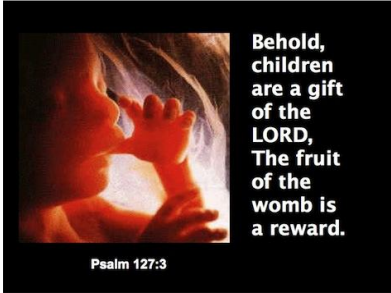


## A Quiet Discussion on Abortion (2)

From all the Biblical texts we saw in the previous article, it is clear that the human life is precious **from the womb**, and God works in human's life even **before their birth**.



This understanding is clear **when the Virgin Mary met with Elisabeth** (Lk. 1:39-45). St. Mary went immediately after the annunciation of the angel, to the house of Elizabeth and it took about three days to travel to Judea while the fetus in her womb was about 72 hours old! When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth spoke out with a loud voice and said, *“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”* (Lk. 1:41-43). **These words emphasize**

**the dignity of the divine Child in the womb of the Virgin.** Also the leaping of John the Baptist in the womb of Elizabeth is a clear manifestation of the actual presence of Christ, though He was only three days old. How then can some people say that the fetus is not a person at all and can be aborted? **From the beginning of pregnancy the fetus is a complete human being and has all the rights to live with dignity.**

**Abortion is a crime of killing a living human with a rational sou**, even though he is not born yet. Killing a baby after he is born is equally the same as killing a fetus. Both killings are great sin.

### A Medical Opinion:

There is a medical understanding that should be considered, that **the beginning of life occurs at the first point of the attachment of the impregnated ovum to the womb of the mother to get nourishment from the mother’s blood**, because:

- 1- The male and female cells are living cells, but we cannot consider them a human being has the rights of life.
- 2- At the formation of the primary cell, Zygote, if it is not attached to the womb for any reason it comes out from the body spontaneously with the menstrual period. We do not detect this, and we cannot consider it as a case of death to a human being.
- 3- In cases of in vitro fertilization, the fetus is not formed until implantation takes place, and the fetus becomes attached to the womb of the mother.
- 4- God creates the spirit at the moment of the attachment to the womb and the connection to the blood of the mother.

(To be continued)

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