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WE, as individual abolitionists and members of abolitionist societies across the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe, are united today in the declaration of these sentiments, as held by abolitionists in relation to the murder of 40 to 50 million pre-born children worldwide every year by the abominable practice of human abortion.

The country in which we meet is one founded on the principle that "all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are *life*, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Historically, we have failed to uphold this principle, and in doing so have betrayed the spirit of that Declaration. Over the last forty-two years, in particular, we have trampled it beneath our feet, making a mockery of our claim to be a land of life by allowing the practice of human abortion.

We call for the total and immediate abolition of human abortion. In this vein, we follow in the footsteps of the American Abolitionists,

who began their fight against the legalized practice of slavery in this country nearly one hundred and eighty years ago. Our abolitionist forebears struggled against that practice, which they called a "flagrant robbery of the inalienable rights of man." They called the constitutional compact that permitted the institution of slavery an "agreement with Hell and compact with death." They exposed the glaring contradiction that existed between their country's creed and their country's practice, and pledged themselves to overthrow the system of southern slavery and rebuke the northern apathy that contributed to its endurance.

They designated slaveholders "man-stealers", guilty of a capital crime, and condemned northern anti-abolitionists as their co-conspirators. They despaired of their republic while slavery existed, but saw their duty as clear, and looked to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for success. Their call was for "immediate, unconditional, uncompensated emancipation," and their hope was for their nation "to repent instantly, to undo the heavy burden, to break every yoke, and to let the oppressed go free." Their principles forbade doing evil that good may come, and led them to reject the use of carnal weapons for the deliverance of the slaves, to rely solely upon weapons which were spiritual and mighty through God to the pulling

down of strongholds. They called their culture to repent, enlisted their churches to lead the way, and undertook the work of abolition.

The nation did not heed their call, but were instead a stiff-necked people — hard hearted, apathetic, and indifferent to the plight of their fellow man. As such, God judged their society with a bloody war between the states that set brother against brother and father against son. For He removes kings and raises up kings, makes peace and creates calamity, and toward those nations who grievously sin against Him and transgress His holy law, He stretches out His hand in judgment. Thanks be to God there remained a remnant of faithful followers, who repented of their complacency, ceased to do evil, learned to do good, sought justice and worked to correct oppression!

DON COOPER

Living in a culture that claimed to be split on the issue of southern slavery and racial inequality, our abolitionist forebears viewed the institution of human slavery practiced in the South and approved by the North as making a mockery of America's claim to be a "land of Liberty." Likewise, the practice of human abortion makes a mockery of America's claim that all men are created equal, and are endowed

by their Creator with inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The institutional practice of human abortion demonstrates the utter hypocrisy of the western world's claim to recognize "human rights".

Abortion goes on every minute of every hour of every day in nearly every community of our culture. This is a malignant blight that permeates our entire way of life, and is woefully ignored by the vast majority of born individuals who regard their own personal peace and affluence above the suffering of their fellow human beings. Abortion is part of the atrocious, inhumane backdrop of the world we walk blithely through every day. As such, we seek to rouse the people to action and effect the total abolition of human abortion.

In the United States, for the past four decades, those who claim to be "pro-life" have relied on politicians to get the job done. Many justify their apathy towards the ongoing legalized slaughter of their unborn neighbors with statements such as "All we can do is vote" and "We live in a democracy, not a theocracy!" Yet, every year we spend waiting to elect the right president (who *might* have the opportunity to appoint judges that *might* shift the balance of the Supreme Court, that *might* then get an opportunity to try to overturn *Roe v. Wade*) is another year, like the previous forty-two, wherein more than a million

of our smallest, most innocent, and most vulnerable neighbors are taken away to death under the covering of "law." The fact is that many professedly "pro-life" politicians have been elected over the past forty-two years, and abortion-on-demand is still available in every state of the Union and has only been fortified by hollow conservative restrictions and illusory pro-life regulations. The effect of forty-two years of "pro-life" political action has been to protract the practice of this great evil, and to make its abolition seem insurmountable.

In contrast we believe, the time for Justice is always now!

Meanwhile, the churches in America have by and large yielded to the political wisdom, pragmatism, and compromise endemic to the conservative political establishment. Opposing human abortion has been abandoned to the interests of pro-life para-church ministries, lobbyists, and those few Christians who are believed to possess a special calling to love their neighbors as themselves.

The real work to end abortion has been relegated to the direction of a coalition of syncretists, who not only prefer the worldly wisdom of man to the word of God, but profess to be Christians while denying

the power of the Gospel. In all of this, the churches in America have not failed to be pro-life — they have failed to be Christian.

These injustices are not peculiar to the United States of America.

They are mirrored by many other nations. Especially those plagued by the pro-life movement.

JESSICA JOHNSON

Therefore, we maintain that:

Every human being, regardless of age, size, ability, or location is created in the image of God.

To deprive an innocent human being of life is the prerogative of God alone. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

God has established government among men to punish those who do evil and praise those who do good, for rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad, and ought to secure the God-ordained rights and liberties of their people. Any government that legalizes and institutionalizes the murder of those residing within its jurisdiction

commits an unspeakable travesty of justice — and a most egregious abomination in the eyes of Almighty God.

Therefore, we believe and affirm that:

Any action designed or undertaken for the intended purpose of killing a pre-born human being is an act of murder;

The institutionalized practice of human abortion is nothing less than child-sacrifice, legally sanctioned genocide, a high crime against humanity, and a blasphemous attack upon the image of God.

Abortion is not just a social, political, or intellectual debate to be carried out by philosophers, pastors, and politicians.

Abortion is not about health care, reproductive justice, or women's rights.

Any person who knowingly procures or performs an abortion is guilty of murder in the eyes of God and ought to be tried and found guilty of murder in a court of law*;

Any person who knowingly aids or abets a person in the procurement or performance of an abortion is guilty of being an accessory to murder in the eyes of God and ought to be tried and found guilty of

being an accessory to murder in a court of law*;

The legal institutionalized practice of human abortion is every bit as unjust, dehumanizing, and destructive as the legal institutionalized practice of human slavery.

The legal institutionalized slaughter of pre-born human beings is every bit as vicious and atrocious as the legal institutionalized slaughter of humans deemed undesirable in Nazi Germany.

Furthermore, we maintain that the legal, institutionalized and targeted destruction of the weakest and most innocent human beings among us exceeds all previous atrocities practiced by the western world in its mass cultural acceptance, participation, and celebration of innocent bloodshed.

CACEY MALONE

The practice of *in vitro* fertilization to facilitate the creation of human beings which are then cryogenically frozen, forgotten, and always treated as property is evil and ought to be decried as such. As slaves in the 19th century were packed onto ships to be sold to the highest bidder, embryonic human beings are packed into freezers to await the

day their parents decide to implant or abandon them. This practice creates and exploits orphans to fulfill the selfish desires of parents who ought to be caring for the orphans already in their midst. These children are left to slowly die in the cold, sterile, tomb of the fertility clinic. For the same reasons, the ungodly practice of destructive embryonic research ought to be condemned.

We recognize no ontological difference between human beings prior to or following implantation, and no moral difference between the destruction of one by surgical instruments or chemicals, and the other by the prevention of implantation through the intentional use of abortifacient drugs and devices.

Human beings conceived in rape or incest are children created in the image of God and are possessed of the same humanity and the same rights as all those who bear the image of God, and this being so, their lives must not be forfeited for the lives of “the many,” or sacrificed in exchange for the autonomy of their mothers, the true violator of her autonomy being the biological father, not the child.

Preborn human beings are of no lesser value than the mothers in whose wombs they reside, and therefore, in medically questionable situations, the health and safety of both patients ought to be pursued

with equal dedication. Just as a woman would not forget her nursing child, neither should she neglect compassion for the child of her womb. The deliberate killing of a child to forestall hypothetical negative impacts on the mother is murder, and should never be considered an acceptable solution for any difficult circumstance. The idea that abortion is ever necessary to save a mother's life is a myth embraced by our culture to justify the destruction of children who ought to be cared for.

On pain of falling under the devastating judgment of Almighty God, every government established among men has the responsibility to outlaw these practices of human abortion within its jurisdiction, and to punish any person who participates in the commission of these crimes in any way.

Even in countries in which people are not punished for murdering their children, they will be held responsible by God. But there is eternal forgiveness for the sin of abortion to all those who confess their sin, turn from it, follow Christ as Lord and obey His Gospel. While many women have murdered their children in this culture of death, Christ demonstrates His love for them in that while they were yet sinners, He loved them and gave His own life as a ransom for them.

TOBY HARMON

The measures taken by the church, the conservative political establishment, and the pro-life movement up to this point have failed to uphold justice, show mercy, and faithfully oppose the evil of our age.

Therefore we affirm that:

We are not a part of the pro-life movement; **WE ARE ABOLITIONISTS.**

Furthermore, we maintain that:

God never desires us to do evil, that good may come.

God never allows us to call any evil, no matter how small, good.

God will not honor any compromising efforts to end this great atrocity.

Measures that outlaw the killing of some pre-born humans, while abandoning others are perverse, dehumanizing, and dishonoring to God.

Human beings conceived in rape or incest are children created in the image of God. Human beings diagnosed with fetal abnormalities, illnesses, or conditions considered by our culture to be incompatible with leading a meaningful or useful life also bear this same image.

To pit the lives or rights of any human against those of any other human or group of humans is to deny them to all, and every exception that approves or allows the murder of any child for any reason, effectively approves and allows the murder of all children for any reason, and in principle approves and allows any violation of the weak by the strong, constitutes the abortion of abolition, and is a blasphemous affront to the image, character, and revealed will of Almighty God.

Campaigns, bills, and strategies that aim to protect certain human beings because they have reached a specific age or stage of development are hypocritical, cruel, and delusive. They are rooted in the ageist sentiment that pervades our culture.

Pro-lifers must cease to fight ageism with ageism. They must cease to use the same terms and rhetoric to fight abortion that the world uses to defend it.

Pro-lifers must stop pretending that it makes any sense to support a ban on abortion after 20 weeks while holding signs that say "Life begins at conception."

Pro-lifers must stop using self-defeating rhetoric like "Abortion stops a beating heart" while also claiming to believe that abortion is wrong because all humans possess the image of God.

Pro-lifers must stop fighting abortion as though it were health-care, while claiming that it is not.

Pro-lifers must cease to allow the abortion of pre-born image bearers so long as the methods and poisons that are used meet FDA regulations and protocols.

Pro-lifers must stop attempting to pass laws to make abortion "safer" when it is never safe for the child who loses their life.

Pro-lifers must stop arguing that people who get abortions are victims, and not murderers, while claiming that abortion must be ended because it is murder.

Pro-lifers must cease to assert that justice can be established by passing a law which demands a mother see her child on an ultrasound screen prior to having him or her killed.

These schemes may be aimed at “saving some babies” but they are in no way aimed at abolishing human abortion. All they do is establish the circumstances and conditions under which a human being may murder another human being.

Much more than this, they affirm the notion that abortion is a legitimate choice.

Informed murder only secures the premeditated status of the crime.

Pro-lifers must cease to stand before Pharaoh declaring "Let some of my people go!"

Pro-lifers must cease to make deals with Moloch, entreating him to clean up his child sacrifice centers, widen their hallways, or bring them closer to places where babies are born.

Pro-lifers must cease to march on our nation's capital demanding the right to continue to keep their wallets clean or retain the religious freedom to express their personal opinions against taking the life of another human being;

Pro-lifers must cease to focus the bulk of their energy and attention on creating, funding, and promoting pregnancy resource centers that operate within the false paradigm of “choice” and merely advocate for a more desirable choice.

Pro-lifers must get off of the treadmill; they must stop swinging their axe at the branches, and instead lay it to the root. They must abandon all schemes of incremental ameliorations and regulation, and focus instead on abortion abolition.

To compromise with abortion is always to delay its abolition. To compromise with abortion is to concede that abortion advocates have a legitimate claim. To compromise with abortion is to confess that evil is greater than good, and to inaugurate as king, Satan instead of Christ.

Pro-lifers must cease to fight abortion for every other reason than that it is murder.

We are not a part of the pro-life movement; we are not regulationists,
WE ARE ABOLITIONISTS.

CHRIS RUSH

As abolitionists, we maintain that:

Children murdered through abortion are our neighbors — they are our little brothers and sisters, the most innocent and least among us;

Children murdered through abortion are destroyed in the place of the Incarnation where the Word became flesh in the womb of a young, unmarried woman who was not planning to be with child;

It was in this place that God chose to initiate the redemption of our world, in lieu of its destruction, but it is in this place that our world declares it permissible to promote destruction, instead of redemption.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace, there will be no end.

Almighty God is deeply concerned that His people practice and establish justice and mercy;

The Church of the Living God has the responsibility to be salt and light in a dark and depraved culture.

Therefore, we believe and affirm that:

Abortion is sin — always and everywhere sin;

Abortion is the end result of living a life centered on self, in worship of sex, and in slavery to death.

Where it is protected by law and recognized by a nation's government, it is a national sin;

As abortion is protected by the laws of practically every government on earth, it is a global abomination; it must and shall be abolished.

The Universal Church, the Body and Bride of Christ, has an obligation to actively and visibly oppose the ongoing practice of child sacrifice going on in her midst as part of her mandate to be salt and light, fulfill the great commission, keep the two greatest commandments, and be ambassadors of the Kingdom of God who do not neglect the weightier matters of His Holy Law.

The Church must cease to subcontract its obligation to expose evils, establish justice, and practice pure and undefiled religion to third parties: such as professional pro-life organizations, crisis pregnancy centers, and the welfare state.

As the church, we are responsible to love our neighbors!

KATE ROBINSON

So...

We shall destroy speculations and every lofty idea raised up against the knowledge of God, and we shall tear down every ideological stronghold that protects and furthers the wanton slaughter of the most innocent and helpless members of our society;

We shall provoke a clash of absolutes between the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the worldly wisdom of man, create a conflict between two visions of reality and morality, and demonstrate how a worldview centered upon Christ leads to the just, compassionate, and dignified treatment of human beings, while a worldview centered on man leads to the unjust, barbaric, and undignified treatment of our neighbors;

We shall destroy pro-abortion misinformation through constant conversation, both in person, and through social media; we will circulate millions of abolitionist pamphlets and other forms of literature. We will expose this monstrous evil to the light of day by

means of every media platform available to us, and in so doing, we will kindle a fire that will set the public mind ablaze, cause mountains of ice to melt, and awaken the citizens of this country (and the world) to the evils of abortion; **WE WILL BE HEARD.**

We shall call upon the citizens of the United States of America to reconcile their claim to be a land of "life and liberty" with the reality that we are a land that witnesses the daily slaughter of thousands of human beings, and a culture composed of men and women who claim that such destruction is necessary for liberty and equality.

We are a sinful nation. A people laden with iniquity. We have forsaken the Lord. The whole head is sick. The whole heart is faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it. Only wounds, bruises, and putrefying sores. As a nation, we must repent.

Likewise, all nations, under God, must cease to practice child sacrifice and establish justice for the fatherless within their lands. The governing magistrates of these nations, both of greater and lesser authority, have the God given obligation to wield the sword of justice and interpose themselves between the innocent unborn and those that seek their destruction.

We shall not hold back in our speech. We shall use no moderating tones to take the place of what ought to have been our outrage at this abomination for the past forty two years;

we will proclaim the truth, justice, and mercy of the living God, and we will not ask for the world's permission to do so;

We shall care for the weak and "unwanted," for those deemed "undesirable," for the devalued and disregarded, and for those who do not meet our modern cultural standards of perfection, beauty, or potential "quality of life";

We shall cease to protect rapists, pedophiles, and sex traffickers, by openly opposing our culture's use of abortion to "take care of" the children conceived through their crimes; and we will cease to ignore the widespread practice of creating, freezing, and experimenting upon orphans and furthermore demand the abolition of these abominable practices. We shall ourselves endeavor to rescue these neighbors from their icy chambers and call upon all who claim to be adopted by Christ to do the same.

We shall not punish children for the crimes of their fathers, and we shall not walk the wide road of destruction and reject the narrow path of redemption;

T. RUSSELL HUNTER

We shall persist in seeking the conversion of the churches to the cause of immediate abolition;

We shall labor to wake up the rest of the Body of Christ to see that abortion itself is a greater threat than abolitionist agitation to the mission of the church; that using images exposing the injustice of abortion is not an "evil", but remaining indifferent to the plight of those pictured and working to keep the horror of what is done to them hidden, is;

We shall not be discouraged or dismayed, even if a great majority of modern American Christians exert ten times more energy opposing us and the way we stand against abortion than they exert in opposing abortion itself;

Our trust for victory is solely in God. While we may be personally defeated and beaten down, our principles will never be, for they rest upon God's infallible word. Truth, Justice, Reason, and Humanity must--and will--gloriously triumph over the evil of our age. Already a

host is coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and the prospect before us is full of encouragement.

Submitting this Declaration to the candid examination of all humanity, we hereby affix our signatures to it; pledging ourselves that, under the guidance and by the help of Almighty God, we will do all that lies within us, consistently with this Declaration of our principles, to abolish human abortion; to deliver our lands from their deadliest curse; and to secure to the pre-born all the rights and privileges that belong to them as image-bearers of God — come what may to our persons, our interests, or our reputations — whether we live to witness total abolition, or perish untimely in this great, benevolent, and holy cause.