

Thoughts on Euthanizing our Population

On a recent trip to Europe, I visited Nuremburg, where the historic Nuremburg war crime trials were held. As explained by the guide, one of those on trial confessed to have been responsible at one of the camps, for the death of one million people. The statement was breathtaking. One or one million, the thought of killing people just because they existed was shocking. Those who died at the camps had killed no one, stolen from no one, abused no one. They were selected by a godless man who deemed the Jews as unworthy of life, to be irradiated according to his will. History has taught us to hate that man for the destruction what he authorized, which nearly wiped out the Jewish population in Europe.

Is our society on the verge of killing people because they exist too? How shall we think of the ill, aged and infirmed? Are they to be selected or encouraged to remove themselves from our population because they exist? As a Christian, the idea of God' implanting a soul at conception, into the tiny body that began as an embryo and grew to be an infant, recognizes the soul is not ours to return to God based on our wisdom. The soul is still the mark that life is. That life belongs to God. We are not worthy to choose the "expiration date" on our own.

Some will say "*What about those who are suffering? Shouldn't we relieve their suffering by ending their life?*" Much has been said about the suffering of those who have been identified as ill, aged or infirmed. Our lives will contain suffering. Christ suffered, Mary suffered. The blind and the lame suffered and still do today. Since *The Fall* the suffering of man has been present throughout the ages.

Let us get a definition of life as "a place" on the continuum of time to understand our existence better. How long is eternity? Can we even begin to understand the length of that measurement? We measure our lives in years, months, days and hours, but in the greater scheme of eternity, our lives are not even an eye lash, a tiny particle or a whips of air when measured against eternity. Our lives are a tiny immeasurable distance of time as seen by our creator. And yet He values each of us as His child.

He loves us beyond our ability to understand. He holds each of us dearly to His heart.

We will suffer. Our society is blessed with medications that will ease suffering with pain altering chemistry which will relieve the agony of illness. It does not give us the option to claim death through those pain relievers or other created means. It is God's decision to bring us home to Him. He decides to call each soul home in it's time to be with him for eternity. We can't hold that decision as our own nor assume we know best for our selves or others. Because clearly – who among us have done that good of a job of running our own life that we can claim the title of “life terminator”? God is jealous. He does not want us to imitate him by choosing our own date of death. Our days, our lives are in His hands. Allow Him to be the God that we trust. Look at what he had in mind for the witness of His glory to others which we can testify to by our life choices. Open the eyes of others that – we may not understand His ways, but trusting in His wisdom, we glorify Him.

Choose life, both at the beginning and at the end of life. Place your trust in God's divine provision. His sovereign love is higher, wider and deeper than we can understand. We exist according to His will. According to His will we will die and then join him for eternity. According to His will for each of us, we existing in His divine love both now and for eternity.

Praise be to God!

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