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Here's a List of Possible Coronavirus Vaccines and Whether They Use Cells From Aborted Babies

By Brad Mattes

The onset of COVID-19 quickly motivated researchers to begin developing vaccines to protect against this sometimes-deadly virus.

Several vaccines for a variety of today's diseases and conditions have a dark history unknown by many who depend upon them. They were developed using cell lines made from electively aborted babies.

Sadly, that reality continues with some coronavirus vaccines being developed. The good news, however, is there are many more vaccines under development that do not use cells of aborted babies than those that do.

Respected researchers James L. Sherley, MD, PhD and David A. Prentice, PhD have analyzed the vaccines in question and provided us with a list of ethical and unethical COVID-19 vaccines.

Here is a snapshot of the current status of COVID-19 vaccines:

- ✓ 115 identified vaccines are in development
- ✓ At least 78 of them are actively under way
- ✓ Many are only at the laboratory investigation stage
- ✓ They represent numerous biological strategies being investigated
- ✓ 16 are in registered clinical trials or in an early pre-clinical trial stage

This and much more information is available in a research paper authored by Drs. Sherley and Prentice. A vaccine exposes our immune systems to a protein or other parts of a virus, essentially previewing a danger for our immune cells so that they are educated and prepared to fight off the actual virus, for example with pre-made antibodies, should we become infected. Some vaccines are made by using a genetically modified version of the virus which is safe because it cannot reproduce itself. But since viruses only reproduce within cells and they have to reproduce huge amounts of the modified virus to make large doses of vaccine, they must grow the virus in a laboratory-cultured cell line to facilitate mass replication.

Unfortunately, some commonly-used cell lines used for vaccines are taken from electively aborted babies. Even if the cell lines have been propagated for years, there is a direct line between the cells taken from the aborted baby and the vaccine developed or used today.

Of the 16 COVID-19 vaccines referenced above, five companies such as Janssen Research and Development have used an abortion-derived cell line.

Not only do these ethically tainted vaccines create a problem for potential recipients who oppose abortion, they inflict ethical demands on those involved with the vaccine, such as policymakers, healthcare officials, scientists or vaccine creators and funders, regardless of where they stand on abortion.

This is especially true because alternative COVID-19 vaccines can be made with noncontroversial cell types like human iPS cells, insect, hamster or monkey cells. And some vaccines can be made without using any cells at all.

The good news is that 10 companies like Protein Sciences—Sanofi do not use cell lines from aborted babies in their COVID-19 vaccines.

If and when the opportunity presents itself to choose a vaccine to protect you and your family from COVID-19, be an informed consumer that helps end the exploitation of unborn babies.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

This is likely the last newsletter you will receive before the national election. I have a couple of thoughts to share with you. First, please know that Michigan Nurses for Life is prohibited by law from endorsing and/or recommending individuals for political office. I do not intend to do either of those things. What I do intend to do is remind you all that votes have consequences that reach far beyond election day.

For many of us, the issue of the protection of human life is of paramount importance. If that is the case for you, personally, the choice among candidates for the highest office in our land is crystal clear. Both of the candidates have announced their position on the issue of abortion several times. One has vowed to be sure that women have an absolute unencumbered access to abortion, at any time during a pregnancy, at taxpayer's expense. The other candidate has publicly stated his support for women and their unborn children and has sought to provide that support, with funding for pro-life pregnancy centers, mostly by removing tax dollar funding from Planned Parenthood. He has reaffirmed his support of the Hyde Amendment to prevent taxpayer dollars from funding abortion.

If the value, respect and protection of human life is of importance to you, choosing one candidate over another is not difficult. We wanted to include some information on a possible vaccine for COVID-19 in this newsletter. That is more difficult than it sounds. There are literally hundreds of doctors, scientists, researchers, governmental bodies, business tycoons and biotech firms throughout the world working to find such a vaccine.

Of overriding concern to those who are pro-life is that any vaccine be created WITHOUT using aborted fetal tissue. When reading about the various efforts, peeling away the scientific jargon on protocols and methods is an extremely difficult task. We tried to find articles that would be informative and suggest that you do some research yourself to determine a legitimate vaccine.

PLEASE NOTE: Michigan Nurses for Life is not recommending any vaccine, or that you do or do not allow yourself to be vaccinated.

Love Life, Diane



Dismemberment Petition Drive

Right to Life of Michigan will not challenge the Bureau of Elections' recommendation that there were not 340,047 valid signatures in the Michigan Values Life petition drive to ban dismemberment abortions. The following statement can be attributed to Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing:

We know we submitted signatures from more than 340,047 registered voters. It is tragic that children will continue to be dismembered because we lost just enough signatures due to errors and petition damage like small tears and stains. Instead of focusing on court challenges regarding the counting process, we will be focusing on the critical 2020 elections moving forward. Our volunteers did an excellent job, but the bulk of the errors were things beyond our control, specifically people not knowing their voter registration status or forgetting they already signed the petition. Because we were about 20,000 signatures short of our goal of 400,000, we left room for Planned Parenthood to pick us apart so they can continue profiting from dismembering babies. We must hit our goal next time we do a petition drive.

<https://rtl.org/dismemberment-petition-drive-end/>

Arguing that life does not begin at conception is painfully, embarrassingly lame

By Dave Andrusko

Editor's note. This post from a year ago delves into a truth that pro-abortionists will do most anything to obscure/deny/obfuscate: that the life of each individual human being begins at conception.

With all that we know, it's hard to believe that pro-abortionists still cling to the notion that either (a) life does not begin at conception, or (b) at least it's an open question. In fact, it is open: open and shut.

Which is why Richard Paulson's commentary, "Why life doesn't begin at conception" is embarrassing on so many different level.

Paulson, among other things, is the immediate past president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. So he's obviously no dummy, yet he argues a position that is almost comically indefensible.

Before I go any further, it's important to understand that the go-to argument for pro-abortionists always is a variation of the idea that pro-life positions are (by definition) "religious" as opposed to "scientific." The all-purpose slur—"junk science"—is trotted out to persuade the reader that the case against pro-lifers has been made, as if name-calling is the highest form of Socratic dialogue.

But, as we will see, the case that life begins at conception is not "our" case but the conclusions of embryology.

What drew Dr. Paulson's ire was a draft of a governmental strategic plan in which the agency's mission statement said it would "cover a wide spectrum of activities, serving and protecting Americans at every stage of life, beginning at conception."

And the problem with that is what exactly?

"This is a religious definition of life, not a scientific one.

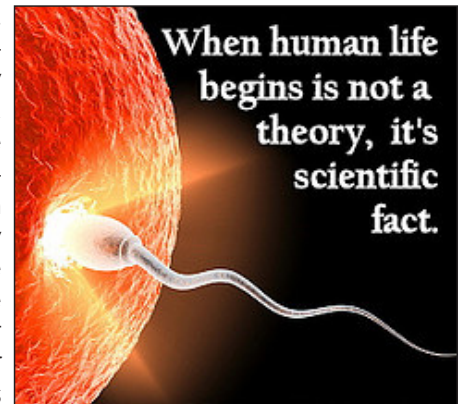
Really? Is someone of his stature unaware that there are loads of textbooks affirming that basic biological truism? Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life's Paul Stark has addressed this on multiple occasions and always lists just some of the many embryology books that affirm life begins at conception.

The real core of Paulson's argument comes a few paragraphs later and springs from his observation that human reproduction "is a highly inefficient process." Dr. Paulson writes:

"As women age, the proportion of eggs with chromosomal abnormalities increases dramatically. If such eggs are fertilized, they implant rarely, or result in a miscarriage. In vitro fertilization has shown human reproduction to be a highly inefficient process. Even a chromosomally normal embryo will successfully implant and result in a live birth only about half the time. This is true whether fertilization takes place in the body or in the laboratory."

But as Micahiah Bilger once observed, "It appears that Paulson was implying that human life does not begin at fertilization because so many embryos die before implantation. But this is a value-based argument,

not a scientific one. Some human beings are more likely to die than others, maybe because of their age or environment or even the point in history in which they were born. But these factors should not determine whether a human being is valuable."



And note this rhetorical sleight of hand: what Paulson is emphasizing is not when life begins but when it ends.

One other important point. As we've written on many occasions, pro-abortionists are masters of misdirection (getting off on the "personhood" rabbit trail is a favorite) and mixing categories. They sound profound but in fact they are deliberately confused and confusing.

For example, a common retort is:

"Just because something is alive and human does not give it moral rights. My kidney is alive and human, does it have moral rights?"

Mr. Stark offered a devastating response to that debater's point once made by Prof. David Schultz:

It's true that merely being alive and human—like a kidney, or the skin cells on the back of my hand—does not say much. But Schultz misses one more biological fact about the unborn (i.e., the human embryo or fetus), a fact that makes the unborn radically different from a human kidney or skin cells: the unborn is a whole (though immature) organism, not a mere part of another. [My underlining.]

When that doesn't work, rather than retreat, pro-abortionists such as Amanda Marcotte double down: "Actual biologists, for what it's worth, argue that life is continuous and that a fertilized egg is no more or less alive than a sperm or an unfertilized egg," she argues.

Stark responded: "This is remarkably biologically uninformed. Life in general is continuous (sperm and egg are alive), but the life of an individual human being is not continuous. It has a beginning and an end.

To return to Dr. Paulson, he concludes that "science and data, not faith-based belief" should drive the question of when life begins.

Actually the "driver" is the ability to make distinctions and acknowledge the consensus of science.

Dr. Paulson has plenty of credentials, no doubt. But he is wrong for all the reasons I've mentioned and many more. Life does begin at conception.

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Remove statues of Margaret Sanger— Planned Parenthood founder tied to eugenics and racism

By Dr. Susan Berry

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY) announced [July 21] it plans to remove the name of the organization's founder, Margaret Sanger, from its flagship abortion facility in New York City because of her "harmful connections to the eugenics movement." The announcement also indicated the organization would be working with city officials to "rename an honorary street sign that marks the 'Margaret Sanger Square' at the intersection of Bleecker and Mott Streets in Manhattan."

"The removal of Margaret Sanger's name from our building is both a necessary and overdue step to reckon with our legacy and acknowledge Planned Parenthood's contributions to historical reproductive harm within communities of color," said Karen Seltzer, PPGNY board chair, in a statement.

"Margaret Sanger's concerns and advocacy for reproductive health have been clearly documented, but so too has her racist legacy," she added. "There is overwhelming evidence for Sanger's deep belief in eugenic ideology, which runs completely counter to our values at PPGNY."

The announcement comes one month after Planned Parenthood workers accused former PPGNY CEO Laura McQuade of "systemic racism" and "abuse" and called for her removal. In an open letter listing their complaints about McQuade, several hundred Planned Parenthood employees also referred to Sanger.

"Planned Parenthood was founded by a racist, white woman," the workers wrote. "That is a part of history that cannot be changed."

The plan to remove Sanger's name also comes less than a year since Planned Parenthood Federation of America CEO Alexis McGill Johnson wrote in a letter to the editor at the *Wall Street Journal* that editorial board member Bill McGurn's depiction of Sanger's involvement in the Negro Project, an effort to curb blacks from reproducing, "is callous and incorrect."

—Breitbart News, July 21, 2020

Editor's Note: For years, pro-life organizations have been trying to shine a light on the background of Margaret Sanger. We were called liars, haters of women, anti-woman and more. Humble pie must be very hard to swallow.



National Association of Pro-Life Nursing Students Scholarship

The 2021 National Association of Pro-Life Nurses' scholarship application is available on their website at www.nursesforlife.org. Any student currently enrolled in an accredited school of nursing in the fall, winter or spring of the 2020-2021 school year, including full or part-time, is eligible to participate.

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Featuring: Diamond & Silk

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To find a location visit: 40daysforlife.com

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Sept. 12 -1:00 pm, White Chapel Cemetery, Troy

734-524-0162

Life Chain – Oct. 4 – 2:00 -3:30 pm

To find a location: 734-524-0162