

Life Starts at Conception

There are many arguments against and for abortion. I think that the strongest arguments against abortion are in science and in God's Word. Abortion is the deliberate termination of a human baby's life during pregnancy. Most abortions are performed during the first twenty-eight weeks of pregnancy. Over 1.3 million legal abortions are performed in the United States of America each year. (prolifeacrossamerica.org)

Conception is generally considered the moment that the egg is fertilized. Approximately eighteen days after conception a heartbeat develops. After only twenty-eight days from conception a baby has eyes, ears, and even a tongue. At thirty days the fetal brain has human proportions and blood flows in veins. Around forty-two days the skeleton is formed and the brain makes movements of muscles and organs. Although it takes nearly forty weeks for a typical baby to be born, development begins immediately after conception, and many healthy babies are born much sooner than forty weeks, some even at twenty-three weeks. (prolifeacrossamerica.org)

Although there are no verses in the Bible that specifically say that abortion is a sin, there are some that talk about unborn babies. Isaiah 49:1- "Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name." (King James Version) Jeremiah 1:5- "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (King James Version) Psalms 127:3- "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (King James Version) Psalms 139:13-14- "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." (King James Version) All of these verses talk about unborn babies and that God recognizes life before birth. There are also references in the Bible about the value of life. Genesis 9:6- "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in image of God made he man." (King James Version) Exodus 20:13- "Thou shalt not kill." (King James Version) These verses talk about the consequences of taking a human life, and that God made man in his own image.

As we can see in science, development starts almost directly after conception. In God's Word we see the value of life; we also see that God recognizes life before birth. I am pro-life because I think that life begins at conception and that you should not be able to kill an innocent human life.