

Survival of the Weakest

Exposing the Culture of Death in Eugenics

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Introduction: We all have weaknesses. We've all been pushed around by someone. One of the things that attracted me to my wife is her spirit of mercy. She was always the one that would defend the weak. She would befriend the one that everyone made fun of. If there was a handicapped person, either mentally or physically, she would be quick to befriend them.

That quality is a reflection of God's love and mercy. God chooses the weak. Paul tells us that in **1 Corinthians 1**.

He says in **1 Corinthians 1:26-29, 31**, "For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God." And then look at **verse 31**, "Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.""

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I. God Values Life (Gen. 1:27; Exodus 21:22-23;).

Illustration of first pregnancy: I remember the thrill of finding out for the first time that my wife was expecting. It was a surprise. But once we knew, the thrill of having a family overcame us. Then came the day for the 11 week ultra sound. It was exciting news. We were having twins. But then our joy was turned to excruciating pain. There were no heart beats. Those of you who have lost children know this pain, and those unable to conceive know it as well.

As I stood outside of the operating room I felt so helpless as my wife went through a procedure to remove the children's remains from her womb. We felt unspeakable loss. It is every awful term you can apply to it.

Yet over one million women each year elect to take the precious life of their perfectly healthy baby in abortion clinics all around the country. Today, in your United States of America, 3,287 baby boys and girls will die because their mother is

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture is from the *English Standard Version* of the Bible.

being told by her school, by her family, and by her doctor that the child inside her womb is not yet human.

God has a different declaration.

A. All human beings are made in the image of God (Jms. 3:8-10; Gen. 1:27).

God is our Maker, and he values all human life as precious. We are all “made in the likeness of God” (**James 3:9**). James says we are not even to speak curse other human beings. **James 3:8-10**, “no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.” He says this “ought not to be so”. We ought to value all life like God values life.

We read at the very beginning of our Bible in **Genesis 1:27**, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

B. To anyone who would kill a child, even by malicious negligence, he is to be put to death (Exo. 21:22-23).

Exodus 21:22-23, “When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life.”

We also live by this law in our country. But we live in strange and confusing times. If a man kills a pregnant woman, he is put on trial for double homicide! But if the doctors who take the lives of 3,000 babies today in our country are not criminals in the eyes of our code of justice.

Yet we will have our day before the Almighty. Nothing goes unnoticed by Almighty God. He values life.

C. God especially values life in the womb (Isa. 49:1; Jer. 1:5).

Two prophets make a strong declaration of the personhood of babies in the womb.

1. **Isaiah’s** testimony. The prophet said, “The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name” (**Isaiah 49:1**).
2. **Jeremiah’s** testimony. God says to **Jeremiah** in **1:5**, “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.”

Don't think for a moment that God values you less than Isaiah and Jeremiah. When you were yet in your sins Christ as the merciful Savior came when you were without strength and died in your place.

You could not save yourself, and he saved you. He comes not to save the righteous, but sinners—not to heal the whole, but those who are sick!

II. **God Chooses the Weak** (1 Corinthians 1:26-29, 31).

We come back to our text in **1 Corinthians 1:26-29, 31**, "For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God." And then look at **verse 31**, "Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.""

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Furthermore, listen to the Apostle Paul's opinion of weakness in 2 Corinthians 12:9.

This is in direct opposition to the philosophy of evolution which seeks to discard the "weak" and remove those that are deemed "unfit".

A. What is Eugenics? It is a philosophy that discards the "unfit" and "weak". It is a racist philosophy of evolution that holds that certain races are more intellectually advanced than other races. Eugenics has been called "the moral outcome of evolution". That is it is a survival of the fittest mentality. It is racism on steroids.

B. Let's consider some horrifying examples of Eugenics.

What does it look like? It is very ugly. It is the reason for...

1. Consider **Nazi Germany**. The fruits of Darwinian evolution gave rise to the Nazi conception of racial superiority.
2. Consider **Ota Benga**, an dark skinned man from one of the Aborigines peoples in Australia. He was called the "missing link" at the St. Louis State Fair.
3. Consider Planned Parenthood's **Margaret Sanger**. Margaret Sanger spoke of sterilizing those she designated as "unfit," a plan she said would be the "salvation of American civilization." And she also spoke of those who were "irresponsible and reckless," among whom she

included those "whose religious scruples prevent their exercising control over their numbers." She further contended that "there is no doubt in the minds of all thinking people that the procreation of this group should be stopped."

Illustration: Sanger's philosophy is playing out and happening literally in our backyards. In a 10 second search of the Internet, I found that abortion is frighteningly available and accessible. One very prominent ad immediately came up: The banner read "Illinois Abortion Clinics: Serving the Chicago area with Convenient Locations". Listed beneath were numerous locations near Tabernacle Baptist Church. Within a 30 minute drive from this church, there are more than Planned Parenthood abortion clinics. Naperville, Schaumburg, Des Plaines, Glen Ellyn, Downers Grove, Wooddale, Hinsdale, Lincolnwood.

4. Consider **Charles Darwin.**

Darwin is I believe the most dangerous racist ever to live. He planted the seeds of racism that grew in the heart of Margaret Sanger, Adolf Hitler, and is the driving engine for the abortion movement today.

Do you know what the subtitle to his famous work, *The Origin of Species*, is?

"*The Origin of Species: The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*". Of course Darwin was European, so naturally he thought his race was most advanced. This is a lie that captivated our country and the world from well before Darwin. But Darwin put a scientific theory to it. And that theory took hold on our society.

It is partially the cause for much racism, segregation, the Jim Crow laws. There was a time in our country when African-Americans were called "colored" and not allowed to drink from the same water fountain, or use the same restrooms, or ride in the same part of the bus. Some of you are old enough to have lived through the racism and segregation of schools where there were separate schools for different ethnicities, and mainly it was the "white school" and the school for people of other ethnicities.

C. How is Eugenics disproven in society?

- With many improvements in the measures of equality in our society, we see people of all family groups on the earth have all levels of advancement and intelligence.
- If you live among a people group, you will find that all people are alike—all ethnic groups all rational, intelligent, emotional beings. We all have homes, languages that we are familiar with. We all want to be loved. We all have amazing talents and abilities.

- Many of the perceived discrimination comes simply from pride. If given the right opportunities all people can display their God-given gifts and talents. It is clear that we would have had many brilliant African or Asian or Hispanic presidents had we not had our history of following Darwin's lie. It is racist. What joy and sorrow I had when our president was elected. With him, we began to put to rest the destructive lies of eugenics. And yet this same president supports the movement in our society that was designed to depopulate his ethnic group.

D. How is it disproven scientifically?

- With extensive studies, we now know that all humanity is quite identical in our DNA. Our differences are truly only "skin deep". No legitimate scientist anywhere can argue from biology that there are any differences in the various ethnic groups in the world. As the Bible says, we are all one blood, one family, one human race.

E. What does the Bible say about Eugenics?

1. It's bogus. Consider how ridiculous the idea that there are people who are not worthy to live because they are a certain race, or because they are weak or infirm or physically or mentally handicapped.

We are called not to destroy those we deem as "unfit", "different", or "weak". The Bible commands us to defend the weak!

- **Psalm 82:3-4**, "Defend the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Illustration of Chris: I had a friend named Chris about 20 years ago when I was a camp counselor for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Pennsylvania. That year I was touched at the close of camp when he sang a beautiful song "He who began a good work in you".² The lyrics are as follows:

*He who began a good work in you
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it
He'll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you*

Verse
*If the struggle you're facing
Is slowly replacing
Your hope with despair*

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*Or the process is long
And you're losing your song in the night
You can be sure
That the Lord has His hand on you
Safe and secure
He will never abandon you
You are His treasure
And He finds His pleasure in you*

Chris is a committed Christian. Is that true? Will God complete His work in us until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:6)? Amen!

But something very disturbing took place. Years later I went to visit the camp and got to see Chris. He was radically different. He had caught a virus that attacked his brain, and though he was mentally fine, all his motor skills and speech abilities were severely impaired.

Was Chris less of a person now? Absolutely not! God is still doing His work in and through Chris. And he is reaching people he could never have reached in ways he could not have reached. Chris was much weaker. This could be a discouragement. But what did Paul say about our weaknesses and infirmities?

2 Corinthians 12:9 he recalled the promise of the Lord, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” And what was Paul response? “Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2. The Bible says we are fearfully and wonderfully made. **Psalm 139**. All our days and all our parts, though they are imperfect, are planned by God before we are born for His purposes.
3. The Bible says we are made in the image of God. **Genesis 1:27**.
4. The Bible also says that any strength we have is from God. Why should we boast? **1 Corinthians 4:7**, “For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn’t receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn’t received it?” (HCSB).
5. We are told in Acts 17 that we are all one blood, one race, descended from the same father, Adam. **Acts 17:26**, “And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth”. We are all descended from one man, Adam. We are all brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles. We are all family! Our differences are truly only skin deep!

6. Let me repeat that we are called not to destroy those we deem as “unfit”, “different”, or “weak”. The Bible commands us to defend the weak and to glory in our own weaknesses.
 - **Psalm 82:3-4**, “Defend the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

F. What are the dangerous pitfalls in the philosophy of eugenics—the survival of the fittest and the destruction of the “unfit” and “weak”?

- The philosophy of eugenics promotes racism, pride, arrogance, and bigotry.
- It promotes abortion and devalues all human life—I saw a story this week where a mother was reunited with her 3 week old daughter that was stolen from her in the hospital over 20 years ago. The devastating loss and pain was palpable in hearing her story. Yet over 3000 women today will choose to forever destroy the life of their precious child. Now you realize the founders of the abortion movement had a strong racist agenda. We need to expose the “unfruitful works of darkness”.

Conclusion: What should we do? There is a story that brings this truth home about an elderly German man who lived through the Holocaust that answers that question. He says:

I always considered myself a Christian. I attended a church since I was a small boy. We had heard the stories of what was happening to the Jews; but like most people in America today, we tried to distance ourselves from the reality of what was really taking place. What could anyone do to stop it?

A railroad track ran behind our small church, and each Sunday morning we would hear the whistle from a distance and then the clacking of the wheels moving over the track. We became disturbed when one Sunday we heard cries coming from the train as it passed by. We grimly realized that the train was carrying Jews.

Week after week that train whistle would blow. We would dread to hear the sound of those old wheels because we knew that the Jews would begin to cry out to us as they passed our church. It was so terribly disturbing! We could do nothing to help these poor people, yet their screams tormented us. We knew exactly at what time that whistle would blow, and we decided the only way to keep from being so disturbed by the cries was to start singing our hymns. If some of the screams reached our ears, we'd sing a little louder until we could hear them no more.

Years have passed, and no one talks about it much any more; but I still hear that train whistle in my sleep. I can still hear them crying out for help. God forgive all of us who called ourselves Christians, yet did nothing to intervene.³

Does this sound like the United States in 2011 — are we tempted to just "sing a little louder"? How should we respond as Christians?

- Warn and inform all people that we are accountable to God how we treat our fellow man made in His image.
- Evaluate the culture around you—don't park your brain at the door. Be involved. Always be mentoring and teaching others of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Glory in your weakness, and help those who are weak.
- Ultimately, the way you can show the greatest amount of dignity to all human life, is to give them the hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Proclaim to all our need of redemption in the Cross of Christ!

Remember the words of Paul: “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong” (1 Cor. 1:27). Aren't you glad God is opposed to this prideful, inhumane, unmerciful movement born out of Darwin's lies? God does not believe in survival of the fittest, for there is none who is fit! God believes in survival of the weakest. God chooses the weak!!

³ As recounted in Erwin W. Lutzer's book "Hitler's Cross".