my sin before God

is a great one. At university, I was taught that the child is alive as soon as it is born, with its first cry. Before the cry, it exists merely as one of its mother's organs: as one tooth, as one kidney, as a worm-like apophysis.

I performed between 48,000 and 62,000 abortions! That is like having wiped out an entire city. Belgrade has so many hospitals and a fair number of private clinics within which abortions are performed! At the end of the 1980's, the ultrasonogram was developed, which presented me with a lot of surprises. I saw the fetus, the beating of its heart, its movements, the opening of its mouth. In the largest fetuses, I discerned the "sucking" of the thumb. The fetus thought and felt, because it reacted to deep, penetrating sounds by quickening its motions. And, after four or five minutes—as long as the abortion took to perform—, that fetus, that very human being, lay in pieces among the utensils on the table.

QUESTION: When did you stop performing abortions?

ANSWER: What I am going to tell you now is troubling and terribly burdensome, but one can not prettify something that is horrific in and of itself. To my sorrow and misfortune, I performed an abortion in 1988 on an advanced pregnancy of four-and-a-half months. During this operation, the details of which I can not describe without distress, I was horrified to discover the murderer within me. An operation that should have been a matter of routine



turned into a veritable nightmare. With the first motion of the forceps, I took out the little hand and tossed it onto the utensil table. And there: the nerve of the hand landed on the edge of the compress that was wetted with iodine. The iodine stimulated the nerve, and the tiny hand started to twitch. With the next motion, I took out the foot. And the same thing happened—now the foot was trembling and twitching. Nothing like that had ever happened to me before. I then tried to take hold of the heart, which was still beating; at the



touch of the forceps, it convulsed more and more slowly, until it eventually stopped.

I then awoke to the fact that I had committed murder, that I had killed a person. The woman was bleeding heavily; her life was in danger. I prayed: “Lord, help me to save this woman and punish *me!*” From that time on, I never committed such an act again. My new insight happened to coincide with the view of the Church: that the fetus is alive from the time of conception, that is, from the instant that the egg is fertilized.

Intrauterine infanticide is a much greater and heavier sin than simple murder, because the fetus is incapable of defending itself, while it is in no way to blame. It is the only one in the entire human race that is without personal transgressions, because it has not even been born.

QUESTION: As for how the fetuses will be used that are aborted in a terminated pregnancy—either natural or artificially induced—the consent of the mother is not required. What is the fate of these carved-up, microscopic bodies?



ANSWER: Rarely does anyone inquire into what happens to these fetuses at our hospitals. In our country, no one announces or makes public information of that kind. The appropriate conditions do not exist for scientific research work and for the use of such fetuses by the pharmaceutical industry, because such a thing is terrifically expensive. And, for the time being, as far as I know, nor do conditions exist for their commercialization. For us, these fetuses are treated as medical waste. They are put in black bags, together with the organs left over from various operations on adult patients, and they are all burned as waste.

We are obliged as a society to protect children medically, morally, and legally, because they must have all of the rights that an adult has. This is our duty towards all of the members of our society.

QUESTION: Are there exact statistics as to the number of abortions performed in Serbia?

ANSWER: It is impossible for that kind of data to exist, and all information on the subject is false. One statistic informs us

that 120,000 abortions are performed a year, while another statistic tells us that the number is many times greater: 420,000 abortions a year. I think that for every child born, there are twenty-five abortions.

QUESTION: What is your view on contraception?

ANSWER: Contraception means to act against conception. I classify it into three sorts. The first kind is abstinence, and it is permissible. The second kind is the satisfaction of one's sexual desires without ejaculation, and it is not permissible. The third kind is satanic and makes possible the application of a whole series of what are essentially abortion methods, but which are given the name contraceptives: the "coil," the "pill," etc.

What is the "coil"? It is a device that is inserted into the uterus (IUD). The "coil" is abortive. Pregnancy tests taken within the first few days show that women who have the "coil" become pregnant more times a year. The "coil" merely prevents the fertilized egg from being implanted in the uterus, and it consequently dies at the age of one week. We have the same situation with the "pill," which impedes the maturation of the egg and alters the uterine lining, so that it will not be receptive to the embryo.

There are many uninformed women who naively adopt the common irresponsible attitude to this issue. Look at the media, women's magazines, broadcasts—have you ever heard, anywhere, a discussion against abortion, contraceptives, and in vitro fertilization?

QUESTION: What is in vitro fertilization?

ANSWER: I have done that as well. I maintain that in vitro fertilization is evil. Multiple eggs are fertilized—sometimes ten, twenty, or more—, a differentiation is made, and all excess embryos are killed to facilitate the survival of three, at the most. If more than three develop into embryos, it is necessary to reduce their number, because the womb would not be able to support the pregnancy.

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