SCANDAL and the COVID-19 VACCINE MORAL CALCULUS

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REMOTE LICIT COOPERATION IN EVIL

Abortion, Research, Development
Manufacturing, Marketing
Doctors, Parents

Formal (intentional)

Material (unintentional)

Immediate (direct)

Proximate

Mediate (indirect)

Proximate

Remote

Passive or Active?

BUT! We have a “grave responsibility”!
There is a **grave responsibility** to use alternative vaccines and to make a conscientious objection with regard to those which have moral problems;

- as regards the vaccines without an alternative, the need to contest so that others may be prepared must be reaffirmed, as should be the lawfulness of using the former in the meantime insomuch as is necessary in order to avoid a serious risk not only for one's own children but also, and perhaps more specifically, for the health conditions of the population as a whole...

- the lawfulness of the use of these vaccines should **not be misinterpreted** as declaration of the lawfulness of their production, marketing and use, but is to be understood as being a passive material cooperation and, in its mildest and remotest sense, also active, morally justified as an *extrema ratio* due to the necessity to provide for the good of one's children...

- such cooperation occurs in a context of **moral coercion of the conscience** of parents, who are forced to choose to act against their conscience or otherwise, to put the health of their children and of the population as a whole at risk. This is an **unjust alternative choice**, which must be eliminated as soon as possible.
DEFINITION OF SCANDAL

“Scandal is therefore fittingly described as something done less rightly, so as to comprise both whatever is sinful in itself, and all that has an appearance of evil.” STII-II.43.1 and 1 Thess 5:22

“...if a man were to sit at meat in the idol’s temple (1 Cor 8:10), though this is not sinful in itself, provided it be done with no evil intention, yet, since it has a certain appearance of evil, and a semblance of worshipping the idol, it might occasion another man’s spiritual downfall.”
COOPERATION IN EVIL AND SCANDAL

• “All of this gives rise to various ethical problems with regard to cooperation in evil and with regard to scandal.”

• “Furthermore, the moral requirements must be safeguarded that there be no complicity in deliberate abortion and that the risk of scandal be avoided.”

• “In reality, the duty to avoid cooperation in evil and scandal relates to their ordinary professional activities, which they must pursue in a just manner and by means of which they must give witness to the value of life by their opposition to gravely unjust laws.”

_Dignitas personae_ (2008), 34-35 and _Donum vitae_ (1987), 83
ABORTED CHILDREN IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH - THEN

Cited in scientific literature as early as 1930s.
- Development of polio vaccine (1930-70s)
  - Abortions were hysterotomies on the “feeble-minded”
  - Babies dissected “while still alive”

Development of infant formula (1970-90s)
- Abortions were hysterotomies of mothers in good health
- Amino acids injected into umbilical cord while still alive
- Hearts still beating and babies were moving

Since Roe v. Wade, it has been considered “ethical” to use the bodies.
- ~50 million specimen
- More ethical to use bodies than waste them
- Immoral not to use aborted children for research and save lives

Resources:
- Forsaking God for the Sake of Science. Children of God for Life
- The Cultivation of the Poliomyelitis Viruses in Tissue Culture, Enders, et al, Reviews of Infectious Diseases
- Development of Mammalian Sulfur Metabolism: Absence of Cystathionase in Human Fetal Tissues, Raiha, et al, Pediatric Research
- The Ethics of Fetal Research, Paul Ramsey
- Reproduction, Ethics, and the Law: Feminist Perspectives, Joan C. Callahan
Aborted Fetal Cell Lines

- HEK-293: Human Embryonic Kidney, Specimen No. 293
- Abortion performed in Netherlands
- Kidney Tissue; Gestation age not recorded

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- Abortion in Netherlands, “mother wanted to get rid of the fetus, father unknown” 16-18 weeks gestation
- Retinal tissue
Scalps of Aborted Children Grafted onto Rodents

- September of 2020
- University of Pittsburgh
- Humanized mice and rats with “full-thickness human skin”
- Scalps from aborted children 18-20 weeks
- Same child’s lymphoid tissues and hematopoietic stem cells from the liver
- Study of infection-induced immunopathogenesis through skin infection.

ABORTED CHILDREN IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH - NOW

MORAL QUANTUM CALCULUS  
(STUDY OF CONTINUOUS CHANGE)

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E\psi = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{q^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r} \psi
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\psi_{nm}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{n a_0} \right)^3 \frac{(n - \ell - 1)!}{2n [(n + \ell)!]}} e^{-r/na_0} \left( \frac{2r}{na_0} \right)^{\ell} L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1} \left( \frac{2r}{na_0} \right) \cdot Y_{m}^{m}(\theta, \varphi)
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where:

- \( a_0 = \frac{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \hbar^2}{m_q q^2} \) is the Bohr radius,
- \( L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(\cdots) \) are the generalized Laguerre polynomials of degree \( n - \ell - 1 \).
- \( n, \ell, m \) are the principal, azimuthal, and magnetic quantum numbers respectively, which take the values:
  - \( n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \)
  - \( \ell = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, n - 1 \)
  - \( m = -\ell, \ldots, \ell \)
MORAL CALCULUS
(STUDY OF CONTINUOUS CHANGE)

Do I get the jab?

- Abortion
- Human Value
- Protecting Ourselves
- Protecting Communities
- Scientific Knowledge

- Medical Knowledge
- Influencing Sin
- Benefiting from Evil
- Ethical Concession
- Eternal Life
ACCEPT WITHOUT ACCEPTING

• Do we take the vaccine?
• Do we accept the vaccine?
• Do we accept the practice of using aborted children?
• How do we not be hypocritical?
• How do we right the wrong?
• How do we lead change?
• How do we fight for our humanity?