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"It is poverty
 To decide a child must die
 So that you may live as you wish"
 Mother Teresa (being canonized Sept. 2016)

WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP IT FROM GETTING WORSE?

Many of us Golden-Agers have been in a cultural shock for some time, especially in recent years.

However, even those who are much younger, you also have seen changes that were not comprehensible when you were young.

I remember, many years ago when we had Dr. Bernard Nathanson as a speaker at one of our State Conferences, he warned of terrible events to come, so bad he didn't tell us what they were. He said it all revolved around the lack of respect for life. Indeed, his prediction has come true, and more is about to happen unless the American people take action in the coming elections and vote for a pro-life president.

In history there was the terrible Nazi regime which used and experimented on people in unheard of ways. It was during this time that experimentation on human beings, including babies started to take place. It was then that the euthanasia movement got its footing. The Living Will was introduced in as a precursor to euthanasia and assisted suicide. Having people think about controlling their final days, led to them taking action by law to end their lives. However, that happens with and without consent. So the frail, elderly, and those in fear and who were treated as expensive and unwanted bought into the assisted suicide push.

The desire to control the world by elitist people such as Margaret Sanger and others that promoted birth control to minimize the number of minorities in our country came in the 30's and continues today. They supported sterilization. This movement eventual added the abortion agenda which began in the 1970's and first worked on minorities then moved to others.

We also know that here in the United States we had the Tuskegee Experimentation program that used African American military people to do experiments upon them in World War II.

The sexual revolution of the 60's brought about sexual diseases and unplanned pregnancies. This gave the Margaret Sanger group (later named Planned Parenthood) the opportunity to push abortion. This brought about the U. S. Supreme Court Rulings, "Roe v. Wade" and "Doe v. Bolton" in 1973. The first ruling, "Doe v. Bolton" defined health in such a way that anything you can think of can be under the term "health". It included physical, mental, psychological, age, and what the community "thought". It was this definition that was included in Roe v. Wade that allowed abortion to be legal all nine months of pregnancy. Since that ruling there have been over 60 million babies killed without due process of the law. That is more than all the casualties of all our wars since our inception as a nation, combined.

Late term abortions (after the first 20 weeks) escalated in the

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Dr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests For Life is coming to New Mexico. He will be speaking at two events:
Breakfast With Father Pavone, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at Glory Christian Fellowship Hall, 2414 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albq. N.M . Cost \$25
More information will be forth coming.
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80's and are currently in practice. First, it was used for sex selection abortions. Then it moved to D & E abortions, (Dismemberment abortions) where the baby is torn apart in the womb and then withdrawn and discarded. For a time there was a Partial Birth abortion, where the baby was delivered breech until the head was inside the birth canal, and the body outside. Scissors were jammed in the base of the head and the brains were suctioned out.

This type of abortion was outlawed by Congress. However there are other types being used. The

D & E is used and the parts from it are being used for experimentation although whole babies are preferred. This can still take place with chemical abortions using prostaglandin drugs. These were used in the 1980's.

The creation of RU 486, a drug used in combination Methotrexate with prostaglandin drugs, was introduced in 2002 and is used to kill babies in the first trimester. This avoided surgical procedures (except when it failed) and could be done at home by the mother.

Meanwhile experimentations continued in the world. In 1996 Dolly the Sheep was a cloned animal. It was hoped, and still is on the radar, that we can clone human beings. This was the reason for establishing experimentation on human embryos (our earliest stage of development). This required the killing the embryo after cloning it. It was promised great cures would come from these embryos. It never happened. It did happen with adult stem cells which are our own cells, or animal cells, which are used to treat and cure illnesses and is now used far more than embryonic stem cell research.

We have used and abused human beings throughout history. Most of the abuse was done by "unethical, mad or political leaders for some sort of control and evil use.

However, we aren't done. Today we face a new "insane" idea and it is coming from our own government with supposedly "sane" people behind it. They are evil, and those in office and those running for office, who have no respect for life, will support this and many more inhumane, unethical, diabolical research and will carry out the mission which has been in place for a long time to use human beings for research to make money and control our population from birth to death.

EACH ONE OF US CAN STOP THIS INSANITY AND THAT IS IN

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THE VOTING BOOTH.

NOTE: If what you have read is not enough to make you ponder where our world is going, please read the next article to see how bad it can get.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO ALLOW SCIENTISTS TO MAKE HUMAN-ANIMAL HYBRIDS

The Obama administration on August 4, 2016 announced it had flung the door wide open to scientists making grisly human-animal hybrids. After overturning the Bush administration limits on forcing taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research, this is the latest move by President Barack Obama to manipulate and destroy human life in unethical experiments. The federal government is lifting a moratorium on funding certain controversial experiments that use human stem cells to create animal embryos that are partly human.

The National Institutes of Health is proposing a new policy to permit scientists to get federal money to make embryos, known as chimeras, under certain carefully monitored conditions.

One issue is that scientists might inadvertently create animals that have partly human brains, endowing them with some semblance of human consciousness or human thinking abilities. Another is that they could develop into animals with human sperm and eggs and breed, producing human embryos or fetuses inside animals or hybrid creatures.

But scientists have argued that they could take steps to prevent those outcomes and that the embryos provide invaluable tools for medical research.

Bioethicist Wesley Smith has previously warned about letting scientists police themselves – because they often throw ethics and a respect for human life out of the window.

The real question is when are we going to enforce the regulations with sharp teeth? Do we need to criminalise these experiments to get scientists to stop?

Because when we say, “ban” certain kinds of experiments, we are pejoratively labeled as “anti-science,” and that we should trust “the scientists” not to stray too far afield.

Talk is cheap. The truth is, I think many scientists oppose any permanent and meaningful restraints-on themselves and each other. If I am right, society will have to forcefully take matters into its own hands.

So what do these scientists do?

Researchers in the U. S. are tinkering with a disturbing new experiment that mixes human and pig cells to produce a hybrid embryo. Scientists at the University of California, Davis are trying to use pigs as “biological incubators” to grow human organs, according to the report. Walter Low, a professor at the University of Minnesota, said scientists hope to develop a method to grow various organs for transplant, including pancreases, hearts, livers, kidneys, lungs and corneas.

Low explained that cells would be taken from the patient needing an organ and used to grow “an exact genetic copy” of that organ in a pig embryo. This method would reduce the chance of a patient’s body rejecting the organ transplant, he said.

Sometimes referred to as chimeras, animal-human hybrids have been the subject of experiments in the past. The University of Rochester implanted newborn mice with nascent human glial cells to test brain activity involved with learning and memory, Life News reported. The University of Wisconsin also has conducted human-animal studies.

There are serious concerns about the ethical implications of such research.

In 2009, pro-abortion President Barack Obama issued an executive order allowing funding on life-destroying embryonic stem cell research, including for human-animal hybrid embryos, Life News Reported. This rescinded President George Bush’s policy prohibiting taxpayer-funding of the life-destroying practices.

This article was written by Steve Ertelt from LifeNews.

“I JUST DON’T LIKE HIM”

Everyone reading this heading automatically knows the discussion is Donald Trump. The second statement is “I don’t trust him.”

When was it ever required to “like” someone to vote for him or her or to work with someone, etc?

Through the years I have had to work with legislators I was not fond of, and people in the pro-life movement I didn’t care for. I have had relatives that weren’t my favorite people. That didn’t keep me from working with or being involved with these people. My emotions of wanting to like someone must NOT take precedence over who will do the job. The pro-life issue is too important for this to be a bottom line in seeking through the political venue what is so necessary to the pro-life movement now and in the future.

Do you know if you would have liked George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, or Abraham Lincoln? You may very much like their philosophy but that does not mean you would like their personality or approach to carrying out that philosophy politically.

Donald Trump is not a politician, and his use of words to promote his candidacy is not “enjoyable”. It is rough and tough and very abrupt. But what he has said he would do (and you do not have ANY REASON to say he won’t do this), is that he will have justices on the Supreme Court who follow the constitution. He said they needed to be like Antonin Scalia – a Justice of well-respected standing who defended the unborn, etc. because our constitution protects human life.

By the way, the other courts are also very important as most cases go to district and federal courts. We have lost many pro-life bills in these courts that had justices appointed by Bill Clinton and Barrack Obama – having the same philosophy and agendas that they had to use the court system to create the social issues as they saw it should be – pro-abortion, pro- euthanasia, etc.

We know Donald Trump supports pro-life legislation that is in the state legislatures and waiting in Congress. We know he said that as long as Planned Parenthood did abortions, it should be defunded.

Another issue most don’t think about is the life issues in the world. For years under Democratic administrations, including the current one, there have been efforts by the U. S. Government, using our tax payer funds, to encourage nations to adopt using abortion for birth control and to change their constitutions to make this possible. This pressure is ever increasing in these nations and many have succumbed to it.

Donald Trump wants to repeal and replace The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). He wants competition in the private sector, which includes being able to cross state lines to acquire your insurance. What he wants is far less expensive plans and for them to be able to cover the needs of our citizens.

So other than speaking in a better manner, what do you want in the pro-life movement for him to provide that he hasn’t already made a commitment to do? You don’t trust him, yet he hasn’t done anything politically you can use against him.

Advising Donald Trump on pro-life issues, include: Dr. Ben Carson, Newt Gingrich and his running mate Mike Pence, to name a few. He is surrounded by pro-lifers.

HOWEVER, HERE COMES HILLARY CLINTON!

Hillary Clinton has promised that her goal is “Abortion for any reason, any time and it will be paid by the U. S. Government

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(us taxpayers). She will work to overturn the Hyde Amendment which prevents taxpayers dollars for any abortion except in cases of rape, incest and life of the mother.

She who created the original health care that Obamacare was built upon, will have the same anti-life ingredients, will cost an arm and a leg, and will leave people without having doctors, hospitals and with what remains you will have to wait a long time to get care.

Look who she goes to for advice:

EMAILS REVEAL HILLARY CLINTON LEANED ON LIBERAL BILLIONAIRE GEROGE SOROS FOR ADVICE -By Emily Derois – National Right to Life

Like Clinton, Soros fully supports abortion and euthanasia. He spent millions on an effort to replace pro-life Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia with a liberal, pro-abortion activist. He also has donated millions to abortion groups such as Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.

The New York Times identified six of the liberal organizations behind the push to get an Obama nominee quickly confirmed. Nearly all the groups which ranged from People for the American Way to the League of Conservation Voters, have one donor in common: liberal billionaire George Soros. The billionaire has also given fiscal support to the assisted suicide group Compassion & Choices. The euthanasia group received millions from Soros to "help them influence culture, then pass and implement assisted suicide laws across the nation,"

Soros has supported Clinton from the beginning. Even in 2013, before Clinton announced her candidacy, he gave \$25,000 to the "Ready for Hillary" super PAC. Because of his donation, Soros became a co-chair of the group's National Finance Committee.

In February, his son, Jonathan Allan Soros, donated \$1 million to Planned Parenthood Votes. Planned Parenthood announced in November its intention to spend \$20 million to elect Clinton. Soros' money contributed to Planned Parenthood's political effort.

It is unsurprising that Clinton is receiving advice and donations from an abortion activist like Soros. Clinton opposes abortion bans after 20 weeks of pregnancy when scientific evidence shows that unborn babies feel excruciating pain, and she wants to force taxpayers to pay for abortions. Clinton also has spoken in support of gruesome partial-birth abortions, which are illegal. Clinton also believes an unborn child just hours before delivery has no constitutional rights.

If you like her – then why? – If you don't like Trump, again why? Are the reasons the same or is there more justification when you can dislike a person for what they represent to not vote for them?

MIKE PENCE: "I'M PRO-LIFE AND I DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR IT" BY Steven Ertelt

In a weekend interview with Fox News, pro-life Indiana governor and vice-presidential running mate Mike Pence said he wanted to see Roe v. Wade overturned.

Pence also said "I'm pro-life, I don't apologize for it." He went on to say that Donald Trump has a "strong commitment to the right to life."

THE WONDER OF THE UNBORN CHILD



Through the many years I have been the Executive Director of the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico, I have heard incredulous things said about the unborn child. Most of them so inaccurate you wonder how anyone has the "guts" to even speak them. They say the unborn child is just a blob of cells, that it is not a human being, that it is not a human being until it can breathe, that it has no rights, and on and on. So I feel the next two articles might give a better picture to those who are making such ignorant claims, or those who just don't know the facts.

-Dauneen Dolce.

THE UNBORN IS NOT "LIVING AND BREATHING"? - By Paul Stark

Sometimes pro-choice advocates say that pro-lifers care only about the unborn (i.e., the human fetus or embryo) rather than "actual living, breathing human beings" (or variations on that phrase). Of course, pro-lifers do care about already-born human beings, and to suggest otherwise is an indefensible slander (an ad hominem attack irrelevant to the ethics of abortion).

But here I want to address the implication that the unborn is not "living" and "breathing."

The unborn is obviously living in a biological sense, exhibiting metabolism, cellular reproduction, reaction to stimuli, and rapid growth. Indeed, the unborn is not only living, but is a distinct, complete, self-integrating, self-developing organism, and a member of the human species. He or she (sex is determined from conception) is a living human being.

Perhaps the pro-choice advocate means "living" in a different sense—a social or moral one. On this view, perhaps, the unborn does not yet possess the qualities necessary for the kind of "life" that deserves of moral respect and protection. But it seems misleading to use the term "living" in this way, since we commonly use that term in the biological sense to describe living plants, animals, insects, etc.

In any case, one must explain what "living" in the moral/social sense actually means, and offer reasons to think that it serves as a valid criterion for having the right not to be intentionally killed. It is far from obvious that we may discriminate between members of the species Homo Sapiens on the basis of age/development and acquired characteristics, permitting the killing of some but not others. (I argue against such a view here.)

What about breathing? Breathing as we usually think of it, using the lungs, does not begin until birth (or shortly after). But the biological process of respiration, involving the transfer of oxygen, begins long before birth. This means of respiration is different for human beings still in the womb, but the fact of respiration is the same. The late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a prolific abortionist and co-founder of NARAL (before he famously changed his mind), explains:

"[A]t the end of pregnancy, [the fetus/newborn child's] growth needs simply outstrip the ability of the placenta to supply food and oxygen, so the lungs and mouth must take over. The organism is put into a different physiological milieu – and nothing more. It is like switching from AC to DC current: the energy connection changes, but the basic mechanics remain the same."

The change in the mode of respiration obviously does not change the kind of thing the unborn/newborn is (a living organism
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of the human species). No scientifically informed person would ever say so. Nor is it clear how such a change could possibly be relevant to whether someone has fundamental dignity and basic rights. Indeed, I have never seen anyone seriously argue that it is. A person who has become dependent on a medical ventilator, for example is still a person who may not be killed without just cause.

So: The being who is killed by abortion is a living, respiring, fast-growing organism, a human being, a member of our species, like you and me, only at a much earlier stage of life. Defenders of abortion favor denying unborn human beings the kind of moral respect and legal protection that are owed to human beings at later developmental stages. They are free to make their case. But it simply will not do to claim that human beings in the womb are not “living and breathing.”

Paul Stark is Communications Assistant for Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

5 AMAZING THINGS PREBORN CHILDREN CAN DO INSIDE THE WOMB – BY Rebecca Downs

Preborn children may not be at the same developmental stage as us, but there are many things that they can still do! They have beating hearts at only 21 days gestation, detectable brain waves at roughly 42 days, and can suck their thumbs and yawn. They even have taste buds and their own fingerprints!

The incredible things preborn children can do inside the womb may surprise us, however, they certainly showcase the humanity of preborn life.

Learn!

BabyCentre shares the “womb is a sensory playground for your baby,” noting that when babies respond while in the womb, it is a sign that the child is preparing for life after birth.

WedMd states that babies have the ability to learn and listen while in the womb: The new research suggests that babies began to absorb language when they are inside the womb during the last 10 weeks of pregnancy – which is earlier than previously held.

Newborns can actually tell the difference between their mother’s native tongue and foreign languages just hours after they are born. These incredible facts display that while the baby is not yet seen, he or she is very much human.

React with gestures!

Babies have the ability to hear language and music in utero – the latter of which the child may react to. Babies can react in the womb to music “by blinking or moving to the beat.”

Children in the womb can also react in other ways, such as giving a thumbs up or other hand signals. A baby recently made headlines after the mother posted a video of her child at 14 weeks, clapping in the womb.

Remember!

Research on how children learn inside the womb also note a preborn child’s ability to remember. In fact, research shows us that children can actually distinguish their mother’s language from others. Speech pathologist Melissa Wexler Gurfein suggests that mothers should “continue to talk to her newborn from the moment of birth to help facilitate language development.”

Children can also remember songs they hear in the womb for up to four months, as noted by The Daily Mail. Researchers say exposure to music in the womb may also influence a “critical period of brain development.” It is amazing how children not only learn in the womb, but remember.

Dream!

At 32 weeks, it is reported that babies sleep 90-95% of the day. Some of these hours are spent in different stages of sleep, including REM, deep sleep, or in an indeterminate state. During REM sleep,

[a baby’s eyes move back and forth just like an adult’s eyes. Some scientists even believe that fetuses dream while they’re sleeping. Just like babies after birth, they probably dream about what they know – the sensations they feel in the womb.

Researcher who observed babies in utero note that they are in a state of quiet alertness. This suggests that the child may be focusing on something – perhaps listening to their mother’s voice.

Exist as human beings!

Even before preborn children are able to do these things, they still exist. The moment the sperm fertilized the egg, a new human person came into to existence.

An individual child is never anything but human, and has never existed, nor will exist again. From the moment of conception, pre-born children amaze us.

THE BROKEN PROMISES OF OBAMACARE – BY GENEVIEVE WOOD – THE DAILY SIGNAL

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) turned six years old July 24, 2016, but most Americans are not inclined to celebrate. Even as Obamacare became law, its opponents outnumbered its supporters in public opinion surveys. Six years on, it’s even less popular.

There are many reasons for this disenchantment. To commemorate this 6th anniversary, here’s a list of six broken promises of Obamacare.

PROMISE 1: “If you like your health care plan, you’ll be able to keep your health care plan.”

In 2013, Politifact rated this number one lie of the year. Politifact found at least 37 instances when President Obama made this vow to the American public.

What the public found was millions of cancellations from insurers who could no longer offer popular health care plans because they did not meet the requirements imposed by Obamacare. By that November, the president admitted this key talking point was false, saying “I am sorry that they are finding themselves in this situation based on assurance they got from me.”

Adding insult to injury, hundreds of thousands of Americans have lost the replacement insurance they subsequently bought through Obamacare’s insurance co-operatives. Though subsidized with billions of tax dollars, nearly half (12 of 24) of the co-ops have failed and been shut down. The debacle has cost taxpayers \$1.2 billion and left 740,000 people in 14 states scrambling to find new coverage.

PROMISE 2: “I can make a firm pledge: under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 will see their taxes increase – not your income taxes, not your payroll taxes, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes.” – President Obama, Sept. 12, 2008.

Not only did Obamacare take \$716 billion out of Medicare to help pay for the health law, it also created 18 new tax hikes to pull in \$836.3 billion during the first 10 years. The new taxes hit Americans for \$36.3 billion in 2013 alone.

PROMISE 3: “I will not sign a plan that adds one dime to our deficits ---either now or in the future,” – President Obama, Sept. 9, 2009.

Less than four years later, the Government Accountability Office announced Obamacare would increase the federal deficit by \$6.2 trillion over the next 75 years. While there are varying opinions on what Obamacare will ultimately do to the deficit, we do know that massive spending is very unlikely to be offset by huge Medicare cuts that might never happen and unpopular taxes on the middle class.

PROMISE 4: “You should know that once we have fully implemented, you’re going to be able to buy insurance through a pool so that you can get the same good rates as a group that if you’re an employee at a big company you can get right now – which means your premiums go down.” -- President Obama, July 16

2012.

Not only did premiums go up, they continued to rise. The Congressional Budget Office now predicts that, by 2025, employment-based coverage will cost about 60% more than this year because of the Affordable Care Act.

PROMISE 5: "Under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions, and federal conscience laws will remain in place."
—President Obama, Sept. 9, 2009.

A Government Accountability Office report shows that Obamacare does, in fact, force taxpayers to foot the bill for abortion services. The Department of Health and Human Services simply ignores strict regulations and laws put in place to prohibit subsidization. According to the report, more than 1,000 Obamacare-sanctioned insurance plans fail to separate funding for abortion services from coverage as required by law.

And federal conscience laws are being trampled. Just ask the Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious charities and schools who are facing millions of dollars in fines each year if they don't go along with Obamacare's mandate to include contraception services and products in their health plans that go against their faith.

PROMISE 6: "The implementation of this is fabulous." — House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, June 26, 2013.

The launch of the Obamacare insurance exchanges was a huge flop. Healthcare.gov only enrolled six Americans at the end of the first day and had massive online glitches that took months to address. And while the Obama administration claimed in 2014 that healthcare.gov costs were around \$800 million, an analysis by Bloomberg Government shows the actual cost to taxpayers was double that at over 2 billion.

Most exchanges fared little better; some did even worse. Oregon's online enrollment system never worked. Fifteen months and \$248 million after launch, the state finally pulled the plug.

While the fiscal impact is terrible — the loss of health care for people is even worse. We now have less insurance companies to provide care, and every year less physicians to provide the care. There are limits on your treatment. Many insurance companies have dropped coverage for various treatments not mandated by the government to be able to survive.

Who decides what services are mandated is the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) which is run by a political bureaucracy not by doctors.

We now have limits on the ability to use our own money to purchase insurance plans that are less likely to deny medical treatment. However, treatments that a doctor and a patient feel they need to preserve the health or prevent the death of a patient but do not meet the standards will be denied!

Doctors, who violate a "quality" of life standard set by the government and treat the patient anyway, will be disqualified from contracting with any of the health insurance plans that individual Americans, under Obamacare, will be mandated to purchase.

Medicare is having billions of dollars cut which means less health care for the elderly.

Yet, we are now funding abortion-on-demand with federal tax dollars. Health insurance exchanges (which we have in New Mexico) and billions of federal dollars are being used to subsidize insurance coverage for abortion. Government subsidized plans must include a hidden, monthly surcharge which covers abortions. The insurance companies are not allowed to tell their potential members about the charge until after they have signed up.

So while we deny medical treatments, especially for the

elderly or are physically challenged with disabilities or chronic illness due to "cost", we can afford to subsidize and pay for the killing of innocent human life.

WE MUST RID OURSELVES OF OBAMA CARE – AND TO DO THIS MEANS VOTING PRO-LIFE IN NOVEMBER.

NOTE On 8/16/2016 Aetna health insurer, one of the largest Obamacare players is only going to offer exchange plans in four states of the 12 states it is serving now in 2017 after it lost \$200 million in ACA-related pre-tax losses in its Q2 earnings.

FROM SUICIDE TO EUTHANASIA – EUROPE'S SINISTER SLIDE ...AND OURS? By Eric Metaxas

When does the right to suicide become an obligation to die? Europe is pushing the boundaries.

If you were a psychiatrist and a chronically depressed patient told you he wanted to die, what would you do? That's the question Charles Lane of the Washington Post recently asked.

In the United States, at least for now, the answer would be to employ a combination of talk therapy and drugs to ease the patient's pain and alleviate what psychiatrists call "suicidal ideation." If necessary, you might consider hospitalizing your patient.

But in Belgium, as Lane tells readers, "you might prescribe this vulnerable, desperate person a fatal dose of sodium thiopental."

As Lane tells readers, between 2007 and 2011, one hundred people went to a clinic in Belgium seeking euthanasia. While most of them were clinically depressed, not all of them were. Some of them were schizophrenic and others had Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism.

What happened in forty-eight of the cases was chilling: "The doctors satisfied that these patients were in earnest, and that their conditions were 'untreatable' and 'unbearable,' offered them lethal injection; 35 went through with it."

The same thing is happening next door in the Netherlands. A clinic there euthanized 11 people in 2012 "whose only complaint was being 'tired of living'."

Lane rightly characterizes this trend as "sinister." Writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, bioethicists Barron H. Lerner and Arthur L. Caplan said that the reports from the ironically-named "low countries," "seem to validate concerns about where these practices might lead." To which Lane replied, "That's putting it mildly."

As he writes, "What's noteworthy about euthanasia in Europe ... has been its tendency to expand once the taboo against physician-aided suicide was breached in favor of more malleable concepts such as "patient autonomy." And as Belgian law professor Etienne Montero has warned, "What is presented at first as a right is going to become an obligation."

I recently told you about the Third Reich's euthanasia program code — name Aktion T-4. Between 1929 and 1940, as many as 70,000 disabled and sick people, whom the Nazis deemed "lives unworthy of life," were exterminated — murdered — in psychiatric hospitals across the Reich.

Now, in case you're wondering, I'm not saying that what's happening in Europe today is the equivalent of Aktion T-4. In some important aspects, however, it's arguably worse because while the Nazis killed schizophrenics and people with autism, I'm not aware of their killing people who were merely depressed or "tired of living." Modern Europeans seem hell-bent on expanding the definition of a life unworthy of life.

What's more, unlike 1940, there's no real opposition. Hitler was forced to abandon Aktion T-4 because of the opposition of people like Lothar Kreyssig, a judge in Brandenburg and a

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member of the Confessing Church, and the Bishop of Munster, August Graf von Galen, who publicly condemned the program in a series of sermons that were printed and disseminated. These courageous acts roused the public opinion against the program and resulted in a rare victory for human decency in the Third Reich.

Today, what Lane calls the "slide" toward euthanasia continues largely unabated – not only in Europe but in the U. S. as well. As Lerner and Caplan wrote, all this "should give us pause" about where the so-called assisted dying' movement will lead. And here's a hint, you don't need jackboots and brown shirts anymore to turn entire classes of people into lives unworthy of life.

Please note: in the October Viva Life we will address what is happening in New Mexico in regard to assisted suicide.



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