

Why I Became a Pro-Life Activist

by Barbara Buzzard

I came to this in increments. I first remember being shattered by reading what actually occurred in deciding *Roe v. Wade* (*Compelling Interest: The Real Story Behind Roe v. Wade*). Such carelessness, laxness, shallow thinking, stupidity, and failure to recognize pure evil led to this life-ending Supreme Court decision. In listening to the audio of the trial I was stunned by what was admitted: there would no case if it could be shown that the unborn were human!

Then I went on to read Dr. Bernard Nathanson's testimony of having run the largest abortion clinic in the U.S. until he became convinced that he was involved in a demonic procedure. He repented bitterly and went on to write *The Hand of God: A Journey from Death to Life by the Abortion Doctor Who Changed His Mind*. He also wrote *Aborting America* and produced the film *The Silent Scream*. One of Nathanson's biggest strengths is his revelation of the utter and complete deception involved. Abortion is built on lies. Lies frame it; lies support it; lies protect it. And as Christians I believe we have the responsibility of recognizing lies — and then reacting to them. And just as God's marvelous forgiveness has covered Nathanson's sins, so too with anyone who has had an abortion or been involved with it.

I continued my reading and became more and more stunned. I learned so much — and I have never been able to unlearn it. Once you know, you know! That is why I fail to understand the church's silence (for the most part). Aren't the ones who *know* just as guilty as the ones who *practice* such evil deeds? How can any church even *be* a church without standing against this slaughter? It's sordid and grotesque and depraved. It's an assault on every moral tenet known to man.

I believe any assent to abortion (and isn't silence assent?) deforms us as a people and as a nation. My reading (and by then I was writing) continued with several books by Randy Alcorn, which were invaluable. He's a great writer; no pastor or individual hoping to be able to help others should be without his book *Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments*.

And yes, I have been “warned” not to get involved in this fight as it isn't “nice.” But I am compelled by Isaiah 1:17 and so many other similar Scriptures: “Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the orphan.” And yes, this is heavy and it is hard to know the depths of the evil, but it is better than ignorance. Ignorance has functioned as a curse in this matter. Apathy is even worse. And to close one's eyes is dangerous in that it can lead to a hardening of the heart.

Let me be radical and say that you have no idea what this abortion business is about until you have read *The Abortion Holocaust* by William Brennan. Which is to say that we are living — now, today — through a holocaust. I don't think the “we didn't know” excuse will be valid on Judgment Day. Ben Shapiro, Ray Comfort, Matt Walsh and others have been excellent resources for me and wonderfully passionate examples of what we should all be.

And now that America is finally waking up to what is happening — infanticide — perhaps the tide will turn. It has been agonizingly slow. I have so many questions: How could good people display such apathy? Do we not even recognize what murder is? What has happened to the consciences of abortion workers and doctors? Have we been silenced and swallowed up by the unbelievably evil lies regarding “choice”? (“Choice” is used as a euphemism to mean somebody dies.)

We must start by telling ourselves the truth. And the truth is that as this despicable picture unravels it reveals the fact that abortionists not only leave newborn babies to die, but that they also have — as a procedure — snipped the necks of babies to kill them. As one abortionist was heard to say, she would break the neck of a baby born alive.

I am afraid we have come to this in part because of simply not standing in protest, closing our eyes and allowing this savagery under the guise of “women's rights.” Doesn't this inhumane behavior demand protest? How could we not stand against this? I thought that Scripture encourages us to tell our neighbors the truth.

And so — my short answer to how I became involved in this would be: How could I not? It is hard to write this without sounding preachy. And the truth is that I want you all to become as passionate as I am.

It's all so simple really. Unborn children are persons just like you and me and that is why it is wrong to kill them. May God help us! ✧