

THEY ARE...WE ARE...I AM...



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## THE ABORTION DIALOGUE IN 5 QUESTIONS

### WOULD IT BE OBJECTIVELY WRONG FOR US TO KILL EACH OTHER?

**YES**

Then we agree human beings shouldn't kill each other. So why can we kill the unborn? Why can we treat them in a manner we would never treat others?

**NO**

Then you have a good explanation why abortion isn't wrong. Because nothing is really wrong: not genocide, not rape, not murder, not child abuse. Nothing. But then there is also nothing objectively wrong with restricting abortion.

### WHAT IS THE CENTRAL ISSUE IN THE ABORTION DEBATE?

We agree killing each other is objectively wrong, so if the unborn is one of us then killing them is wrong in the same way. Is the unborn one of us?

What is the unborn?

As Greg Koukl says, if the unborn are not human then no justification for abortion is necessary. If they are, then no justification is sufficient.

### WHAT IS THE UNBORN? (PART -1: WHEN DOES OUR LIFE BEGIN?)

Steve Jacobs in his PhD thesis research at University of Chicago polled more than 5,000 academic biologists, 95% of which held PhD's, on when a human life begins. 96% affirmed that a human life begins at fertilization.

Scientific consensus confirms that after fertilization a whole distinct, and living human organism is present.

### WHAT IS THE UNBORN? (PART-2: WHY IS IT WRONG TO KILL US?)

Our intuition tells us that evil and injustice are objectively real, independent of where we live, what we look like, or what we can do. What best explains this? Our equal human dignity is grounded in our shared humanity.

All other differences, philosopher Steven Schwartz's SLED test (Size, Level of Development, Environment, and Degree of Dependence) are episodic, degreed, not equally shared, and cannot ground universal human dignity.

Two questions for those claiming humans don't have value, only human persons do. (1) Who empowered them to divide the human family into two groups, those we can kill (humans) and those we can't (persons)? (2) How can we ever trust they are right?

### WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS CARE?

If the unborn is one of us, then we cannot remain silent while others destroy them. We have a responsibility to seek the virtue of our community as we personally seek to grow more in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

As Christopher Kaczor points out, throughout history we identified certain groups as not one of us and then subjected to them to terrible abuse. We always morally grew to understand we were wrong. What are the chances we have finally found a group of human beings we are justified in harming when we have always been wrong before?

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