

WOMAN IN THE FACE OF THE CULTURE OF DEATH: ABORTION, CONTRACEPTION, END OF LIFE

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“The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of woman is being achieved in its fullness, the hour in which woman acquires in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is under-going so deep a transformation, women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid mankind in not falling.”¹

Beautiful words indeed of Pope Paul VI, in his address to women during the closing of the Second Vatican Council, amply quoted in the first paragraph of St. John Paul II's great encyclical, *Mulieres Dignitatem*. Indeed, this is a clear recognition of the crucial role of women in the world, and a prophetic pronouncement of what would be needed today – **“women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel!”**

As we face an increasingly secular and materialistic world, the role of women as bearers of life is consciously and masterfully being turned upside down. Today very sadly, fertility is considered a disease, treated with killer contraceptives now considered as “essential medicines!” And, when the same contraceptives fail – which they do many times, abortion conveniently becomes an option, which they say is human right and/or women's rights – even if they murder another life! And of course, when children see that their mother can kill their siblings through contraception and abortion, what is there to prevent them from killing us when we become old? When we consider children as burdens easily

¹ -Closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, ***Address of Pope Paul VI to Women***, 8 December 1965.
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/speeches/1965/documents/hf_p-vi_spe_19651208_epilogo-concilio-donne_en.html.

- ***Apostolic Letter, Mulieris Dignitatem of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II on the Dignity and Vocation of Women on the Occasion of the Marian Year***, Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's on 15 August, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 1988.
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_15081988_mulieris-dignitatem_en.html.

disposed of through abortion, for sure the weak and the elderly can also be easily disposed of, and thus euthanasia sets in. They are fruits coming from the same poisonous tree.

In China, which implements a strict one-child policy, there is what is called as 8-4-2-1 society² – one child taking care of two parents, four grandparents, and eight great grandparents. More likely to be spoiled and self-centered, these children often neglect their parents later, causing a lot of loneliness on the part of the elderly, and a host of other related problems.

And, as demographic winter becomes more pronounced, governments feel that the elderly is taking much of its resources through pensions and medicare benefits, thus legislate euthanasia! They even call it “patient’s right” or “death with dignity”, even if in reality it is murder!

How warped indeed have our values become. A lot of people fail to realize the important mission of the elderly in being a witness to the past and a source of wisdom for the young and the future. They are as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, the memory and heritage of families.

Truly indeed the world is forgetting or has forgotten what is most basic – that life is GOD’s most precious gift. And since it is GOD who gives life, it is only HE who can take it away. When we take GOD out of the equation, perversion follows. This we see today all over the world.

I visited a home for the aged recently in a trip to Taiwan. What I saw was a gloomy scenario. Despite their air-conditioned beautiful building – with plenty of food and earthly comforts, the same elderly had faces which looked like Good Friday. In Taiwan as in many other developed countries in the world, people I was told, are too busy filling their bank accounts – working even on supposedly rest days to bring in more money, and thus, they don’t want children. Then when they become old, they realize money can’t buy them happiness.

In contrast, developing countries like my country the Philippines, even when poor, have plenty of smiles on their faces. The elderly are surrounded by loving children and grandchildren...Even people living in the slums are joyful, amidst the stinking heaps of garbage which provide them a living. Foreigners are perplexed. I only have one answer to that – we maybe poor materially but we are so rich spiritually. It is a joy only GOD who is love, can give.

Of course I do not condone this kind of living. Often, I cry seeing the horrible conditions and ask myself – how on earth can our governments - can the world which is supposed to be modern and civilized, who can spend mind-boggling amount of money for arms to further kill and maim the world – ironically to attain peace, allow this to happen? Very sadly, their solution is to provide more contraceptives and legalize abortion, a case of eradicating poverty by eliminating the poor. Very subtly and deceptively, they are even using vaccines for birth control. And, since the promotion of the culture of death is greased by mind-boggling amount of money too difficult to resist, governments and non-government organizations toe the line.

If we truly care for the poor, why don’t we use the billions of money given as aid/grants for contraceptives, abortion, and population control, to fund genuine livelihood opportunities for them, build houses and schools, and fund their education? If we do so, there would be no more poor in this world. If we sterilize people or give them pills and condoms, is it going to put food on their table? Perhaps, we will only succeed in making large poor families into small poor families. But certainly, it will not solve poverty. The poor indeed are as Mother Teresa said, our practicum in going to heaven.

But of course we know that massive promotion of contraceptives and the culture of death – divorce, euthanasia, total population control and homosexuality, are part of a covert global anti-life agenda used by unscrupulous governments and groups in the developed world to be able to control the world and get the natural resources of the poor countries, for their own selfish ends. They fail to realize or perhaps refuse to acknowledge that there is enough for everyone’s need, but not for anyone’s greed.

² “China: One Child Is Not Enough”, Newsweek Magazine, March 17, 2008.

In the once top secret document – the National Security Study Memorandum 200 written by then U.S. Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, it mentions women empowerment as one of the strategies for population control – taking women out of their homes to work, because if they stay only in the homes, they will produce more children. They want zero population growth by promoting one or two child policies, in the guise of population and development and/or sustainable development. It also talks of using the United Nations agencies, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization, among others, to implement their evil agenda, as well as withholding of aid to countries who don't follow.

Very sadly, countless women have fallen into the trap, without knowing the many horrors of contraception and abortion – until it is too late. No less than the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization, has from 2005 – 2013, consistently classified pills as Group 1 Carcinogen – which means the highest level of cancer risk!³ To quote IARC, it says, “*Women increase their risk of breast, cervical and liver cancer if they use oral contraceptives and the greatest cancer risk is to young women, particularly teenagers, who use the pill.*” These and other killer effects like high blood pressure; increased risk of stroke or heart attack; cancers of the breast and reproductive organs; osteoporosis; blurring of vision/blindness; infertility; birth defects; gall bladder disease; liver tumors; increased risk of getting HIV/AIDS; mood disorders; and loss of libido or sexual pleasure, among many others, are very amply borne by tons of scientific evidence, just like the many horrors of abortion, also proven to cause breast cancer, as well as many other physical and emotional ailments.⁴ People

³ **Monographs of the International Agency for Research on Cancer**, World Health Organization, 2005-2013.
<http://monographs.iarc.fr/ENG/Classification/ClassificationsAlphaOrder.pdf>

- **Also see: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC/WHO) Press Release # 167, July 29, 2005**

⁴ **Please also read among others:**

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- **Malignant hypertension associated with use of oral contraceptives.**
[Dunn FG, Jones JV, Fife R.](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/1138738)
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/1138738>, accessed 25 July 2013

never learn, or perhaps no one has ever told them. The Bible tells us: “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*” (Hosea 4:6).

Gender feminists position themselves as pro-women and yet promote contraceptives and abortion which kill the women! They also say, they want a safe and satisfying sex life, which means - sex for pleasure only – free of the possibility of pregnancy and children. But research has also proven that the use of pills results to loss of libido or loss of sexual pleasure,⁵ as well as mood disorder⁶, leading to divorce and broken marriages and families. In their quest for false freedom, they become slaves of their own passions, and thus become unhappy.

Truly indeed what is happening today vindicates Pope Paul VI’s *Humanae Vitae*,⁷ which predicted that contraception would lead to conjugal infidelity; a general lowering of morality; lead men to treat women as “mere instruments of selfish enjoyment”, rather than as cherished partners; and finally, that widespread acceptance of contraception by couples would lead to a massive imposition of contraception by unscrupulous governments.

- Tanis BC, et al. **Oral contraceptives and the Risk of Myocardial Infarction**. *New England Journal of Medicine* 2001; 345:1787-93.
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- (Dolle J, et al. **Risk factors for triple negative breast cancer in women under the age of 45**. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev* 2009;18(4):1157-65).
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- See more at: <http://culture-of-life.org/blog/medical-health-risks-contraception#sthash.bfyBn8op.dpuf>, accessed August 10, 2013.
- B. C. Tanis, **Oral contraceptives risk of myocardial infarction** *Department of Haematology and Clinical Epidemiology, Leiden University Medical Center, Building 1, C9-P P.O. Box 9600, Leiden 2300, The Netherlands* *European Heart Journal*, <http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/24/5/377.full> accessed August 10, 2013.
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⁵ Panzer, Wise, Goldstein, et. Al, “**Impact of Oral Contraceptives on Sex Hormone-Binding Globulin and Androgen Levels: A Retrospective Study in Women with Sexual Dysfunction**”, *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, Jan. 2006, Vol 3, Iss. 1, 104-113.

⁶ Mara Hvistendahl, “**Birth Control Pills Shown to alter Structure of Women’s Brains**”, (popsci.com), October 1, 2010. (also discussed in a study published August 2008, *Royal Society Proceedings B*, by evolutionary Psychologist, Craig Roberts.)

⁷ *Encyclical Letter, Humanae Vitae of the Supreme Pontiff Paul VI to His Venerable Brothers the Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops and other Local Ordinaries in Peace and Communion with the Apostolic See, to the Clergy and Faithful of the Whole Catholic World, and to All Men of Goodwill on the Regulation of Birth*. http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae_en.html.

How dreadfully his prophecy has been vindicated. Worse in some countries like India and China where there is a preference for males, female babies are intentionally murdered in the womb. While there is so much hype on women empowerment, they conveniently forget that this right begins in the womb - at conception!

As Cardinal Raymond Burke, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura has said, *“Through the spread of the contraceptive mentality, especially among the young, human sexuality is no longer seen as the gift of GOD, which draws a man and a woman together, in a bond of lifelong and faithful love, crowned by the gift of new human life, but rather, as a tool for personal gratification.”* *“Correcting this contraceptive thinking is,”* he said, *“essential to the advancement of the culture of life.”*

I love how Pope Paul VI says it in *Humanae Vitae*: *“When couples, by means of recourse to contraception, separate these two meanings that GOD the Creator has inscribed in the being of man and woman and in the dynamism of their sexual communion, they act as arbiters of the divine plan and they manipulate and degrade human sexuality – and with it themselves and their married partner – by altering its value of total self-giving.”*

By breaking the natural and divinely ordained connection between sex and procreation, women and men especially, would focus on the hedonistic possibilities of sex. People would cease seeing sex as something that was intrinsically linked to new life and to the sacrament of marriage.

As Theologian of the Papal Household, Rev. Wojciech Giertych, OP, said, *“When sexuality is not tied with the virtue of chastity, which trains the person how to integrate the sexual desire within charity, then everything is rocked...once contraception became so easily available we see distortions of sexuality, and problems on the level of human relationships, of marriages breaking down, of a violent aggressiveness of women who are discovering that they are being abused as a result of contraception, and so they’re landing in an aggressive feminism, with rage against men.”* *“Contraception,”* he also said, *“is leading to abortion, because it treats the potential child as an enemy, and if something goes wrong and a child is conceived, then the child is easily aborted.”*

Of course the relationship between contraception and abortion is well-established. Even the pro-abortion Allan Guttmacher Institute, research arm of the number one abortionist organization in the world – the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), has found that *“54 percent of women who have abortions had used a contraceptive method (usually condom or the pill), during the month they became pregnant.”*⁸

Dr. Malcolm Potts, former Medical Director of IPPF has also said, *“As people turn to contraception, there will be a rise, not a fall, in the abortion rate.”*

Thus, we now have abortion on demand. Mothers have horribly become the killers of their very own children. Women who are supposed to be bearers of life, are being devoured by the serpent. Certainly the devil wants to destroy the womb of the woman for it was through it that he was defeated. And of course, the devil knowing that every human being is made in the image and likeness of GOD would always want to obliterate every reminder of GOD’s face, power, love, and mercy.

It is in this vein that peddlers of the culture of death are desperately trying to take GOD out of the consciousness of people. They know that the source of all truth will always illumine one’s heart and mind. And thus, they attack the Catholic church and its teachings, and frantically portrays the issues as just a religious one, malevolently insisting on the separation of church and state. They label the Catholic church as “archaic” and say that we need to keep up with the modern times. What they conveniently forget is as Pope Paul VI said, the church is only a repository of truth. It cannot change the teachings that Christ Himself taught.

⁸ **2011 Research: Pro-Abortion Allan Guttmacher Institute**

<http://www.trying-to-conceive.com/womens-life-health/news/birth-control-not-preventing-unwanted-pregnancies/>, accessed 25 April 2013.

Thus, there is a need to recover an awareness of the primacy of moral values and recapture the ultimate meaning of life and its fundamental values. We need to ally science with Divine wisdom to bring about the true advancement of women and of the human person in his or her whole truth, freedom, and dignity.

Once and for all, women need to understand that as St. John Paul says in *Mulieres Dignitatem*, “God entrusts the human being to her in a special way.” As bearers of life, women need to understand that motherhood is the privilege and greatness of a woman, as it means the power to bear life and the capacity to nurture life. Without children, there is no future. And, even if they enter the religious life, women can be spiritually fruitful – the father and mother of many by nurturing the moral, emotional, and spiritual lives of others.

Thus, the “perfect woman”, says St. John Paul, becomes an irreplaceable support and source of spiritual strength for other people, who perceive the great energies of her spirit. And these perfect women, he says in the same encyclical, “are owed much by their families, and sometimes by whole nations.”

And this can only happen when the woman herself is as Paul VI said, “*impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel!*” Unless she understands and lives the basic tenets of her faith, and know the logic behind the church’s teachings on life and family, it would be easy for her to fall. Indeed there is an urgent need to bring back women, and men for that matter - to the basics, and reclaim the world for GOD, starting the journey within one’s own self, and ultimately flowing to others with GOD’s grace – blooming wherever GOD plants us, so that others, especially those who are lost will find its way back.

Just as it was Mary that gave birth to Christ in the world to restore the fullness of life, women can be the inspiration and drive to all men to bring the image of GOD in marriage and the family back into the world.

It is thus very timely and urgent for us to re-visit *Mulieres Dignitatem*, and proclaim its wisdom with urgency to the whole world.

Let us call on Mary, our Blessed Mother and most powerful intercessor to always hold us close to her bosom, and envelope us and the whole world in her mantle of love and protection.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

May everything we do glorify the LORD!