

Fundamental Christian Teaching:

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The chief message of the Judeo-Christian tradition which can be found throughout the Scriptures is that God created the world out of a deep sense of love and he endowed human beings with souls, intellects, creativity, and free will out of the same love. Those special gifts which spring from our soul are the very things that make us unique, they are also the very things that make us in the image and likeness of God himself.

No human being can ever earn the gifts he has already received from God: life, a soul, free will, an intellect, creativity, forgiveness when we turn away from him, grace and the chance to participate in creating his kingdom on earth.

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One of the great lessons of Scripture is that we humans cause great harm when we turn away from God and create our own plans for our lives and the world. But, when we cooperate with his will we, reach out for a relationship with him, and constantly search for the truth then we find great happiness and peace.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to **love the Lord with all of our hearts, minds, and strengths and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.**

We make many choices on a regular basis that violate this essential teaching. Each time we violate this teaching we are violating the sanctity of human life.

Culture of Life vs. Culture of Death

In his letter *Evangelium Vitae* (*the Gospel of Life*), Pope John Paul II described two opposing concepts in the world today.

Culture of Life = focused on loving each other and serving each other

Culture of Death = focused on loving ourselves and serving ourselves

Culture of Death

Choices that we make that focus on ourselves and fail to consider others as sacred as we are in our decision making process.

EXAMPLES

Purchasing goods that exploit humans or the environment

Pornography and entertainment that exploits human beings and their sexuality

Capital punishment and policies that do not work to reform criminals

Policies that fail to provide adequate education for some members of society

Creating human life for our needs and wants, not because the life itself is sacred

Ignoring poverty

Allowing people to feel that their lives are so worthless suicide is the only option

Allowing women to feel that abortion is the only option

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Purchasing goods that are made in fair conditions and traded fairly

Choosing entertainment that is respectful of other human beings

Policies that consider criminals as valuable human beings and work to help them

Policies that seek to ensure that all people have fair and adequate opportunities for education regardless of where they are born or who their parents are

Caring for all human life, especially the most vulnerable (elderly, the sick, orphans)

Working to end poverty and to alleviate the suffering of the poor

Working to ensure all people feel loved and valuable regardless of their problems

Working to ensure that all women are loved and have opportunities and that it is possible for them to be mothers without feeling like their lives are over

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FREE
CHOICE

But without housing

on campus for me and my baby,

without on-site daycare,

without maternity coverage in

my health insurance,

Feminists for Life believes that we should not feel forced to sacrifice our children for an education or a career.

If you would like to work on securing non-violent choices for women or need information on pregnancy resources, please contact us.

it sure doesn't feel like I have

much of a choice.

IF SHE'S IN TROUBLE



HE'S IN TROUBLE, TOO.

**"Hey, I'll pay for an abortion, but I won't pay for child support."
Sound familiar?**

**When you conceive a child, you both enter into an invisible contract
to take care of your daughter or son for the next 18 years.**

**Thanks to legislation that strengthens child support enforcement,
the father may no longer abandon his child financially.**

Not without penalty.

Refuse to Choose® • Women Deserve Better®



Did I deserve the
death penalty?

**My "crime" was being conceived through rape.
So the next time you hear people talking about "exceptions"
to abortion for rape and incest, think of me.
My name is Rebecca.**

I am that exception.

Question Abortion.SM



Would you say that to my face?

Would you tell me that I never should have been born?

**That is the message sent when people talk about
aborting "gross fetal anomalies."**

People who overcome adversity inspire, challenge and enrich our world.

It's time to *question abortion.*SM

**Abortion is a
reflection that
we have not
met the needs
of women.**



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