

Contraception

It's my honor to have the chance to write a piece for _____ after I recently joined with the group's abolitionist work. I found _____ through my own search for individuals seeking repentance in the Church. And this is one massive arena for repentance – turning churches around on pro-life teaching and being active in protecting children, rather than just talking about it. But the subject I wanted to write on is not directly that of abortion, but that of what some Christians call its Senior Partner -- Contraception. That's because I believe that contraception is not only harmful to our community, and not only immoral in itself, but is about as opposite of pro-life as anything could be. Contraception is to the pro-life cause what kryptonite is to Superman. It is its great weakness. And given the chance, it would destroy it.

I plan to go over all the reasons which show contraception to be wrong, because there really are multiple and strong lines of evidence. I just ask you to pay special attention to its many links to abortion, and to practices that often lead to abortion, such as fornication and adultery. It is truly amazing to think that Christians, and pro-lifers, either use contraception or openly approve of it. To make bedfellows (no pun intended) of contraception is to truly get in bed with the enemy. So I want readers to really think about this subject and if they DO approve of contraception, I want them to change their minds. If they use it, I want them to stop. For the love of God. Now.

I used to approve of it as well, but I changed my mind over several years of meditation on the subject. It started with Catholic pro-lifers who shared with me materials about the evils of contraception. I had already recognized ways that it could be harmful, but I excused certain uses of it in my mind. That's how the mind often works, isn't it? We look for excuses. After studying the subject in some detail, and over years, I finally accepted the strong evidence against it and got rid of all the contraception I owned. Glory to Jesus. I consider that His victory.

Probably the final argument that changed my mind was the example of those who said what I had been saying – that it was wrong MOST of the time but could be excused some of the time. Well, this line of thinking has already been tried. That line of thinking was what led to the massive influx of it in our culture. Starting with one or two excuses for contraception, people quickly found more, until it became common place. Then we witnessed (and no one would

deny this) the massive tidal wave of immorality and death that contraception helped to facilitate in our culture, and soon in countries across the world. That tidal wave of death started with Christians who said – maybe SOMETIMES it could be right. So I want no more of that way of thinking. It's been tested. It failed.

Let me do my best and give you a basic summary of the lines of evidence against contraception. These are in biblical principle, in natural law and in reason. I've been informed through reading much material out there on the subject, including Roman Catholic doctrine and articles on the cultural changes that came along with contraception in our country. Like I said, I finally found them convincing. I want you to as well. Both as believers AND as pro-life workers in Christ. Contraception is an enemy of the Church. It's an enemy of Christ. It's a knife in the back for the pro-life movement. Here are the reasons why:

It goes against biblical principles:

Using contraception of any form violates principles in the Bible. It may be true the subject is not discussed explicitly* but the principles behind it certainly are. Number one, the Bible instructs mankind, through Adam and Eve, to be fruitful and multiply. As the old joke goes, that doesn't mean math. That is an instruction to use our bodies as God made them and to have children in marriage with them. Contraception makes it its express purpose not to do that, and tries to make it impossible. God says to have children.

Along with that command is the fact that children are called a blessing countless times in the Bible. They are never called a curse. Just try and look for the verse that calls them a curse. That means if husband and wife have an unexpected child, they've been blessed. If an unwed couple has an unexpected child, they've been blessed. If a poor couple has an unexpected child, they've been blessed. If a mentally ill couple has an unexpected child, they've been blessed. We could go on and on like this. A child is ALWAYS a blessing.

Moreover, contraception violates biblical principle in that EVERY time anything comparable to contraception appears in the Bible, it is strongly condemned. For example, when Onan spills his seed because he does not wish to have children with his deceased wife's brother, he is killed by the Lord for this deed. Many people wrongly claim that this was ONLY because he wouldn't help propagate seed for his brother. However, the penalty for that was actually public shaming.

So this is something more, and something worse. Onan practiced contraception. He was struck down for it. The second example would be the law regarding a woman who jumps into a fight with men and injures the man's genitals (I believe this law would also have applied to men also). The penalty for the act of destroying the man's genitals was death. This is much more than the average penalty for assault. So again, in the second instance of a contraceptive act, we see severe punishment. This time it's execution again. Almighty God does not take the act of making human life lightly. He takes it very seriously. He punishes those who pervert it.

A variety of sources claim the biblical prohibition of **pharmakeia would include contraceptives among other things. (Galatians 5:20, Revelation 9:21) The same word is used in Greek literature multiple times to clearly describe contraceptive and abortive potions of the day. That would mean there is a possible prohibition directly in scripture.*

This article lists a variety of biblical scriptures in support of human fertility and ruling out birth control. It also lists support from tradition: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/life-and-family/sexuality-contraception/contraception-the-bible-and-early-fathers/>

It is against natural law (which is itself endorsed in the Bible):

Contraception not only violates biblical principle, but is also against nature which God made. In speaking about this I have to remind you that "natural law" is explicitly endorsed in the Bible in Romans 1, and I'd say implicitly elsewhere. We should respect how God made us. We should respect the design and purpose He gave to our bodies. If the sodomites in Romans 1 are said to go against nature through their activities, so too can others who pervert their bodies, especially when they pervert them in major ways. This is just what contraception does. The mildest forms, such as condoms, themselves pervert the sex act, and do not permit the bodies through this act to do what they are designed to do. However, through chemicals, devices and surgery, contraception even perverts the female body, by wiping out her fertility. This is a strike against God and nature. God gave women that fertility. He gave her those specially designed organs and system. To wipe out a woman's fertility goes against both her God-given womanhood and her very humanity itself.

It is strange to see Christians protesting transsexualism in this culture, but then refusing to protest contraception, most of which does the same thing. You'd have a hard time proving how

pumping a man full of estrogen so that he grows breasts is any more counter-natural than pumping a woman full of chemicals so that she has no fertility. Can you not see how they are nearly the same? And of course some of those transsexuals go on to actually have their genitalia REMOVED! So too do some who contracept go on to permanently destroy their fertility through operations. Therefore contraception is an attack on the natural order in nearly the same way. It is against nature, and the God that we worship made nature. We should respect it.

This Catholic article speaks on the wrong of dividing the “unitive and procreative” aspects of the sex act, as well as of full marital love (which I mention below):

<http://onemoresoul.com/contraception-abortion/church-teaching-contraception-abortion/why-is-contraception-immoral.html>

It denies the full and fruitful love we should manifest in Christ:

This subject is often written on by Catholic authors and theologians and seems to be one of its main contemporary explanations. In brief, we should be able to see how the physical act of love between man and wife manifests love. That love is to reflect the love of our Savior, if it is love at all. Yet our Savior did not give us a little of His life. He did not give us a little of His effort. He did not cut any corners. Our Savior gave His whole life for us and held nothing back. Not only that, but His sacrifice for us was a life-giving one. His blood and water poured out and brought life to many and will give them life forever.

If we imitate His love, then our love should be complete as well. It should also be fruitful, or life-giving. It should be open to the life-long commitment of children. It's not hard to see how using contraception in the act of love is more like using someone than loving them. By perverting the purpose of the act which is central to it, rather than expressing full and life-giving love, it expresses a desire to temporarily use someone. It completely fails as a manifestation of complete love, as it fails as a manifestation of Christ's love. Contraception is corrupted with selfishness. There is no such thing as selfish love.

Quote: In a truly conjugal relationship, each spouse says to the other: "I accept you as somebody like no one else in my life. You will be unique to me and I to you. You and you alone will be my husband; you alone will be my wife. And the proof of your uniqueness to me is the fact that with

you - and with you alone - am I prepared to share this God-given, life-oriented power".

<http://www.cormacburke.or.ke/node/1005>

It facilitates immoral behavior, which is also behavior which leads to abortions:

Ever since the fall of man, living a sexually hedonistic life has been a dream of sinners, especially of men. Our modern western society didn't invent anything as far as hedonism and perversion goes, and as far as contraception, it merely improved greatly on previous techniques. History is full of stories of men who wanted easy sex with as many partners as they desired, and with no consequences at all. That's the sinner's dream. But it is contraception that helps make that dream a reality, along with abortion of course. It makes the procreative act into a mere pleasure act. Or at least that's what it promises.

Therefore it's no surprise that contraception in America came along with a flood of promiscuity and an increase in adultery and divorce. You can add to that destroyed families and illegitimate children, among other things. Now the hedonist's dream could be realized, at least in part. Immorality was already increasing before the legalization of contraception, due in part to abandoning Christian values, greater access to contraception under the table, and the growing car culture. This is all documented in detail elsewhere, and while no one would blame the flood of immorality on contraception alone, it clearly was one of the keys which opened the floodgates of evil. Now every average American could behave like the Roman emperors of old. Now men's favorite sin could be without consequence.

It may be true that there are morally innocent things which when used wrongly can facilitate evil also, but where is contraception morality innocent? From its intentions, from its chemical design, from its splicing of pleasure from procreation, this is clearly not a mere innocent device being used wrongly, in the hands of evil men. It is a sinful practice itself. The incredible link between contraception and immorality is only fruit of its evil nature. It gave full throttle to immorality in our culture, because it is evil in the first place.

This article details documents the connection between contraception and divorce. "The Divorce Rate increased 2.5 times following wide acceptance of the Birth Control Pill in the early 1960s."

<http://onemoresoul.com/featured/the-contraception-divorce-connection.html>

The contraceptive mindset is the abortive mindset, so when contraception fails, people generally turn to abortion:

If contraception is really okay, how come it plays upon the same line of thinking which leads to abortion? How come it even helps create that line of thinking? For the person seeking an abortion wrongly believes their child is a problem to them. Hence, they desire that child to die. So too does the person contracepting think that a child would be a problem to them. People use contraception, especially when they do it in the long-term, in order to facilitate their lifestyle, be it one of comfort, luxury, hedonism or what the world calls liberty. The contraceptive-thinking person and the abortive-thinking person share a great deal in common. That child is a problem. Be it a child they have right now, or one they may have in the future. A child smells like a rude awakening. That spiritual embrace the two practices have should tell us something. So too should the selfishness of the mindset which views a child as a problem. If that mindset is evil, could it be that the manifestation of that mindset through using contraception is evil as well?

This link in attitude between contraception and abortion appears also in the reasons people cite for having their child killed in an abortion mill. You know, for paying someone to pop its head off with a cold metal instrument. Very frequently, in one study as high as 51% of the time, people going in for abortions cite “failed contraception” as the reason they have walked in the door. Should we be surprised at that? Should the common sense person NOT have figured out that connection long ago? For me I just kept seeing links like this and had to ask myself if evil was linked to contraception over and over again, then maybe contraception was wrong. As I’ve said before, that’s the conclusion I finally came to. I want you to see the same logic. Maybe it causes so much destruction because it is actually wrong.

The introduction of contraception typically comes together with a drastic rise in abortion rates except in a minority of countries with a preexistence culture of abortion:

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/badcatholic/2012/11/does-contraception-reduce-the-abortion-rate.html>

Contraception is legally linked to abortion through Supreme Court decisions:

Not everyone knows this, but beyond being linked logically, contraception and abortion are also linked legally. The same court decision (Roe v Wade) that paved the way for legal abortion across the U.S. cited an earlier 1965 decision (Griswold v Connecticut) legalizing contraception through the use of a “right to privacy.” The idea of privacy had been used to protect those who sold contraception just as it now protects those who perform abortions or procure them.

The Supreme Court also found a clear existential link between the two practices in 1992 in its Casey decision, saying, “people had organized their intimate relationships and made choices that define themselves ... in reliance on the availability of abortion in the event contraception should fail.” This explanation for the need for access to abortion states the obvious about the surrounding culture; that the contraception mindset demands abortion. Even relies upon it.

This article from a university website lists the case which legalized contraception as foundational in a “right to privacy”: <https://open.lib.umn.edu/criminallaw/chapter/3-4-the-right-to-privacy/>

Most forms, and some of the most popular forms, are designed to be abortifacient:

Regarding the use of contraception, one has to ask – if it’s really okay, how come it is specially designed to make sure children die in the womb? Shouldn’t that stop us in our tracks, if we consider using contraception? One can always argue that devices such as condoms do no such thing, but this fails to realize that the acceptance of contraception almost always means an acceptance of the whole practice, and only rarely singles out methods such as condoms. Societies that accept it accept it, including its abortifacient forms. They permit the total package.

As you might know, the most popular methods of contraception such as the pill or the patch are chemically designed so that the lining of the woman’s uterus will not be able to support the life of her child. Therefore, in the case that it fails to prevent fertilization, that child will die in the presumed safety of its mother’s womb in several days or weeks. What could be more satanic? It is hard to imagine that sincere pro-lifers cannot see the evil in turning a place of protecting life into a place of destroying it. Turning the woman’s womb into a place of death. How could a Christian ever think to use such a thing?

An overview of some abortifacient contraception:

<http://www.lifeissues.org/2014/09/abortifacients-overview/>

Wipes out the brethren:

The introduction of contraception was widely recognized, and not just by Christians, as a practice that would wipe out entire people groups. Within the Body of Messiah, it has clearly done its job in wiping out our future children, our future works, future missionaries and pastors. Much of our future comes through the family, that future with which we will bless the world through the name of Christ, so that all the nations shall be blessed. When Christians take contraception, they say farewell to that blessing of the nations. Because Christians will be no more. This is not simply a slippery slope argument of course. This is the year 2017. It's a slipped down the slope already argument, with some way left to go. You can watch as formerly Christian lands are replaced by those who do not carry the name of Messiah. Lebanon was once majority Christian. Did they all get murdered by Muslims? Well, some did. But in large part they simply did not respect the fertility God gave them. You can look that up. I've read that Christian communities in India, already a small minority, take on the small family habits of the West and refuse to grow. Europe of course, which is in large part formerly Christian, is in the process of having its population replaced as we speak, mostly by Muslims, but by Hindus and others as well. You can watch its demise in real time.

Thinking of our own pleasure has consequences you know. Thinking of our own comfortable lifestyle. This is one of them. You destroy the future and have few souls left to shine the blessed light of Christ. Our Lord said the meek will inherit the earth, as if simply meekly following God, without thought of ourselves, would make us greater conquerors than any that conquer with the sword. But we will not inherit the earth. We think of the seed of man as a curse, and not a blessing. It seems tragic and ironic that the Savior who is indeed the prophesied seed, was many generations in coming to us, coming down from Avraham, and through his children and through their children. Read Luke chapter 3. Or Matthew chapter 1. We are blessed with more than an invisible spiritual seed. God has value for our physical seed as well, as He plainly says in Holy Scripture. Contracepting has wiped out the brethren in much of the world. Children of Avraham, don't you think we have to stop?

Islam is increasing at least twice as fast as Christianity, and a major reason is that they have more children: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/04/23/why-muslims-are-the-worlds-fastest-growing-religious-group/>

The early Church and the bulk of Christian leaders were against it:

The early Church may not be inerrant, but it bears mentioning that from the early documented writings of Christian history, Church leaders rejected contraception. To cite just one, Clement of Alexandria taught: “Because of its divine institution for the propagation of man, the seed is not to be vainly ejaculated, nor is it to be damaged, nor is it to be wasted.” Recognition of its evil and unnatural nature was there in the earliest recorded Christian history, and it was later prohibited through Church dogma. Christians were not to use contraception. It was understood as evil.

There may be few left today who believe that, but realize, a rejection of contraception speaks for the large majority of Christian history, and the large majority of its leaders during that time. It was dogma throughout Christendom, and is still prohibited by the Catholic Church, parts of the Eastern Orthodox and various smaller groups. Did 20th century Christians, in some deep and sincere quest for truth suddenly see how the Church had been foolish all those years? Did they just become “enlightened” as many Westerners like to think of their modern culture? Or were those 20th century Christians actually LOSING their faith and looking for an excuse to live as they pleased?

I realize there are a lot of hard questions surrounding contraception, but for the most part I am convinced it was the latter scenario. Christians came not to care very much for the Bible. They came to care little for natural law and to become ignorant of it. And they developed a pseudo-Christian culture that put the emphasis on man and his feelings, not on God. Am I wrong on this? THAT is the scenario that I see happened and it is still happening now. So I choose to respect the weight of the early Church teachings, brethren. I put them OVER the modern man-focused ones. And I do believe, while it is not proof in itself, that the many centuries of prohibiting contraception speak a lot stronger than the 20th century Church. But you can make up your own mind on that one.

This is a collection of early Christian teachings against contraception. They are very clear:

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/contraception-and-sterilization>

Even its name is wicked, meaning anti-Genesis:

On top of what are some powerful lines of evidence against it, contraception even bears a satanic name. Contraception literally means – against the beginning. When we hear these words as children of God, we ought to think about who OUR beginning really is. We can think of the book of beginnings, called Genesis, and how God’s Spirit hovered gently over the waters, in the beginning. We can remember the words of the apostle John also – in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. Contraception is the anti-Genesis. It is against the Beginning. Yet our God is the beginning of all things. He is the rightful ruler over childbirth and little children too.

Finally

If the reasons I’ve given you aren’t enough for you, I encourage you to begin your own research. Take a look at all the evidence yourself. It took me several years to fully engage this subject and to change my mind. It may take you a while too. There are much better essays than mine openly available, many by Catholics and a few by Fundamentals. I believe the truth is there for all of us to see, and it’s not too hazy, in that contraception works grossly against biblical principles, against natural law and also causes immeasurable and tragic harm to our community. Respect your fertility. Keep having children. I will never stop being the person who gives this warning, until all has stopped.

Thank you for listening today. Shalom.

<http://www.holinessofthebride.com/the-abomination-war-on-fertility>