

Baby Ann



Karen finished this booklet in 2009. It is an update on a series that she wrote for our church bulletin called "Baby Ann" Karen was a dedicated supporter of life at all stages, from conception to natural death. Karen died in May 2010 she is missed by the St. Thomas More Pro-Life committee and by Lake County Right to Life but most of all by her husband and son. — jg

Two Weeks before:

We are about to revisit a most personal adventure. It is one we all took in days past, but putting pop psychology aside, one that you will not remember. Revisiting our forgotten past, can be very enlightening experience.

Our common story is as old as the stars, for that is when the essentials for life began. Freeman Dyson, physicist and Christian, put it in these words, "The more I examine the universe and the details of its architecture, the more evidence I find that the universe in some sense must have known we were coming." A loving God prepared a place for us as a race. Piece after piece came together, with such exacting tolerances, that surely Divine Providence was at work. He loves us and wants us. He gives us good things. He gives us each other to love, cherish and give comfort. We treat His gifts shamelessly at times. He also prepared a safe place for each and every one of us to be nurtured as we prepared to join the outside world. We now abuse that gift beyond what any other generation could have dreamed.

One week before:

"By their fruits you shall know them..." God's own words. For over 50 years we have been reaping tainted fruit from "the Pill." It has been a "get out of jail free card" for the irresponsible. There is a bonding effect to sex. Indiscriminate use of it for recreation only can easily lead to bonding to the wrong partner. So much more goes into a lasting, fulfilling relationship, and premature bonding short circuits the process of finding a compatible mate, which can in turn lead to ill-advised marriages.

The pill is a concoction of hormones that are classified as a carcinogen. It also is an abortifacient, and causes an abortion rather than preventing it. There is a link between the hormones the pill's use puts in our water system, and deformed fish and male infertility and early puberty in young girls. The pill is nothing to be taken lightly.

An option that respects the ethical, social and moral laws of God is Natural Family Planning. NFP take two people working together. It takes commitment. God is a third partner to many who use NFP. One's partner is a creation of God. Actions have consequences and demand responsibility. It does not require ingesting of carcinogens. In certain cases it can treat rather than cause infertility. NFP is not just for Catholics anymore. If you would like to know more go to the web site www.lakecortl.org and check the section on Natural Family Planning.

Now to the couple who will parent baby who will lead us through the unseen trip of the first nine months.

Week 1

Yes, here is a young couple ready to create a life in the way God devised. We really know little about them, but they look fit for the task. It really does not matter, all we ask is they nurture this child they are bringing into being.

We ask that she care and shelter this child that will be developing in her. We ask that if he does not love her, he support her wellbeing, and that of his child.

Pregnancy is the most dangerous time in a woman's life. There are the physical complications of pregnancy to be sure, but there are other causes. One major cause is the man who wanted his "get out of jail" card, but the mother resisted. It is more and more frequently that the news will carry stories of the attempted murder or murder of a mother and/or her child. There is a push in many states for legislation making the killing of a unborn child as punishable as killing the mother. This protects the mother as well as the child.

But for now, we have conception. We have life. How do we know? Even a second grader is taught that living things have common characteristics. Living things are made of cells, they grow and change over time, they need energy and give off waste. Living things respond to their environment. They reproduce. All of these things our baby will do over time. As the sperm penetrates the egg, they form a zygote and division begins making more cells. There is no such thing as a fertilized egg; it is a living human being. An egg is not alive. It does not take in nourishment or give off waste. It does not process oxygen or reproduce by itself.

What will follow is not meant to be a medical primer, but an approximation of the mile posts of life and approximately when they come in this new life.

Week 2

Our baby is entering Mother's uterus, and doctors will use the name morula. The morula will become a blastocyst, which has three layers. The inner cell mass will become the embryo, the fluid filled cavity will become the amniotic sac and the outer layer will become the placenta. Already the embryo is producing hormones that will trigger changes for Mom. Get used to it, baby will be calling shots for a long time now. In the following

Week 37

Baby Ann is now considered to be full term. She is gaining weight rapidly, and the time is almost at hand. Everything is ready for her. The crib is waiting; the presents from the shower are in their proper places. Now all that is needed to complete the picture is Baby Ann. She is full term, but just a bit more time will serve her well. But Mom is fit to be tied.

Week 38

Success

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Week 35

With most of the appropriate physical development completed there is not much left to do but grow bigger and stronger. Kidneys and liver are producing some waste, so hanging around too long is not the smartest thing. Mom is getting anxious, but another week or so couldn't hurt.

Post Abortion grieving suffered by men gets a big yawn from the media, and if you go to some of the feminist blogs, open hostility. Who cares about men? Well, nothing happens in a vacuum. Even if he were a cad of major proportions about one abortion, he will continue to interact with women for the rest of his life, in most cases. Men who oppose the abortion of their child will suffer immediately, and hopefully recognize it and resolve it. The scenario where he first agrees, then opposes, this takes place most often within the context of a marriage. This leads to many trust issues. Men who are neutral, push for the abortion or abandon their partner are setting themselves for delayed reactions, which can be triggered any time during the rest of their lives. Some men are not even the father of the aborted child, but must deal with the wreckage left by another man.

Such men can exhibit such behaviors as rage, substance abuse, risk taking, grieving, obsessive thoughts and nightmares, abuse of partner, sexual dysfunction, loneliness, depression or trust issues. The women, the children in his life after the abortion must deal with all of this. This is not anything that will support a good family life. We have to care about the father of the child, not caring about him is too costly. (work of Vincent Rue, PhD)

Week 36

Time to start getting ready for the trip to the rest of your life, Baby Ann. Time to loose the downy hair that has been covering your body. Also time to loose the vernix caseosa (the waxy substance that protected her skin while in the amniotic fluid.)

The actual percentage of people involved in any given abortion who can walk away unaffected is unknown, but give what we do know of abortion's aftermath, it is surely quite low. There are many people in this world hurting, even if they do not realize why. That is not good for any of us. A healthy society requires members who are healthy. Those who know God, know He is a loving and forgiving God. Still, even in this knowledge, many people involved in an abortion say they cannot forgive themselves. One path to healing is Rachel's Vineyard Retreats (www.rachel'svineyard.org).

weeks we will be following our baby's development toward the stage of life that which we see at birth. As you will see there are many stages of life we never fully see, even with our "windows to the womb." This series will cover the unbroken journey taking place where we cannot see. One thing will lead to another, and times are give and take a day or two.

Some people will tell anyone who will listen that, of course, they oppose abortion, but who are they to impose their beliefs on others. If one were talking taste, Chinese Modern v. French Provincial, they would have a point. But it is a provable fact, the child in the womb, from her first moments is alive and a human being. Though human history certain members of humanity have been assigned a lesser value, and examples of that leap out at us. They were treated shamefully because of the distain of other humans, and their inability to press their cause. Neither made it right. Those who claim to not want to impose their views are doing exactly that, and imposing them on those least able to defend themselves. In effect, they are saying this human being is of no value to me, and should not look to me for protection.

Week 3

During this week our baby's brain is forming, and has divided into 3 sections. We can see parts of the eyes, and the optical stalk is present. The beginnings of the mouth and tongue are there, along with the thyroid and beginning lymphatic system. Lung buds and the first thin layer of skin are developing.

Priscilla Coleman and colleagues revisited the Fragile Families and Well Being Study. Now, 47% of all abortions are repeats. A growing group, within this group is that of women with one living child. The women in this study were from areas with a high number of unwed births, of various minorities, most were in their 20's, almost half no high school diploma and an income of under \$15,000 annually. In 76.9% of the cases the same man was the father of both pregnancies. The findings show the determining factor in the decision to abort or not was the attitude of the father. If he is was supportive of the mother, and could be trusted to care for the living child, in most cases the mother would carry to term. A married couple would be much more likely to go to term. Unemployment and income were not predictors, nor abuse between the parents. In fact, abuse was more likely to take place after an abortion. Two major lessons to be learned here could be to keep marriage strong and viable as a protector for our families, and parents must be concerned with the raising of their sons to be good fathers. Children's lives depend on strong families and strong fathers.

Week 4

Our baby now has a head and trunk. The larngotrocheal grove is present. This is the beginning of the larynx. The beginnings of the mouth, digestive system, inner ear and circulation system are also apparent. There are indentations for the eyes, ears and mouth. An EEG could detect brain activity. An ultrasound would show you a heartbeat. Limb buds are developing. The baby is getting nutrition and oxygen from the yoke sac currently, but a primitive placenta is forming, and will take over soon. The amniotic sac is also present.

Twice in 2008 the state of Texas courts ruled that causing a death of a child in the womb was murder, unless in a legal abortion. Also in 2008 Colorado put the question on the ballot. Would the unborn be a "person" from the moment of conception in Colorado? It lost, but the issue is out there. Rep Duncan Hunter wrote a similar bill for the 110th Congress. It was not passed, but it is out there.

Week 5

This is a very busy time on our baby's journey. The foundations for the heart, as we think of it, are being laid, and with that a larger blood mass. The brain, bladder, tongue and esophagus are forming, as are major organs such as heart, intestines, kidney and liver. The baby's bones are beginning to form. The nasal pits are making the face even more human. While Mom can not feel a bit of it, baby is taking up swimming in the anionic fluid.

No one is in favor of breast cancer, and everyone would like to see it eradicated. But good intentions will not make it so. Checking the Susan B. Koman website, there are many fund raisers held in the first part of the year. The organization will undoubtedly try and make you aware of one, and to contribute. You should know of the breast cancer/abortion connect. In 45 years, this connection has been the subject of 28 major studies which found this connection. Even pro-abortion researchers, whose mission was to debunk this relationship, found the connection. The British medical journal, the Lancet, acknowledged the connection, "Induced abortion before the first term pregnancy increases the risk of breast cancer."(Lancet 2/22/86) As you can see this has been known for a long time, but little is said about it. Over the whole population the breast cancer rate is 1 in 8 women. Aborting a first pregnancy raises the rate to 1 in 5, and higher with each successive abortion. Women with a family history of this cancer, who took oral contraceptives, and aborted their first pregnancy are at extreme risk and should consult their doctor. In the United States 1.3 million abortions are preformed a year. This could lead to 44,000 ad-

Week 33

Babies born prematurely seem to have a hard time with their lungs. By now the surfactant is present in the lungs and helping with the exchange of oxygen. The lungs are fully formed. This is all in her favor.

Siblings of an aborted child may also feel the repercussions of the abortion. Their lives now are dominated by a mother who is dealing with her abortion. Even if they are never "told", it is quite likely they know on some level. A man who was told as an adult, felt is explained a lot. He has not been abused, but had always felt there was something missing, and a sadness present in their family. An older child may have known of a pregnancy that did not produce a sibling. Younger children may hear things and put pieces together. Such children tend to show certain patterns, independent of abuse or absence of it. They feel guilt common to survivors, a distrust of parents. They have an apprehension of the future and their ability to do well in it. Parents may be over protective of a surviving child, and lead him to self doubt. Abortion makes life harder for the child who does not die.

Week 34

Something new and different for Baby Ann, she will be experiencing life from a different prospective. She is about to drop into the birth canal. Her central nervous system is also getting ready.

As a mother is changed by her abortion, so is the world around her. It is rare that a mother will not have family and friends. Whatever the circumstances of the abortion, they knew nothing of the abortion, supported even pushed for it, stood aside and told the mother to decide, or tried to prevent the abortion, the relationship with the mother is forever changed. She is forever changed, and nothing will ever be the same. Her parents, grandparents and her siblings may not know why she is anxious, depressed, weepy, angry. If they stood by as the child was aborted, and she was injured by the abortion, even more guilt is passed around. If they pushed her into the abortion, and she is injured immediately or is shows up later, imagine the bitterness. This is not so farfetched. Most women who report a reason for the abortion site lack of support from the father and/or her parent. Abortion puts a great strain on the family, our basic support system.

no, and hand them a candy bar. If not actually doing abortions, UNICEF supports abortions. They again and again call for safe abortions, which presuppose legal abortions. UNICEF's theater of operation is most often in underdeveloped countries, which tend to not want legal abortion. Pressure is put on them to change their laws. The rationale for safe abortions is maternal health. But the tightening of abortion laws in Poland led to a drop in maternal deaths. Abortions are still illegal in Ireland, despite the pressure put on that country, and they have the lowest maternal death rate of any country in the world. The cases of deaths are hemorrhaging, infection, obstructed labor, proper sanitation and clean water. Abortion does nothing for this. The need is for trained medical personnel. More and more UNICEF has turned its concern from children to feminist concerns.

Week 31

While her head is continuing to grow, Baby Ann can now turn it from side to side. A growth spurt is coming, and she continues to get ready for the great adventure she will be entering in a month or so.

Week 32

While Baby Ann is at a stage of development where she could safely be born, it is not the best idea. She still has need of the protection of the womb. She is putting on more weight, and building up her antibodies. Her skin is still thickening. She now weighs about 4.5 lbs. and is about 18 inches. In the coming weeks she will put on about a third of her birth weight.

We just looked at one way that an abortion scattering its poison fruits across the landscape and the years. Can't you just hear Jocelyn Elder repeating the mantra, "Every child, a wanted child." Abortion was touted as the panacea for child abuse. Nothing is further from the truth. Dr. Philip Ney, who has long worked in the area of abortion's destructive aftermath, states it is the wanted child that is often the victim of abuse. For example, in Washington State, in the five years prior to the legalization of abortion on demand, the rate of reported child abuse cases was 4.7 per 1,000 children, while it rose to 32.3 per 1,000 by 1995. Abortion is known to be linked to depression, self-hatred, anxiety, and substance abuse. They are also linked to abuse. A study done in Baltimore of 237 women in 2007, when comparing women with no abortion history and women with at least one abortion in their history, likelihood of a woman committing child abuse was increased by 144% if she had had an abortion. Everywhere you look, child abuse has increased since the early 1970's.

ditional cases of breast cancer. Many Koman organizations give money to Planned Parenthood, they say for mammograms. That just frees up other funds for Planned Parenthood to advance their abortion agenda. More women will develop breast cancer because of the funding that the Koman charities give to Planned Parenthood. If Koman wishes to prevent breast cancer, they should make women aware of this connection.

Week 6

Last week the nasal pits were forming, and now other facial features are more pronounced. Buds for teeth are present. Muscles along the spinal cord are developing. From the moment of conception, our child was a tiny boy or tiny girl. While it is not evident to the eye, the reproductive system is forming. Bones are starting to harden. The intestines are still in the umbilical cord. The cord itself is beginning to function. The liver is making red blood cells. Our baby has doubled in size from last week.

All of the growth and development we have seen in the last weeks does not depend on how the child was conceived. An old soaper had a story line, one of the characters was thinking of aborting her child because she was angry with her husband the night the child was conceived. What bosh, as if that mattered one jot to the humanity of the child. Pregnancy resulting from rape has had little studying devoted to it. It does happen, but is less likely. A major work on the subject found that most victims did not want an abortion. Of the women who carried to term, 70% said they had no regrets. Of the aborting women, 78% said it made the trauma worse. The more difficult the situation the higher the trauma, and abortion is quite likely to produce trauma on its own. Rushing a rape victim off for an abortion could be the cruelest thing for the mother, and certainly not good for the baby.

Week 7

Our baby is now and always has been human, nothing else. Our baby has always looked just as you and I looked at the same stage of development. Our baby is now taking on a look more familiar to us, which is also appropriate for this stage of development. Intestines are now out of the umbilical cord. The heart is now getting valves. Retinas are in the eyes. The placenta is firmly in place. Our baby is now drinking amniotic fluid as one way of getting nutrients from Mom. This is thought to, in part, account for taste preferences in family groups and even in our baby before birth. Even in utero, babies have a sweet tooth.

An ectopic pregnancy is the attaching of the baby someplace other than the uterus. It is commonly called a tubular pregnancy because a fallopian

tube is the most common place this occurs. In 1970 this occurred at the rate of 4.8 ectopic pregnancies per 1,000 live births, but by 1980 it had increased to 14.5. We know what happened in 1973. The most common cause of ectopic pregnancies is injury to the fallopian tube. This can be from tissue damage or infection. The infection rate after an abortion is high enough to have many clinics to give women leaving the clinic after their abortions antibiotics. 30% of women who have had an ectopic pregnancy will have difficulty getting pregnant again. The Center for Diseases Control tried to make the culprit salpingitis, a real cause of tubular infections. However, after Roe v. Wade the ectopic rate increased 500%, and there was no increase in the salpingitis rate. This should not be taken lightly, as ectopic pregnancies are a major cause of maternal deaths. . (Heritage House Literature, abortion facts.com)

Week 8

Our baby is now at another mile stone. Good-bye embryo, hello fetus, which we know comes from the Latin for son or daughter. This is not some strange being it is literally our son or daughter. The "tail" is gone. Eyes are formed but fused shut for the time being. Baby's heart is now the same four chambers we possess. The placenta is now mature and producing hormones. The circulatory, nervous, reproductive and digestive systems are formed. The joints in baby's arms and legs are formed, as are the fingers and toes. In fact, baby's fingers are capable of grasping an object were it place the hand. The upper lip and ear lobes make the face even more what we are used to seeing. And while diaper changing is 30 weeks away, "wetting" can be beginning now.

In the 8-89 issue of *Am Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* a report was published an article by an abortionist. The women who had had previous early abortions (D&C or D&E) which involve the use of powerful suction and sharp cutting instruments, were now having uterine surgeries other than another abortion. The surgeon could see the uterus itself. At that time only 8% of the women having early abortions had their injuries diagnosed. This inspection of actual uteruses showed the actual rate of injury was closer to 20%. These easily abortions cause other damage to organs other than the uterus. Bowel perforations are another injury. This can lead to a fatal infection or one requiring major surgery quite quickly. As one abortionist admitted, they are working blind, using very dangerous instruments, and a lot of very bad things can happen. This is why after a suction abortion, the receptacle is opened and the head, trunk and limbs of the child are to be identified. They know what they are doing, they see the results each abortion.

and is 15 inches long. She is now also regulating her own temperature, but is not really that good at it yet.

Week 28

She is going to be a heartbreaker. Baby Ann is now batting her eyelashes. She is constantly adding new neurons to her brain. Her grip is strong now, and she is sucking her thumb to practice nursing. Her lungs are now capable of breathing. She is still gaining weight. She now weights about 3 lbs. She is maturing, maturing to the point where 9 out of 10 babies who are born at this stage will survive.

This is a story told by David Brewer, M.D., and ex-abortionist. "I remember an experience as a resident on a hysterotomy (a late term abortion, the baby is delivered by Caesarean Section). I just stood there, and the reality of what was going on finally began to seep into my calloused brain and heart... They took that little baby that was making little sounds and moving and kicking, and set it on the table in a cold stainless steel bowl. And every time I would look over while repairing the incision in the uterus and finishing the Caesarean, I would see that little person kicking and moving in that bowl. And it kicked and moved less and less, of course, as time went on. I can remember going over and looking at that baby when we were done with the surgery and the baby was still alive. You could see the chest was moving and the heart was beating, and the baby would try and take a little breath like that, and it really hurt inside, and it began to educate me as to what abortion really is."

Week 29

Baby Ann's head is continuing to expand and her brain is growing. Her bones are becoming stronger. Her eyes are now responding to the light. She is now putting on white fat, which is giving her that pink skin that is smooth and a delight to touch. She is growing and putting on weight at a great rate. Mom has to step up and send her the nutrition she needs.

Week 30

Weighing it at around 4 lbs., Baby Ann will soon be quite cramped. This is the peak time of moment. She is also sleeping about 90% of the day. Her eyes are closed most of the day, but she has vision of about 20/400, meaning she can only see objects just a few inches from her face, which is pretty much herself.

This is the time of the year those cute little munchkins will come knocking at your door and shake their UNICEF can. Cute as they are, you must say

Week 23

Baby Ann's spine is forming. We can only hope that she will have the figurative spine to be a virtuous woman all the days of her life. Her eyes are still immature, but she is close enough to the uterus wall to differentiate between light and dark at times. Her lungs are maturing and develop air sacs which are starting to secrete surfactant, which will help her lungs expand at birth. Now the various organs have been formed.

Week 24

If we could take a peek, which we can't, we might be able to tell the color of the hair Baby Ann will have a birth. That is beginning to grow. Her oil and sweat glands are functioning. Her skin is reddish, due to the blood vessels that are close to her thin skin. That will be changing soon.

During the Nazi régime in Germany, when any moral restraint was put aside, there was a little known medical project. It dealt with hypothermia. Little is known because records of the experiments and outcomes were destroyed. The experiments were so dehumanizing, so heinous, so devoid of humanity that they were destroyed. Some ask why, some good might have come from them regardless. Exactly. They were destroyed so that one could never use the excuse of some good coming from even the most debased source as redemption. There is no redemption for the purposeful destruction of innocent human life. No redemption for the creating of innocent human life only to destroy it.

Week 25

This is the beginning of the third trimester. Baby Ann's retinas are forming. She is filling out, getting fatter. This is one time getting fat is a good thing. She will need this fat and more to help her maintain her body temperature after birth. She has plumbed up to about 2 pounds now and is 14 inches long.

Week 26

More tissue is developing within Baby Ann's brain, and her skull is expanding to accommodate it. Mom may be feeling Baby Ann hiccup now.

Week 27

Baby's eyes lids are no longer fused shut. Now babies will turn their heads toward the light. Baby Ann's bone marrow is now in charge of making blood. She has now gained more fat, and comes in at a healthy 2.5 lbs.

Week 9

With all major systems in place, from here it is all maturing. The refinements of teeth, finger and toe nails and hair follicles are coming into place. Baby is beginning to swallow amniotic. Baby is moving even more, swimming, stretching and kicking. Since the uterus has no nerves, movement is not felt until a baby is big enough and strong enough to be felt by nerves outside of the uterus. Mom has not felt movement till now, and will not for a few weeks, but Baby has been moving for awhile.

Ectopic pregnancies and perforated uteruses have been mentioned earlier. But they are far from the only injuries that can change the life of a mother. The bladder can also be perforated in addition to the uterus and bowel. All risk fatal infection and require surgery. A number of women will hemorrhage to the point of needing a transfusion. Early abortions may fail and the pregnancy continues. What is really dangerous is the failure to remove all of the child and placenta. Things that were alive and are now dead begin to rot. Not something you want happening within an internal organ. All of the above takes on more meaning when you know it is common for freestanding abortion facilities to fail standard sanitary conditions, and for the doctors there to lack hospital privileges.

Week 10

Our baby just keeps growing and maturing. Her heart is now pumping several quarts of blood. The heart beat can be heard about now. Oh, yes, this is the first week we have any external sign of our baby's gender. We do not know if she will be a blond, brunette or redhead, although that has already been set. Her eyes might be blue, brown or green, that was set 10 weeks ago, but we will not know that yet either. We do know she will be beautiful, she is our baby. Now she deserves a proper name. She shall be given the name Baby Ann, and with this week, the chance of a miscarriage is greatly reduced.

"It's been a surprisingly smooth and rewarding experience...." These are the words of Dr. Ruth Lesnewski of New York. Of what is she speaking? Rewarding? Ending the beating of a human heart? While small, the child expelled from the womb is an immature but recognizable member of the human race. RU-486 was first approved by the FDA in 2000. It has become an increasingly common method of abortion. It accounts for about 14% of abortions. A mother is given a pill and sent home, only to return to the clinic in 2 days to take another pill and go home. Her child is killed, and expelled from her uterus. She must the return to be sure the process is complete, for what was once alive is now dead, and will cause infection if retained. Doctors like it because they can do their part by simp-

ly handing the mother a pill; no one has to know they kill babies. They can make more than from the surgical abortion, will clean hands, and never even having to be present.

This might seem quite ideal, until you really look at what happens. This process takes several days. The mother has to sit in her own home, and wait as her baby is being killed. Her home is now the scene of the act. She feels no less guilt for the act is the same, and now home is connected to the act. There are triggers to future trauma all around the mother with the triggers right in her own home, according to post abortion healing counselors. Given all this time, she may regret and wish to stop the process. Living with this, and wanting to stop it for maybe days, what does that do to your head? Some women will have severe reactions, and as with all abortions, some will die. (LifeNews.com, Washington Post)

Week 11

Baby Ann is now moving her lips. She is making sucking movements, practicing a necessary life skill for her after birth. She can smile now. How sweet will they be! Her vocal cords are developing. Since she is residing in her ammonic sac and not air, she cannot make a sound, but the structure is coming and she will use it right from birth. Her intestines are moving to her abdomen. Her liver is making bile and her pancreas insulin. Her 20 baby teeth have formed and are in place in her gums. Her head is about half her body length. She now weighs about one ounce and is about 2 inches from head to rump.

The Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health published the results of a study done by the Virginia Commonwealth University. The study looked at 45,000 women who had given birth in the United States. Of these women 11% had babies with low birth weight and 14% delivered their babies prematurely. The case studies were then divided into those who had a prior abortion and those who had not. In the group who had had one prior abortion, their babies were 3 times as likely to be low birth weight, and the chance of a premature birth was increased 70%. With 2 prior abortions the numbers rose to 5 times more likely for low birth weight and twice the risk for premature delivery, and 9 times more likely for low birth weight and 3 fold for prematurity for 3 prior abortions.

Week 12

Baby Ann's digestive system is now processing food. Her bone marrow has now begun making her blood and a system of blood vessels is starting to form. Her dainty fingers now have their own distinctive prints. She has

heart. He has described his earlier work for Joe Scheidler. "... as a doctor, you are sitting there tearing, and I mean tearing- you need a lot of strength to do it – arms and legs off of babies...." That is the D&E abortion, done at this stage of development.

Week 20

Until now all measurements were from head to rump, after this week they will be from head to toe. Baby Ann is now 10.5 inches and weighs round a pound. She is do all of the things she has been doing for weeks, only now you can feel those tricks. They will continue to increase in strength as she grows stronger until she and Mom run out of space. She will awake from her sleep is startled by a loud noise.

Having breast cancer diagnosed while pregnant is not a good thing. Pregnancy will mask symptoms and it could go undiagnosed until the later stages. Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto has been tracking case histories of women diagnosed with such cancer since 1931. The result was published periodically during this period. Most recently Drs R. M. Clark and T. Chua¹⁵ published a paper in 1989. In this report, covering the histories of 154 women, it was found only 20% survived. The thing that confounds popular wisdom is that 100% of the mothers who were still alive after 20 years had carried to term, 100% of the aborting women were dead within 11 years. Everyone hopes the years since this publication have brought other life saving therapies for these mothers. However, one thing learned should be saving the baby could be a life saver. (work of Dr. Joel Brind)

Week 21

Baby Ann's eyes are forming. There is no pigment in her irises right now. Her skin is wrinkled due to a lack of the subcutaneous fat she will need in a few months. She is now about 11 inches long.

Week 22

Baby Ann's lungs are maturing. More blood vessels are forming. As she is getting bigger now she is beginning to feel Mom's movements. When she is changing position, she is now close enough to the uterine wall, those movements can be seen. She is hearing and getting use to noises of the household, of the family of which she will be a part. She is now a foot long and weighs 1.25 lb. If she were born now, while it would be a rocky road, she might well survive. Her chances of surviving a premature birth improve every week from now on.

Week 18

Baby Ann has almost quadrupled in size in the last few weeks. She is now large enough to make herself felt. Not so long ago, it was thought that this was the moment of life. We know that is not true. Life comes from life, not from inanimate matter. Life reproduces itself. If God bestows immortal souls to His people, does it not make sense He would do it from the start.

From the time that the push for legal abortion began in the 1960's one of the big selling points has been overpopulation and the human suffering that would be visited on the world as its result. Every woe that befell man was laid at the feet of overpopulation. Every calamity in the third world was to find its panacea in zero population growth and its hand maiden, abortion. In actuality, most of the real horrors in the third world were the result of political manipulations. But the ZPG propaganda and the demonization of our own babies have led to under population and the woes they bring. Countries such as Spain, Germany, Australia and Japan are trying to reverse the trend of under population with incentives that are not working sufficiently to solve the problems. Older age brackets are swelling and the productive younger brackets are shirking this is going to place a great financial burden on younger workers. There is already greater pressure for the elderly to just fade away. New euthanasia is popping up in state after state. In many countries sex selection abortions have led to a shortage of baby girls. This is creating social problems in many areas, especially in areas where male children are preferred, but do they prefer going without mates. Many countries are clamoring for workers and thinkers. Some will import them, but it has been seen the cultural/social problems created when this is done. We are creating our own Hell.

Week 19

Now we are beginning to see the start of those eyelashes that you know Baby Ann will learn to use to her advantage. Her eyebrows that will furrow during the terrible twos are growing in also. She is setting up schedule of wakefulness and sleep. You should be able to distinguish them by her movements. Areas in her brain are beginning to specialize. She has had brain activity for many weeks, now her senses are occupying their own areas of her brain. A number of fetal researchers think the child at this stage can hear. She could soon recognize voices. Talk to her, sing to her, read to her, why make all of that joy wait.

Dr. Anthony Levantino is a former abortionist. He aborted child after child, at the same time he and his wife were trying to conceive. He said he often would wish he could have one of the children he was killing. When they finally got a child, she was killed in an accident. That turned his

full body movement, so more movement. Her neck is getting longer and her chin no longer rests on her chest. She now has about 2 million eggs in her ovaries, your future grandchildren, but that is getting way ahead of us. She is about 3 inches long now.

While black women comprise 12.5% of the United States population, 38.2% of abortions are performed on black women. In the years between 1980 and 2005 the rate of premature births (before 32 weeks) and extremely premature births (before 28 weeks) rose 43%. One of the risk factors for premature delivery is injury to the mother's reproductive system. It is not hard to think of something that might be responsible for this increase. Poland tightened up its abortion laws, resulting in a reduced number of abortions. There was a corresponding drop in premature births. In 2007 the Institute of Medicine's textbook listed first trimester induced abortion as risk factor for premature birth. Black women seem to be more likely to have multiple abortions, which further increases the risk for injury and premature delivery. This sets their children up for a number of birth defects, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, blindness, deafness and gastrointestinal disease to name a few. All of these drain time, energy and money from the family and economy as a whole. (work of Brent Rooney and Byron Calhoun)

Week 13

Baby Ann's arms are now proportional to her body length, while her legs still must lengthen some. She may suck her thumb at times. Her face is getting exercised with the new expressions she is trying out. She could be a real drama queen some day. Her skin is so thin that her veins can be seen though it. Her scalp hair pattern can be detected, but no clue as to its final color. She does have fine hair called lanugo covering her body, but it will disappear at birth. She is now about 4 inches long and about 2 ounces in weight.

How did it happen that has so many potential lifelong negative consequences from scarred organs to death has become so common place? There were safeguards in place, but were ignored or modified. The Hippocratic Oath dates to the 4th century B.C. and it forbids administration of lethal drugs or pessary to cause an abortion. In 1946 the Judicial Council of the American Medical Association laid out the standard that human medical research was to be designed using knowledge obtained in animal testing. In 1947 The Nuremberg Code was drawn up. Section 3 of this code specified that human testing should be preceded by animal testing. In his research, Brent Rooney could not find reports on any animal testing. He went to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, and affiliate of Planned Parenthood. They could find no record. As it turns out, women

having the procedure were their own guinea pigs. It shows the concern that the abortion industry had for the women for whom they wept great tears. They cared little more about the safety of their patients than the man in the back alley. Maybe less, for the man in the back alley had to worry about being caught.

Week 14

Baby Ann is now moving amniotic fluid through her nose and her upper respiratory system. This helps the development of the air sacs in her lungs. Her legs are now longer than her arms. Her movements are becoming more coordinated. Her head is now erect. Just as the doctor helped you hear Baby Ann's heart beat with his stethoscope long after it started, an ultrasound could now detect a baby's sex. We really cheated a few weeks ago. She is about 4 inches and 3 ounces.

If a CVS test was done, the results could be coming in about now. Since we know this test does not find fixable problems, if the test is positive for one of the genetic abnormalities, the mother could be pressured to make a decision regarding the life of this child. They may say terminate a pregnancy but Dr. Neville Sender, an abortionist himself, was unusually candid. He admits, "We know this is killing, but the states permit killing under certain circumstances." But he forgets that that is only sanctioned when there has been due process. There is no due process here

Week 15

Baby Annie is being to get the fat deposits that will be important in the heat production and metabolism after birth. A loud noise outside of the uterus will cause Baby Ann to startle. Her head is now erect. She is now about 5 inches and with the new fat weighs 5 ounces.

Emily Murgo wrote an article about the birth and life of a very special child, Amy, who has turned into a blessing. "My dream is that the birth of every child be celebrated..." disabled or not. "I say this with a heavy heart because I did not celebrate Amy's birth. What a breach of faith that was! I wanted a baby who would fit my ideals and my standards." "If only I'd know then what this daughter would do more than fit my ideals and standards---she would fit hers, which are higher than mine." "At 19, Amy is so typical that it's difficult to define her disability and what it means." "Amy enriches my life and brings joy to our home." "I wish someone would have told me not to be afraid. Someone should have told me that Amy would make things okay..."

Week 16

Baby Ann's bones are continuing to harden. The pads on fingers and toes are appearing, finger prints began a few weeks ago. Her stomach, intestines and colon are starting to develop. Her heart is becoming stronger. She is now kicking, swallowing and sleeping. Think of all the progress we have seen in the past weeks. Think how developed Baby Ann is. We are arriving at the time when most abortions are done. This is the subject of those abortions.

The window for the amniocentesis test occurs around this time. There are reasons for this test beyond those that are considered reasons to abort. Some treatable conditions can be detected. The ultrasound done preliminary to the test will reveal some problems if they exist. The test consists of inserting a needle to withdraw amniotic fluid from the uterus. This has been known to cause a miscarriage. The cells found in there are the same as the baby's. The cells are cultured, and then examined for problems. A positive result probably be followed by the assumption that the mother will abort the child. Regardless of the decision, she will feel the pressure of the expectation if not more than that. And a false positive has been fatal to more than one baby.

Week 17

A protective covering of myelin is forming around Baby Ann's nerves. This will continue even after birth. Some in the medical field feel that the lack of this covering up until now leaves fetuses more vulnerable to painful stimulus. Just think of those implications.

The nerves system began developing many weeks ago. Some in the medical field feel that the baby can feel pain as early as 2 months' development. We do not know for sure, tests have not been developed to test this on ones so young. Ultrasounds have shown them to respond to stimuli. But babies born at this age, and older have lived to show medicine how they feel about things. Premies 20-34 weeks respond to pain with changes in stress hormones just as an older child or adult, but with upwards of 3 times the intensity. The higher intensity is thought to be due to the immaturity of natural pain blockers at this stage of life. Earlier conventional wisdom was that these babies felt no pain, and were not given pain killers when taken for surgery or other painful treatment. They showed much worse outcomes for this. (Christian Medical Association)