

His Workmanship: Westside

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

—Ephesians 2:10

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Truth Is Absolute, by Rickie Jenkins

Pilate's question of Jesus, "What is truth?" Jn 18:38, reflects the philosophy of our society today. We live in a relativistic world. "No" sometimes means "No, maybe, possibly," but not certainly. "Yes" may mean "Yes, perhaps, unless I mean 'no.'" And we certainly do not know what the meaning of "is" is, according to President Clinton. Therefore, truth must be what we believe the truth is. No wonder we're confused. Satan's goal is to blur the truth, since he is the "father of lies," Jn 8:44. Are we, as human beings, really that dumb? Do we really not know what "yes" and "no" mean? Are we really confused over right and wrong? Is truth really relative? We know better. Our problem ascertaining whether truth is absolute or relative is not intellectual but moral. We, as people, do not like to be told there are some things that are absolutely right and wrong. Why? Because we want to do what we want to do. We don't want anyone telling us what we can or cannot do. God forbid that we should point out sin. If there really is such a thing as sin, then there really is such a thing as an absolute right and wrong, which means there is such a thing as an absolute standard: truth.

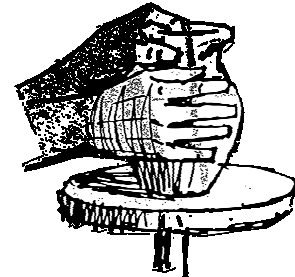
The problem of understanding absolute truth is not new to our day. "Woe to

those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter," Is 5:20. Why did the people of Isaiah's day confuse right and wrong?

"Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight," Is 5:21. Those who think they are smart—that's the same problem today. The problem is not "is truth absolute," but whether we in our eyes see it as absolute—or whether we ourselves impose the standards of truth. In our pride, we want to do other than what God commands; therefore, truth becomes relative. We allow our pride, not God, to determine what is right and wrong.

In order to correct this problem we must understand that truth is the standard by which all knowledge is ascertained, whether it be in the field of law, science, medicine, or religion. Truth is the standard. When we go to the store to buy a pound of meat, we are confident it has been correctly weighed. What gives us that confidence? A standard of weights and measures: truth. We recognize the importance of truth in every area of our lives until it comes to religion and morality.

Once we recognize truth as the standard for all knowledge, we must admit that absolute truth must have a source.



Isaiah 64:8

Truth is absolute because it comes from a Sovereign God. *Sovereign* means above or superior to all others, chief, greatest, supreme. We can't get any higher on the scale of reality, of law, of science, of government than God. When we say God is sovereign, we include the idea that His authority is inherent (authority resides within Him) because of Who He is and what He has done. He has authority by right and power of creation. That is what makes unbelievers' behavior so sad. They "exchanged the truth of God for a lie," Rm 1:25. They exchanged God and His authority for their own standard. What did they do? They committed the vilest acts known to man, Rm 1:26-32, because they set their own standards.

Do you see why admitting truth to be absolute is a moral problem not an intellectual problem? Sinners did what they wanted to do, but they could not do that and admit there is truth. Why? To admit that there is truth is an admission that there is a God Who has the right to be obeyed—by right of creation He has the right to tell me what to do. We cannot get more fundamental than thinking truth is absolute because it comes from a Sovereign God. Once we understand that God is Creator, we understand His power, wisdom, greatness, excellence, kindness, and majesty. Who am I?

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“All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,” Psalm 25:10, from p. 1

Nobody! What can I do against Him? Nothing! To whom shall I go to for counsel? No one but Him. He holds our very lives in His hand. He has the right to rule our lives. He gives absolute truth, Rm 11:34-36. Truth is woven into the fabric of our universe. It is ordained and sustained by God. We can disregard truth, but we cannot destroy it; it is indestructible. When men change the image of an incorruptible God into the form of man, we have a god we made in our image, a god that fits what we want to do. If our god is one we can carry in our pocket, then we are never wrong, are we? Truth has become what we make it. But we mock reality to our peril.

Our Sovereign God has not left us to wonder what truth really is. He has revealed what He wants for us to please Him. Truth has been made known to man. However, it takes an honest heart to see that truth is absolute. Not everyone will see God's truth, because not everyone wants to. Not only do we owe God a debt of gratitude and service, we must listen to Him. His word is truth, Jn 17:17. Scripture contains truth that God breathed, revealed, inspired, 2 Tim 3:16-17. Each word is from the mind of God, 1 Cor 2:11-13. No man could have imagined the truth God revealed. Only our Sovereign God could have produced truth, because He is truth, Jn 14:6. He produced the truth in such a manner that man can know the truth, Jn 7:17. Truth is able to set us free, Jn 8:32. Our problem is that *“we have told ourselves the lie that we know the truth until we have crippled our hope of learning the truth. Or we have convinced ourselves (another lie) that there is no certain truth, so that even faith becomes a leap in the dark, an essential to avoid despair; or maybe we treat truth (?) subjectively, every man to himself, everyone has his own truth. But honest people know that truth in the material universe is not so vacillating: 2+2 = 4 to all men; God is no different,” Plain*

Talk, 16:3: May 1979.

Finally, truth, by its very nature is singular. Truth is intolerant and exclusive. It is not subject to arbitration nor subjective appraisals. That which is truth is real and genuine. The truth is not some philosophical extraction which is reached by the reasoning of the human mind. Truth is not relative to time, change, or feeling. Truth is without exception or exemption. It is not subject to recounts, to hanging or pregnant chads. It is not subject to a Presidential veto, congressional approval, or a ruling by the Supreme Court. It is the standard by which all else is measured. It is objective. God has revealed truth. Our challenge is to search and find it.

Four Things You Can Do Now About Planned P'hood, by Jim Daly

In addition to preying on desperate women and taking the lives of innocent babies, Planned Parenthood drives human trafficking. That makes the \$528 million the organization receives in government health services grants and reimbursements all the more outrageous. That figure is 41% of its revenue, according to PP's latest annual report. After all, PP is, at its core, a business—a lucrative one. That's why the flyer to abortion clinics from Stem Express, the research lab Nucatola mentions in the video that buys the body parts from PP, emphasizes profits. The flyer talks about being *“financially profitable,” “providing a financial benefit to your clinic,”* and a *“partner program that fiscally rewards clinics.”* While it is possible PP might be breaking the law, it's likely the nation's largest abortion provider is taking advantage of legal loopholes; look at how easily Dr. Nucatola shrugged off existing law by citing disclaimers such as *“intent”* and *“interpretation.”* Is PP breaking the law? If not, do legal loopholes need to be closed? In any case, this is an organization that

should be completely defunded. There is no reason why PP should be receiving taxpayer funds to enable its victimization of women and preborn children.

There is a temptation to feel helpless in light of this macabre revelation, but we can always confront evil. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, *“The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.”* There are things we can do:

1. Contact your lawmakers and ask them to conduct an official congressional investigation into PP's selling of human organs and body parts. Given that your tax dollars are being used to underwrite PP's acts, you have a right to demand an inquiry. You can ask your representatives to defund PP.

2. Shine a light on what's really happening at PP. Share the video on social media. Don't be afraid to speak up for life (read “Why I Am Pro-Life” online to help you get started; see www.focusonthefamily.com/social issues/life-issues/dignity-of-human-life). The sad reality is far too many people think of PP as a benign woman's health clinic, unaware it's the nation's largest abortion provider.

3. Help pro-life groups and causes. Volunteer at your local pregnancy resource center. Help Focus on the Family give women an opportunity to look inside their womb through Option Ultrasound efforts, which have already helped save more than 330,000 babies! If God places a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy in your life, support her emotionally and spiritually and help meet her material needs.

4. Pray for Dr. Deborah Nucatola and others who work in the abortion industry. No one is beyond God's reach. We serve a God who relentlessly and lovingly pursues his lost sheep. He transforms hearts, opens blind eyes, and gives life to dry bones. Some of the most influential pro-life figures were once abortion supporters. As Christians, we can pray for and reach out to Nucatola (and others like her) in love, even as we decry the evil acts they do.



Psalm 133:1

God makes my heart clean in 2015 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." —Ps 51:10

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crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact." In order to procure intact organs, she seemed to describe herself and others performing the illegal partial birth abortion method.

"Some people," she said, taking another sip of wine, "will actually try to change the presentation so that it's not vertex [head first]... So if you do it starting from the breech presentation [feet first]...often, the last step, you can evacuate an intact calvarium [the head] at the end... Under ultrasound guidance, they can just change the presentation. So the preparation would be exactly the same, it's just the order of the removal of the products [the baby's organs] is different." President George W. Bush signed a law outlawing partial birth abortion in 2003. It, too, is a federal felony punishable by two years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

But there are ways around the law, Nucatola told the undercover investigators. "The federal abortion ban is a law, and laws are up to interpretation," she said. "So if I say on day one that I don't intend to do this, what ultimately happens doesn't matter... At the national office, we have a Litigation and Law Department which just really doesn't want us to be the middle people for this issue right now," she said. "But I will tell you that behind closed doors these conversations are happening with the affiliates." (You can read a full transcript of the conversation at www.centerformedicalprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PPFAtranscript072514_final.pdf) In a separate video, the investigators met with PP CEO Cecile Richards, saying that Nucatola has been incredibly helpful in their efforts

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to procure unborn babies' body parts. "Oh good," Richards replied. "Great. She's amazing." In addition to overseeing all medical practices at the abortion giant, Nucatola has frequently been a media spokeswoman promoting the organization's political concerns.

The video was the fruit of a nearly three-year-long undercover investigation by the Center for Medical Progress. "Planned Parenthood's criminal conspiracy to make money off of aborted baby parts reaches to the very highest levels of their organization," said Project Leader David Daleiden. "Elected officials must listen to the public outcry for Planned Parenthood to be held accountable to the law and for our tax dollars to stop underwriting this barbaric abortion business." National pro-life leaders immediately called for a Congressional investigation. "This video provides a shocking reality check about the grisly, inhumane business model of Planned Parenthood," said Dr. Charmaine Yoest, president and CEO of Americans United for Life (AUL). "Under Cecile Richards's leadership, breast screenings are down, abortions are up, and profits are up, as even the bodies of the unborn become something else for her to sell. We call for an immediate Congressional investigation into these alleged atrocities. And just as important, the time is now to defund Planned Parenthood. The American taxpayer should not be in business with such callous profiteers." Organizers are asking that this information be shared on Twitter with hashtag #PPSellsBabyParts. They request that supporters contact Congress and demand a full investigation.

The practice of harvesting the body parts of preborn babies is confirmed by Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who now works as a pro-life advocate. In a piece she penned after the video was released, Abby described what she did for eight long years before finally leaving in 2009: "During the season of tissue harvesting, an intact body was gold. An intact fetal body is considered perfection in the land of fetal

PRAY FOR healing, protection, help

- **Ed Fink**—prostate cancer worse, spread to liver; has chosen hospice to come to his home
- **Marie Sangellino**—thyroid cancer post-surgery hospitalization for low calcium; awaiting biopsy results
- **Danny Dodd**, formerly of Westside—full brain radiation at St. Anthony's Hospital as outpatient
- **Kaylee Chavez**—age 10, cancer; improving,
- **Bill Dennis**—home following rehab
- * **Aubrie and Aaron Andrews**, friends of **Boyd's**—**Aaron** lost foot in motorcycle accident; pray they will be receptive to the gospel
- * **Sandra Perry**—diabetes complications
- * **Kayla Knighten, Christine Adams's** daughter—needs our prayers
- * **Sylvia Chapman, Brett's** grandmother—third stage pancreatic cancer; **Brett's** grandmother **Sue**, and Aunt **Bonnie Doss**—cancer returned
- * **Brittany Tope's** mother—breast cancer, improving; grandmother—on dialysis
- * **Gregg Geis's** friend **Taylor Olson**—overdosed recently; pray for his family
- * **Sheryle McNeill's** daughter **Tiffany** and **Ed's** son **Rodney Schulz**—pray they receive gospel

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

- Logan Corray; Addison Tope; Christian Harrod; Rocco Jr.; Pat Wilkes**—asthma
- Autumn Hadders**—epilepsy; celiac disease
- Jonathan Hadders**—RA
- Kirk Johnson**—MS; pelvic bone atrophying
- Menards**—aging; **Lloyd**, diabetes, Alzheimers;
- Virginia**, macular degeneration; high bp
- Cheryl Reames**—diverticulitis; fibromyalgia
- Judy Sartin**—rotator cuff injury; spinal stenosis;
- Lynda Szymanski**—COPD, lung weakness

Passing Ed Fink passed from this life last week; he used his gifts to serve, living "by the Book." Cards to Letha and family: 606 Colorado Blvd, P.O. Box 841, Idaho Springs 80452
Johnny Horton, former Westside evangelist, recently passed away. Cards to Sandy Horton, 6089 W. Chestnut Ave, Littleton 80128.
Travel Gintchins are in Bulgaria until Aug. **tissue research. But dismembered body parts were okay, too...and that is usually what we gave them. I would check the patient's chart to make sure that they had signed the consent for us to donate their baby's remains. Almost every woman did, because we made it seem like that by donating, they were helping others...altruism during abortion.**" Planned Parenthood has a long history of allegedly selling organs and body parts. In 2000, Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics conducted a similar under-cover investigation, which was covered by [20/20](#).



Exposing current thoughts & trends *abortion*

Planned Parenthood Caught—Not Merely Killing Babies

An undercover video released July 14 shows a national leader of Planned Parenthood admitting that the abortion provider uses the illegal and highly controversial partial birth abortion procedure to sell intact fetal body parts in Los Angeles. The average asking price for fetal body parts? Between \$30 and \$100 per specimen.

Dr. Deborah Nucatola has been senior director of medical services at Planned Parenthood since February 2009, where she oversees medical practices at all Planned Parenthood affiliates nationwide. She has been employed by Planned Parenthood for more than a decade. She also performs abortions up to 24 weeks in Los Angeles.

In the video, she met with investigators posing as buyers from a human biologics company on July 25, 2014. While casually sipping wine and eating salad, Nucatola revealed that she charges \$30 to \$100 per specimen, and that fetal livers are especially in demand—although “a lot of people want intact hearts these days,” and she has had requests for lungs and “lower extremities...I guess if they want muscle.” Planned Parenthood affiliates “absolutely” want to offer such organs, she said. “The head is basically the biggest part. Most of the other stuff [meaning organs] can come out intact. It’s very rare to have a patient that doesn’t have enough dilation to evacuate all the other parts intact.”

Nucatola admitted that Planned Parenthood’s abortionists take great care not to appear to be profiteering off fetal body parts. She said, “They just want to do it in a way that is not perceived as, ‘The clinic is selling tissue. This clinic is making money off of this.’”

The issue is not merely PR—there is also the little matter of federal law. Trafficking in human body parts is a federal felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000.

The method of abortion she describes, on video, also appears to violate federal law. Nucatola said she has “a huddle at the beginning of the day” to determine what fetal body parts consumers are requesting and which patients that day will have babies from which they will be able to harvest them. Then Planned Parenthood abortionists tailor the procedure to assure they do not destroy the organs, maximizing profitability. “For that reason, most providers will do this case under ultrasound guidance, so they’ll know where they’re putting their forceps,” she said.

She revealed that, as abortionists are dismembering the child, they decide, “you try to intentionally go above and below the thorax, so that, you know, we’ve been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I’m not gonna crush that part, I’m going to basically crush below, I’m gonna

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Assembly Schedule

Sunday

Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

Wednesday

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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Sunday morning

- **adult Bible class**, “*A Life-Changing Encounter with God’s Word from the Gospel According to John*,” Jonathan Hadders

- **Sermon**, “Peace in the Storms of Life,” Jim Reingrover

Sunday afternoon, “Heavenly Comfort,” Payton Miller

Feeding on His Word Reading

Everyone is invited to an open Bible reading of *1 Samuel* next Sunday evening, July 26, at 4 pm, at the Reingrovers’ light supper after. See **Joel Walker** for schedule.