

“You’re Next!”

In Dr. C. Everett Koop’s book, *The Right to Live, The Right to Die*, the former Surgeon General of the United States said, “It takes almost nothing to move from abortion, which is the killing of an unborn baby in the uterus, to the killing of the retarded, the crippled, the sick, and the elderly” (p. 99).

One writer has pointed out that in the 1981 Senate hearings on the beginning of human life, the medical and scientific witnesses did not present evidence that the unborn child is not alive, a distinct individual or human, but that the disagreement was over when the unborn child became a person of “value.” This is the kind of thinking, he pointed out, which caused one Nobel Prize winning scientist to suggest that we wait until three days after birth to declare a child fully human.

If this plan was implemented, the parents would have a “choice” if the child is retarded or handicapped. Perhaps, too, this is what one state’s governor had in mind about three years ago when he exclaimed that old folks have an obligation to get out of the way and not be a burden.

Just think: one day, if your elderly parents have Alzheimer’s Disease and their life is no longer of “value” and they can no longer be considered “persons,” you can take them to the “mercy” clinic where they will be terminated. Then, one day it may be your turn. “But to kill people with measurable brain waves and a beating heart is murder,” you say. Unborn babies have both and they are unprotected now. Besides, murder is when you take the life of a “person.”

As the Supreme Court ruled in 1973, the unborn are not protected under the Fifth Amendment because they are not yet “persons.” It was a ruling similar to the Dredd Scott Case in 1857 when the Supreme Court ruled that black slaves were property and not persons. Maybe, in the future, they will rule that Christians are not persons.

Do you see how this playing of word games and humanistic brainwashing puts us on a slippery slope? It is certainly true that infanticide and euthanasia (mercy killing) followed right on the heels of the abortion decision as issues of debate. How illogical, self-deceiving, and unbiblical all this is! Either human life is sacred or it is not. Either it is worth protecting or it is not -- if not, then it will be “every man for himself.”

God’s pattern for His people is that we should care one for another (1 Corinthians 12:25). Our relationship with our brethren should be one of

mutual caring, not petty selfishness. It is the height of a selfish attitude which prompts indulgence in these perverse topics.

It is a horrible state of affairs when we even have to concern ourselves with these kinds of matters. But as the nation gets more and more decadent, traditionally "safe" moral beliefs will come under increasing attack. Proverbs 14:34 says, "*Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*" I am very concerned sometimes if God is disgraced with us.

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