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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

To America's south, Venezuela's Communist dictator Hugo Chavez is dead, but socialists everywhere are mourning his passing. An op-ed in *The New York Times*, March 6, 2013, titled "In the End, an Awful Manager," admitted that Commandante Chavez imposed "pseudo-Marxist principles" to drive his "socialist revolution"; but the paper absurdly asserted that it was bureaucratic bungling rather than hopelessly flawed ideology which doomed Venezuela to political repression, runaway inflation, chronic food shortages, power outages, shuttered factories, rampant corruption and soaring violent crime. The world is still waiting for the managers who are sufficiently competent to make Marxism succeed in real life. Venezuela's plight sounds much like that of the old Soviet Union, and indeed it is, precisely because ideologues always care more about the purity of their dogma than the suffering of their people.

CNN.com/world posted a related September 25, 2009 article headlined "Chavez reveals personal side, criticizes U.S." The strongman declared that "I love Jesus Christ. I am a Christian." He added "... I cry when I see injustice, children dying of hunger." But the story also explains that the Catholic Church was "at odds" with his "... efforts to change anti-abortion laws" in ways which would have killed far more children than the hunger he caused through socialism.

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Pro-abort heads of state often make dubious claims to be Christ followers. In the Midsummer 2012 issue of *Cathedral Age*, Barack Obama said "... my Christian faith ... informs how I live my life. As ... president, my faith helps me keep my eyes on the prize and focus on what's good and truly important." He was referring, for instance, to what he described as "... the welfare of a child who can't get the healthcare they need..."

But our prevaricating Presidente believes it is "good and truly important" to deny children "the healthcare they need" when they survive a late-term abortion. On September 12, 2012, NationalReview.com posted yet another analysis of Barack's Obama's support for infanticide. Headlined "Obama and Infanticide," the facts are complex but the conclusion is simple: "During Obama's [2012] presidential campaign, pro-lifers argued that so extreme was his devotion to abortion that he was willing to support a right to infanticide. This charge is absolutely true. He believed that certain infants -- those at an early stage of development -- should not have legal protection, and he believed it because he thought it would undermine the right to abortion." So fanatical is Barack Obama's dogmatic devotion to the culture of death that he will sacrifice newborns to preserve the "right" to kill a fetus. On February 12, 2011, unfunny comedian Bill Maher disputed Barack Obama's claim to be Christian, speculating that he is actually a "secular humanist." But where is the humanity in a humanist who champions infanticide?

To America's north, the problem isn't fanaticism so much as contrived complacency. The *Vancouver Sun*, September 9, 2012, reported a story titled "Stephen Harper takes calculated risk citing: 'My Christ.'" It

contends that “Prime Minister Stephen Harper took the political risk of making a rare public reference to his evangelical Christian beliefs while criticizing an American pastor’s plans to burn 200 copies of The Koran on Sept. 11th.” The writer quotes Harper as saying, “I don’t speak very often about my own religion but let me be very clear: My God and my Christ is a tolerant God, and that’s what we want to see in this world.”

Mr. Harper seems to think “his Christ” is outraged by the prospect of Americans torching Korans but “tolerant” of Canadians killing full-term newborns. CTVNews.ca, January 31, 2013, posted a story headlined “No intention of reopening abortion debate, Harper says.” The article reports that “... MPs from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario made the request [for an infanticide inquiry] on House of Commons letterhead to RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.” The MPs “call the abortions ‘possible murders’ that require a thorough police investigation.” Their contention is that “From 2000 to 2009 in Canada, there were 491 abortions of 20 weeks’ gestation and greater that resulted in live births This means that the aborted child died after it was born.”

Mr. Harper remains unmoved by the allegation that newborns are being butchered on his watch. “I think all members of this house, whether they agree with it or not, understand that abortion is legal in Canada and this government, myself included, have made it very clear that the government does not intend to change the law in this regard,” Harper said Thursday.” Perhaps Mr. Harper doesn’t understand that this particular debate isn’t about making new law to protect a fetus from abortion. It’s about enforcing existing law to protect a neonate from murder. To paraphrase theologian Francis Schaeffer, if slaughtering newborns doesn’t prick the PM’s “Christian” conscience, the world has the right to ask whether Christ is real -- or at least whether Mr. Harper’s faith is genuine. Huffington Post Canada, August 16, 2012, questioned the character of Mr. Harper’s faith in a story headlined “Stephen Harper’s Religion: John McKay, Liberal MP, Defends PM from Charges His Faith Influences Policy.” At Straight.com, June 7, 2012, “Elizabeth May sees no evidence that Prime Minister Stephen Harper is a practising Christian.” Based upon his governing philosophy, “... Green Party of Canada Leader Elizabeth May caused an uproar in the comments section by saying she has seen no evidence that Prime Minister Stephen Harper is a Christian.” Nor have we.

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And Canada isn’t the only country in which defenseless newborn babies are being remorselessly dispatched. CNN.com posted a March 4, 2013 story headlined “Dr. Kermit Gosnell ‘house of horrors’: Philadelphia physician accused of severing babies’ spines.” It quoted the scandalized prosecutor in a case involving an abortionist who tortured to death late-term and full-term babies -- born alive -- because he allegedly lacked the training required to kill them in the womb. So he merely induced labor, delivered them alive, and summarily executed them. “A doctor who cuts into the necks severing the spinal cords of living, breathing babies, who would survive with proper medical attention, is committing murder under the law,” Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams said.” But who cares? Not Messrs. Obama or Harper.

In a sign of the times, Salon.com, January 23, 2013, featured an article titled “So what if abortion ends life?” The writer acknowledges her “... conviction that the fetus is indeed a life” but adds dismissively that it is “A life worth sacrificing.” Child sacrifice. Just like in the Old Testament. And the non sequitur that abortion should be seen as no big deal -- even to Christians -- is widespread.

Politico.com, March 8, 2013, posted a story headlined “Idaho fetal pain law is struck down.” It reported that in so ruling, “... Judge B. Lynn Winmill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho said Idaho’s law, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, is unconstitutional.” Of course, “Winmill, who was named to the court by President Bill Clinton, said it violates Supreme Court precedent established in *Roe v. Wade* that specifies that an abortion cannot be restricted before viability, which is now generally considered to be around 23 to 24 weeks.” The fact is that preemies have been saved at 20 weeks with proper care.

Weak spiritual leadership has fostered appalling Christian ignorance of facts related to the majesty of prenatal development and the brutality of abortion. This ignorance accounts for enormous numbers of evangelical and Catholic voters staying home or voting pro-abortion on election days in 2008 and 2012. Many appeared to heed the advice of Disciples of Christ cleric Craig M. Watts, who posted an article titled “Why Abortion Should not be Politically Decisive for Christians.” September 18, 2012, at RedLetterChristians.org. “Rev.” Watts is part of a cadre of mostly evangelical pastors who have betrayed the preborn by trivializing abortion and effectively embracing Barack Obama.

Large numbers of evangelical and Catholic pastors who claim to oppose abortion have utterly failed to lead on the defining moral crisis of our generation. That lapse has created a vacuum eagerly filled by the pro-abortion leaders of apostate churches. “Rev.” Watts, for instance, would have us believe that a “... full-fledged, soul-imbued human life ... [does not start] at conception ...” He seems to have missed the fact that God became man at the moment of Christ’s conception, not the moment of Christ’s birth. He also says he finds the notion of personhood for embryos “... to be a strange view given that 80% of all embryos fail to become imbedded in the wall of the uterus where they can develop.” Approximately 50% of embryos may actually be the percentage spontaneously aborted, not the 80% claimed by “Rev.” Watts, according to the textbook *Biology: Today and Tomorrow With Physiology* (Starr, Evers & Starr, Brooks/Cole, 2012). But the high percentage which dies at a very early age doesn’t make them any less human, or diminish the degree to which they are created in the Image of God. We all die sooner or later.

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Genesis 30:22 reveals that God opens wombs. 1 Samuel 1:5 discloses that God closes wombs. In every act of intercourse, God decides whether babies will be conceived and whether they will implant. Most pro-life theologians believe that babies go to heaven when aborted spontaneously or electively. They teach the same concerning children who die before reaching the age of reason. EPM.org’s insightful *Eternity 101* video series suggests that there is scriptural evidence for the proposition that heaven will be heavily populated with children who experienced prenatal or neonatal death. In Matthew 19:14, “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

This possibility might help reconcile some apparent interpretational discontinuities among scripture passages related to heaven. In Matthew 7:14, for instance, Christ reveals that “... the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.” But in Revelation 7:9, the Apostle John is permitted to see heaven and reports “... a large crowd which no one could number, out of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues.” In Revelation 19:1, John says, “After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven ...” Hebrews 12:1-2 says “... we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses [watching from heaven]....” EPM’s Randy Alcorn speculates that perhaps relatively few *born people* will find the path to Paradise, but huge numbers of *preborn people* will throng the New Earth. Nonetheless, even if spontaneous abortions are arguably God’s will, elective abortions thwart God’s will.

God does not create junk. There is no logical basis for concluding that a six-hour-old, single-cell zygote is a lesser being than a six-day-old blastocyst or a six-week-old fetus -- or even a six-month-old fetus. It signals breathtaking arrogance to assert that embryos who fail to implant are mistakes, without meaning, purpose or value -- simply because we don’t understand the significance of God’s decision to create human beings whose lifespans will be measured in moments. Yet the histories of science and religion are littered with embarrassing examples of hubris among elite researchers and theologians. These people seldom learn.

On September 21, 2012, WorldMag.com posted a humbling article titled “Debunking junk” which dealt with genetic material which scientists dismissed as “junk DNA,” simply because they couldn’t discern its function. The story says “Out of 3 billion bases, less than 2 percent [of DNA] actually manufactured the

proteins making up the human body. The remaining 98 percent were apparently useless -- discarded byproducts, some said, of millennia of evolution.” Scientific presumption ran riot. “Even Francis Crick, in a paper he co-authored in 1980, dismissed much of the genome as ‘little better than junk.’ For scientists to ‘hunt obsessively’ for the beneficial function of such DNA, Crick argued, would be ‘folly.’”

But a few humble scientists searched on. “And now, 32 years later, they’ve painstakingly ferreted out a discovery revolutionizing our understanding of the genome: At least 80 percent of human DNA -- perhaps more -- is biochemically active.” The human body is exquisitely elaborate -- to an infinitely greater degree than can be reasonably explained by an endless series of random accidents. “With the help of new DNA sequencing technology, researchers have identified functions for millions of DNA segments previously dismissed as junk.” Smackdown! “Their findings, announced on a raft of 30 scientific papers released September 5, reveal a genetic code breathtakingly more complex than we ever imagined, and one that challenges Darwinism.”

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As our ministry partner Michael Spielman points out in his excellent new book *Love the Least (A Lot)*, available for free download at <http://www.abort73.com/gear/books/>. Jeremiah 1:13 says, “Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’” Michael adds that: “In God’s economy, we are not only persons before birth, we are persons before conception. On some level, God knows us before we exist [in any physical sense].” Psalm 139:13-16 says: “... in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.” God’s Word confirms a purpose for every life, whether long or short.

Yet man continues to mock God by trashing many of the youngest who bear His image. A related LifeNews.com story is posted at sites.silaspartners.com and headlined “Human Embryos Routinely Discarded at U.S. Fertility Clinics.” It cites a “... University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University [study which] indicates that 84 percent of clinics throw out ‘extra’ embryos created during IVF procedures.” The article says that 50,000 women use in vitro fertilization each year in the U.S. and that some 400,000 embryos are currently in frozen storage. “Clinics that disposed of embryos treated the days-old unborn children like medical waste and often discarded them by means of incineration.” This is precisely why CBR produces video as well as signs and literature which defend life from the instant of fertilization; we don’t concede any baby at any age. Visit <http://www.abortionno.org/boycott-drug-dealers/> to see the new sign we will soon use to picket pharmacies which sell abortifacient drugs. It will also play an important role in our sidewalk outreach to churches and Christian schools. Someone needs to counter the toxic influence of apostates like “Rev.” Watts and by God’s grace, with your help, CBR will answer that call.

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