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VERBAL ENGINEERING AND IGNORANCE Anti-Life Forces Go To Great Lengths To Advance Their Agenda by Mercedes Arzú Wilson

I wish to encourage the Church's Pastors and other Catholics, doctors, marriage counselors, teachers and married couples themselves, to promote a broader, more decisive and more systematic effort to make the natural methods of regulating fertility now, respected and applied. This is an area in which it is also possible to develop widespread inter-confessional collaboration with all those who have at heart respect for life and human nature.

— John Paul II

“**C**OURAGGIO (have courage)—never give up, for I pray for your work every day.” These words were spoken by Pope John Paul II. As he so often warned, the “culture of death” is threatening human dignity and human life. Has the world been listening?

Many people who are aware of the tragedy unfolding right in front of us are choosing to bury their heads in the sand rather than confront it head-on. In one respect it is hard to blame them. It may seem like an impossible fight. But I do not see it that way at all.

Many organizations are battling the legality of induced abortion, which is a noble cause worthy of support. But it is important to remember that the birth control mentality brought about the legalization of abortion and has contributed to making it a profitable scheme. After all, birth control came long before legal abortion.

Most people are ignorant of the fact that many more in utero killings are now committed by chemical or mechanical means rather than “surgical.” Most people would be shocked to learn that the most commonly used methods of birth control often act as abortifacients—they can cause the new human being in the womb to abort.

Of course, it is not in the best interest of the groups and corporations pushing artificial birth control to admit these products will lead to countless numbers of abortions. These entities have turned to a familiar tactic to help them deflect criticism—verbal engineering.

You may find it hard to believe the various manipulations of language being promoted and accepted. Even the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (ACOG), in order to divert attention from the abortifacient effect of artificial methods of birth control, has formulated deceitful redefinitions of terms:

- A newly conceived human baby in the fallopian tube is now called a “preembryo.”
- The word “conception” has been changed to “fertilization.”
- “Implantation” has been changed to “conception.”

The Alan Guttmacher Institute, an affiliate of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), released a report in May 2005 titled, “The Implications of Defining When a Woman is Pregnant” that specifically and openly addressed the redefinition of terms:

The term “conception” properly means implantation. A pregnancy is considered to be established only when the process of implantation is complete. If fertilization does occur, the zygote divides and differentiates into a “preembryo” while being carried down the Fallopian Tube toward the uterus. Implantation of the “preembryo” in the uterine lining begins about five days after fertilization. Implantation can be completed as early as 8 days or as late as 18 days after fertilization, but usually takes about 14 days.

This is not the end of the Orwellian experience. Even the word “pregnancy” is out. It has been replaced with “established pregnancy,” which as noted does not take place until between 8 and 18 days after “fertilization.”

So ACOG no longer uses the word “conception” when speaking about the beginning of human life. And pregnancy is considered “established” only after implantation is complete. This is scientifically inaccurate and every ACOG member knows it. Even school children know that the instant the ovum (egg) and sperm meet in the fallopian tube there is an explosion of new life. Over time, that which was invisible becomes visible.

The redefinition of terms has served ACOG well. After all, U.S. law prohibits the use of taxpayer dollars for

abortions. Since most artificial methods of birth control are also abortifacients, paying for such methods with federal funds would be illegal. So the recipients of millions of taxpayer dollars, aided and abetted by special interest groups, circumvent the law by perverting language and employing self-serving definitions for relevant terms. This allows the continued spending of billions of dollars worldwide on abortifacient birth control methods, post-conception experimentation, and population control—all under the guise of “reproductive health,” “emergency” birth control, “reproductive rights,” and so forth.

INDUCED VS. CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL ABORTIONS	
U.S.A. 1973-2004	
Induced abortions	46 million
Chemical/Mechanical abortions*	447 million
TOTAL	493 MILLION

* estimate based on research conducted by Chris Kahlenborn, M.D., for his book, *Breast Cancer: Its Link to Abortion and the Birth Control Pill*

Anyone who is familiar with the history of the pro-abortion movement will not be surprised by the use of verbal engineering by its hierarchy. Consider the comments of Willard Cates, Jr., David A. Grimes, and Jack C. Smith, who spoke these words nearly 30 years ago at the Association of Planned Parenthood Physicians conference:

[U]nwanted pregnancy appears to be the second most [prevalent] sexually transmitted disease in our Country. What about the outcome of unwanted pregnancy? Without any treatment the natural history of unwanted pregnancy involves either a spontaneous abortion or a term delivery...[W]e conclude that unwanted pregnancy should be considered a sexually transmitted condition of epidemic proportion and, moreover, that legal abortion is an effective, safe, and curative treatment for that condition.

Not unexpectedly, these men had thought through the financial windfall that viewing abortion as a “treatment” for the “disease” of pregnancy could bring:

If legal abortion were viewed as a justifiable treatment for a sexually transmitted condition, it would not be considered an elective or preventive procedure which is usually ineligible for insurance programs. Rather it would be considered a curative treatment, making it eligible for remuneration from federal and private third party insurance plans.

And, of course, if pregnancy is considered an “epidemic,” governments could claim justification for mandatory “treatment” of the “disease.” The title of the paper presented by the trio says it all: “Abortion as a Treatment for Unwanted Pregnancy: The Number Two Sexually Transmitted ‘Disease.’” Stunning—but it fits

perfectly into the world view of these men and far too many other powerful people who want to mold the world in their image.

While abortion is obviously the most deadly result of these forms of birth control, it is not the only effect. Just this past summer the World Health Organization (WHO) released a statement from its International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) affiliate which revealed yet another consequence of using the unnatural to interfere with the natural. The combined estrogen-progestogen oral birth control has been found to be carcinogenic. The IARC placed the birth control method into the highest category of carcinogenicity, which is only used “when there is sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in humans.”

Combined estrogen-progestogen is the most commonly prescribed method of artificial birth control. Worldwide, more than 100 million women and girls—about ten percent of all females of reproductive age—currently use combined hormonal birth control. Tragically, WHO is only now conceding what had been reported several years ago by the National Cancer Institute and other scientific bodies. Simply put, several years ago they found that this method of birth control substantially increases the risk of several types of cancer. A “significant increase” in the risk of breast cancer, as well as an increase in the risk of cervical and liver cancers, was specified.

A question must be asked; what is causing the cancer? There are two possibilities: 1) The cancer is caused by the presence of estrogen/progestogen in the body; or 2) The cancer is the result of the hormonal shock the body experiences after the chemicals cause an abortion.

INDUCED VS. CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL ABORTIONS	
Worldwide 1973-2004	
Induced abortions	1.3 billion
Chemical/Mechanical abortions*	1.7 billion
TOTAL	3.0 BILLION

* estimate based on research conducted by Chris Kahlenborn, M.D., for his book, *Breast Cancer: Its Link to Abortion and the Birth Control Pill*

Chris Kahlenborn, M.D. makes a strong case for the latter cause in his book *Breast Cancer, Its Link to Abortion and the Birth Control Pill*. But it is interesting to note that the IARC did not answer the question of cause—not publicly, at least.

Researchers have chosen to ignore the fact that millions of women and girls are being given the same carcinogenic chemicals used in the WHO study, particularly in developing countries. Depo-Provera injections, implants, patches, and intrauterine devices are among the

most common methods being utilized. Despite the proven danger to the millions of women who are regularly ingesting or inserting “carcinogenic chemicals,” the IARC did not recommend the immediate removal of combined estrogen-progestogen oral birth control from the market.

It has taken 40 years for our “modern” society to accept such destructive practices. If a man were to sell a “magic elixir” on the street which he claimed would restore youth, he would be arrested and prosecuted. If the creator of a drink claimed his concoction would give a woman a trim figure in two weeks—no exercise required—he, too, would be arrested and prosecuted. But when the manufacturers of dangerous pills withhold important information about their product, nothing is said or done.

Rather than prosecuting those who would lie and deceive, these chemical pushers are regarded as heroes who are making it possible for women to exercise a “right.” They even pass it off as an act of compassion. Never mind the fact that these corporations are making billions of dollars through government contracts by hawking their product.

The International Planned Parenthood Federation is the world’s most vociferous abortion-advocacy group. Its U.S. affiliate recently confessed that in 2004 it “surgically” killed 255,015 preborn babies, an increase of 4.3 percent over 2003. What’s more, in 1982 PPFA committed 5.1 percent of all abortions in the United States. Last year, it was directly responsible for nearly 20 percent. PPFA sought to increase its share of the lucrative “surgical” abortion market and it has been enormously successful. But as you know, these numbers do not tell the whole story.

In 2004 alone, PPFA dispensed 983,537 “emergency” birth control kits. Add to this the 2,347,352 women and girls who received some other form of birth control. The truth is that no human being knows how many preborn babies have been killed. And no one knows how many of their mothers were even aware that the drugs they were taking could kill their conceived child and/or eventually give them cancer. Of course, under the redefinition of terms, only those babies killed through “surgical” means would count as an abortion.

So why do groups like Planned Parenthood—aided and abetted by their allies in the medical profession, corporate America and the media—refuse to tell people the truth? There are three reasons: Money, Money, and Money. Actually, there is one other reason. These men and women have a world view that is the very essence

of the “culture of death.” It is a world of birth control, abortion, physician-assisted suicide, population control, human embryo experimentation, and so forth. Those who zealously insist upon these practices and philosophies simply and arrogantly believe they know better than those they view as the “ignorant masses.” We should not be surprised by such an elitist attitude. It is consistent with the philosophy itself. Yet such practices and philosophies are clearly the antithesis of those embraced by the Creator of life.

Most people ignore the evils of birth control because it has become so ingrained in every day life. Church leaders, politicians, and family members refuse to face this devastation. And it is no secret that many people who say they are Christians use birth control.

Take a moment to review the numerous transgressions that have been incorporated into society since the birth control mentality became an accepted—even embraced—way of life:

The innocence of children is being destroyed by compulsory pornographic sex indoctrination.

- Prayer has been removed from the schools.
- Promiscuity has increased to unprecedented proportions.
- Teen pregnancy increases as children are lured to use artificial birth control indiscriminately.
- Schools and universities encourage the use of birth control as normal behavior.
- Venereal diseases are in epidemic proportions (20 percent of Americans have a venereal disease).
- Homosexuality is now seen as a reasonable alternative to heterosexual behavior.
- Same-sex marriage is already legal in some states.
- Embryonic stem-cell experimentation is taking place with our tax dollars and when it is paid for with private funds there are no restrictions or oversight of any kind.
- The elderly, a valuable resource to be cherished and respected, are regarded as useless burdens to be discarded.
- The elderly are not being helped to contemplate the mystery of death “so that the definitive encounter with God occurs in a climate of interior peace.”

In his last book, *Memory & Identity*, John Paul II expressed his dismay at the legislative choices made by the governments of today’s democratic regimes that violate God’s law:

We cannot remain silent regarding a tragic question that is more pressing today than ever. The fall of the regimes built on ideologies of evil put an end to the forms of extermination just mentioned in the countries concerned. However, there remains the legal extermination of human beings conceived but unborn. And in this case, that extermination is decreed by democratically elected parliaments, which invoke the notion of civil progress for society and for all humanity. Nor are other grave violations of God's law lacking. I am thinking, for example, of the strong pressure from the European Parliament to recognize homosexual unions as an alternative type of family, with the right to adopt children. It is legitimate and even necessary to ask whether this is not the work of another ideology of evil, more subtle and hidden, perhaps, intent upon exploiting human rights themselves against man and against the family.

Why is this annihilation of preborn babies not reported by the media? Why is there such a widespread conspiracy of silence? Is there an "out of sight, out of mind" mentality?

Something needs to be done to reverse such crimes against humanity. I have several suggestions:

- Every pro-life group must boldly denounced treacherous programs regardless of the cost.
- Young people must be shown the anti-youth agenda perpetrated by groups like Planned Parenthood.
- The virtues of chastity must be openly discussed with young people.
- The Roman Catholic Church and all other Christian denominations must work toward ending sex indoctrination programs in schools and replace them with abstinence-based education that challenges young people to live chaste lives until marriage. (Planned Parenthood has been relentless in attacking abstinence programs because every abstinent teenager means it has one less customer and a missed opportunity to spread its deadly and self-serving philosophy.)
- Programs must be developed to assist parents so they may feel confident and empowered as the prime educators of their children, particularly when it comes to sexual matters.
- Natural Family Planning must be promoted and the dangers of artificial birth control need to be exposed.
- Political leaders must act with courage. This means they must be willing to stand toe-to-toe with the leaders of rich countries, primarily from Western Europe, and reject population control and other programs that are detrimental to the health and well-

being of the people they represent. Doing so may lead to the loss of foreign aid or low-interest loans. It may mean losing that desperately needed hospital or school that was promised if only they would accept the programs and strict guidelines Western leaders wish to impose. But taking a stand against such insurgency is crucial to the well-being of all people.

Some leaders are standing tall against the West. Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo recently told the United Nations to stop pushing population control and birth control in her country:

We expect the United Nations to respect the deep Catholicism of the vast majority of the Filipino people. The funding given by the United Nations to our national government for reproductive health shall be dedicated to train married couples in a natural family planning technology, which the World Health Organization has found effective compared to artificial birth control.

- In light of the recent reports on the carcinogenic effects of estrogen/progestogen methods of birth control, governments must act to remove such deadly chemicals and devices from the world market. Nature never forgives; sooner or later repercussions for violating Natural Law always emerge—sometimes with a vengeance.

EWTN's Father John Corapi recently said, "We are living in a crisis of leadership in the country, in the Church and in the family. If we continue consigning ourselves to mediocrity, we are condemning ourselves to hell."

Dante Alighieri's warning is also pertinent: "The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of moral crisis."

We need to rally our forces and accept the challenge before us. We must not be satisfied with mediocrity. We cannot lie down and let those who would corrupt our youth and the rest of society walk in without opposition. Our children and grandchildren are too valuable.

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