The Shameful Social Gospel

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.”

—Romans 1:16

FOR VARIOUS REASONS, Christians of different sorts have tinkered with “the gospel of Christ” as though it needed adjustments. Not major alterations, most will tell you, but just some minor tweaking here and there. The changes often begin by one’s declaring that there is no real change involved, simply a shift in emphasis. Yet no matter what the rationale may be, the end result is being “ashamed of the gospel of Christ.”

To be “ashamed of the gospel” covers a number of attitudes, from being totally embarrassed by it to thinking that one can improve upon it a bit to make it more acceptable. One example from being totally embarrassed by it to thinking that one can produce some achievements (child labor laws and women’s suffrage) that have contributed to the welfare of society. It became the primary gospel of liberal theologians and mainline denominations throughout the 20th century. Although its popularity alternately rose and fell as it ran its course, it was often energized by the combination of religion and liberal politics, e.g., Martin Luther King, Jr., and the civil rights movement. Midway through the last century and later, the social gospel influenced developments such as the liberation theology of Roman Catholicism and the socialism of left-leaning evangelical Christians. It is in this present century, however, that the social gospel has gotten its most extensive promotion.

Two men, both professing to be evangelicals, have led the way. George W. Bush began his presidency by instituting the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. His objective was to provide government funding for local churches, synagogues, mosques, and other religious ministries that were providing a social service to their community. Bush believed that programs run by “people of faith” could be at least as effective as secular organizations in helping the needy, and perhaps more so because of their moral commitment to “love and serve their neighbor.” As he prepared to leave office, he declared that he considered his Faith-Based program to be one of the foremost achievements in his tenure as president. Then-presidential candidate Barack Obama stated that, should he win the election, he would continue the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Rick Warren, the mega-selling author of The Purpose-Driven Church and The Purpose-Driven Life, has taken the social gospel to places it has never been before: i.e., not only world wide but into the thinking and planning of world leaders. Warren credited business management genius, Peter Drucker, with the basic concept that he is executing. Drucker believed that the social problems of poverty, disease, hunger, and ignorance were beyond the capability of governments or multinational corporations to solve. To Drucker, the most hopeful solution would be found in the nonprofit sector of society, especially churches, with their hosts of volunteers dedicated to alleviating the social ills of those in their community.

Warren, acknowledging the late Drucker as his mentor for 20 years, certainly learned his lessons. His two Purpose-Driven books, translated into 57 languages and selling a combined 30 million copies, reveal the game plan for what Drucker had envisioned. Warren had local churches implement this vision from his books through his enormously popular 40 Days of Purpose and 40 Days of Community programs. To date [as of 2008], 500,000 churches in 162 nations have become part of his network. They form the basis for his Global P.E.A.C.E. Plan.

What is this P.E.A.C.E. plan? Warren’s presentation of the plan to the church is found at https://saddleback.com/connect/ ministry/the-peace-plan. On video, he identifies the “giants” of humanity’s ills as spiritual emptiness, self-centered leadership, poverty, disease, and illiteracy, which he hopes to eradicate by (P)lanting churches, (E)quipping leaders, (A)ssisting the poor, (C)aring for the sick, and (E)ducating the next generation.

Warren uses the analogy of a three-legged stool to illustrate the best way to slay these giants. Two of the legs are governments and business, which have thus far been ineffective, and, just like a two-legged stool, cannot stand. The third very necessary leg is the church. “There are thousands of villages in the world that have no school, no clinic, no business, no government—but they have a church. What would happen if we could mobilize churches
to address those five global giants?” Warren reasons that since there are 2.3 billion Christians worldwide, they could potentially form what President Bush termed a vast “army of compassion” of “people of faith” such as the world has not yet experienced.

In addition to the “Christian version,” Warren has an expanded inclusive version of the P.E.A.C.E. plan that has drawn support and praise from political and religious leaders and celebrities worldwide. At the 2008 World Economic Forum, he declared, “The future of the world is not secularism, but religious pluralism.” Referring to the ills besetting the world, he declared, “We cannot solve these problems without involving people of faith and their religious institutions. It’s going to happen any other way. On this planet there are about 20 million Jews, there are about 600 million Buddhists, there are about 800 million Hindus, there are over 1 billion Muslims, and there are 2.3 billion Christians. If you take people of faith out of the equation, you have ruled out five-sixths of the world. And if we only leave it up to secular people to solve these major problems, it isn’t going to happen” (www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGytW4yh0C8).

To accommodate working with people of all faiths Warren has revised the “P” in his P.E.A.C.E. from “Plant evangelical churches” to “Plant churches that promote reconciliation,” and the “E” from “Equip church leaders” to “Equip servant leaders.” Warren has elsewhere acknowledged his practical shift to pluralism: “Who’s the man of peace in any village—or it might be a woman of peace—who has the most respect?… They don’t have to be Christian. In fact, they could be Muslim, but they’re open and they’re influential, and you work with them to attack the five giants [to which he has added global warming].” He quotes a secular leader who affirms what he’s doing: “I get it, Rick. Houses of worship are the distribution centers for all we need to do.”

Warren joined the advisory board of Faith Foundation, established by former British prime minister and recent Roman Catholic convert Tony Blair. The Foundation’s goal is to further understanding and cooperation among the six leading faiths: Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Jewish. How does the Cross fit into this ecumenical gathering? It doesn’t. Critical to achieving that ecumenical goal is the elimination of the problem of exclusive religions, a concern articulated by one of the World Economic Forum panelists: “There are some religious leaders in different religious faiths who, in seeking to affirm their own faith and its authenticity and legitimacy—deny other people their faith with its legitimacy and authenticity. I don’t think we can keep going like this without…spawning the kind of hatred we are all here to try and solve. I think it’s up to us to hold the clergy’s feet to the fire of whatever faith—that we insist that we affirm what is beautiful in our own traditions while at the same time refusing to denigrate other faith traditions by suggesting that they are illegitimate, or consigned to some kind of evil end.”

The Bible declares all the religions of the world to be “illegitimate” and “consigned” not to “some kind of evil end” but to their just end. Only belief in the biblical gospel saves humanity: “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name [Jesus Christ] under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved;…He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (Acts 4:12, John 3:36).

The history of the social gospel is, in nearly every case, a sincere attempt by Christians to do those things that they believe will honor God and benefit humanity. In every case, however, the practical working out of “benefiting humanity” has compromised biblical faith and dishonored God. Why is that? God’s Word gives no commission to the church to fix the problems of the world. Those who attempt to do so are starting out under a false premise, “...a way which seemeth right unto a man,” not God’s way. So where can it go from there? “The end thereof are the ways of death,” i.e., destruction (Proverbs 14:12). Furthermore, the problems of the world are all symptoms. The root cause itself is sin.

What percentage of the “people of faith,” who comprise all religions and make up five-sixths of the world’s population, understand and accept the gospel—the only cure for sin? Or how many of the 2.3 billion “Christians” in the world believe the biblical gospel? The numbers tumble down exponentially. “Yes, but...they are a massive volunteer force and distribution outlet of resources for slaying the giants of world suffering!” What does it profit the billions of “people of faith” who may alleviate some of the world’s symptoms yet lose their very souls?

The social gospel is a deadly disease for “people of faith.” It reinforces the belief that salvation can be attained by doing good works, putting aside differences for the common good, treating others the way we want to be treated, acting morally, ethically, and sacrificially—and that doing so will endear humans to God. No! These are self-deceptive strivings that spurn God’s salvation, deny His perfect standard, and reject His perfect justice. Salvation is “not of works, lest any man should boast.” In fact, it is “by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Jesus declared Himself to be condemned humanity’s only hope for reconciliation with God: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: and the man no cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). There is no other way, because God’s perfect justice demanded that the penalty for sin for every human (“for all have sinned” [Romans 3:23]) be paid. Only the perfect, sinless God-Man could and did pay that infinite penalty in full by His death upon the Cross. Only faith in Him reconciles a person with God.

The shameful social gospel today not only promotes “another gospel,” but it helps to prepare a kingdom contrary to the teachings of Scripture. “For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20). He will return from heaven (John 14:3) to “rapture,” or “catch up,” those who believe in Him (His bride) into the clouds and take them to heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:17). The kingdom that remains on the earth will be the kingdom of the Antichrist.

Consistent with its amillennial/postmillennial beginnings, the efforts of the social gospel are earthbound in their attempted restoration of the kingdom of God. Eugene Peterson has infiltrated that heresy into his Message Bible: “God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again” (a perversion of John 3:17).

Rob Bell, in his book Velvet Elvis, reflects the “fix the earth” eschatology of nearly all Emerging Church leaders: “Salvation is the entire universe being brought back into harmony with its maker. This has huge implications for how people present the message of Jesus. Yes, Jesus can come into our hearts. But we can join a movement that is as wide and as big as the universe itself. Rocks and trees and birds and swamps and ecosystems. God’s desire is to restore all of it…The goal isn’t escaping this world but making this world the kind of place God can come to. And God is remaking us into the kind of people who can do this kind of work.”

For Emerging Church leader Brian McLaren, this is the future way of life for the Christian. In an interview July 28, 2008, on ChristianPost.com, he said: “I think our future will also require us to join humbly and charitably with people of other faiths—Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, secularists, and others—in pursuit of peace, environmental stewardship, and justice for all people, things that matter greatly to the heart of God.” No, what matters to the “heart of God” is “that all should come to repentance” and believe the gospel.

Anyone who puts his hope in this social gospel, which employs “people of faith” to make “this world the kind of place God can come to,” needs to heed the words of Jesus in Luke 18:8: “When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” People of all faiths, yes, but certainly not “the faith,” for which Jude exhorts true believers to earnestly contend. Lord, help us all not to be ashamed of Your gospel!!  

TBC
**Question:** When were the angels created? Genesis 2:1 seems to indicate they were created during the week of creation. Some, however, think that they were already created. Does the Scripture have a more definite answer?

**Response:** It is true that the Lord created “all things.” Angels have not always been in existence. There is a definite point in time when they were created (Colossians 1:16). But we aren’t given the information concerning that time. Genesis 2:1 does say that “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them,” and some interpret “host” to mean angels. Yet Deuteronomy 4:19 tells us, “...and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars...shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.” In this case, the word “host” is referring to “the sun, and the moon, and the stars...” The Hebrew word means “a company of persons or things...” and can refer to “the starry host” (Deuteronomy 4:19), to the angelic host (1 Kings 22:19), to the host of Israel (Exodus 12:41), and to the ministering Levites (Numbers 4:23; Barnes Notes, Genesis 2:1).

Verses such as Job 38:4,7 tell us that angels were already in existence prior to the creation of earth and man. “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?...When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” When we consider the function of angels, some have concluded that God created the angels some time prior to the creation of mankind because they are said to be “ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation” (Hebrews 1:14). The reasoning is that they were created just prior to the creation of man. But there are other things to also consider. Scripture indicates that angels were in existence before the Garden of Eden. As further proof, Satan, formerly the angel Lucifer, appeared in the garden already in his fallen state. In addition, there is another point that some consider to be an indication of how long angels have been in existence. Scripture tells us that angels are to exalt God around His throne (Revelation 5:11-14). Consequently, they may have been in existence millions of years before God created the world—worshiping and serving Him. In short, without further scriptural proof, we are open to some speculation.

**Question:** I recently listened to the August 2019 audio newsletter and praise God for it, but one of the questions had to do with what would stop the saved from sinning in heaven, and the answer given didn’t satisfy my curiosity. We know that God created Adam and Eve “very good” (i.e., perfect), and their “pre-sin” environment was perfect (much like heaven will be for the saved). So, if they had the capacity to sin/do evil (because love can’t exist without choice), would the saved still have the power to choose to sin in heaven as well? If not, then will it be because: 1) There’s nothing in heaven to tempt us to do evil (as Satan did in Eden) and, if that’s the case, and there are no opposing options, how will we exercise our free-will power of choice to serve God out of a desire to do so rather than only doing so because there’s no other option? Or, 2) Because even though we’ll be perfect like pre-sin/pre-Fall Adam and Eve, we won’t have free will in heaven to choose to sin, which will essentially make us robots. What do I not understand?

**Response:** The first paragraph of the answer from last month clearly pointed out the reason why there will be no sin from the righteous in heaven. It reads, “We are given great assurance that the scenario you wonder about will not happen. According to 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, we read: ‘Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.’”

Furthermore, the new nature that we were given when we were first saved will no longer have to compete with the “Old Man.” Not only will we no longer be subject to death and decay, but we will also have received a new “nature.” Since we will be changed in ways we cannot comprehend, the magnitude of this change is really beyond us. Certainly we have free will, and we will also have free will in the eternal state. But we will have been *changed.*

Regardless of how one theologically views the concept of free will, the certainty of Scripture tells us that the following will be true of the redeemed inhabitants of heaven: 1) The saved will be changed to a state of being far better than the one in which they currently exist (Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17). 2) The saved, now glorified, will no longer sin throughout eternity (Revelation 21:1-27).

In Genesis 1:26 we’re told that “God said, Let us make man in our image....” In Titus 1:2 we learn that one aspect of the nature of God is that “God cannot lie.” Notice, it’s not that He won’t lie, but *He cannot* lie. It’s not part of His nature. Can we possibly argue that God doesn’t have “free will?” Certainly not! Romans 8:29 tells us that, “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” Consequently, concerning being created in the image of His Son, we see that the final conformity to the image of Christ will be fulfilled when we are changed.

In short, speculating about whether there are no opposing options upon which we may exercise our free will overlooks the simple fact that we will “be changed” in ways that our limited perspective cannot comprehend. Certainly the Lord created Adam and Eve without sin, but they had the potential to sin. Sin was already there in the person of Satan and those who followed him in rebellion.

**Question:** In light of the biblical doctrine of regathering the Jewish people to the Land of Israel, what about the 5 million or so Jews still living in the US? Would God call them home? If so, when—before the Tribulation or before the Millennial Kingdom?

**Response:** The Lord made many promises to Israel concerning their regathering to the land: “I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries [our emphasis] and...bring you into your own land” (Ezekiel 36:24). “I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them...and I will bring them again unto this place, and...cause them to dwell safely” (Jeremiah 32:37). “Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity...: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there” (Ezekiel 39:28). “I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah...in the midst of their fold” (Micah 2:12).

It is clear that the Lord will without fail gather “the remnant” out of “all countries.” It is key that the gathering will include the “remnant” of Israel. We know from Scripture that those of Israel shall yet suffer great loss as time comes to the end. “It shall come to pass, that...two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein” (Zechariah 13:8). Thus the remnant of Jews outside of Israel will return at some point. As anti-Semitism continues to rise in all nations, even the temporary relief brought by the current Trump administration will change to a hatred that has existed throughout history. This increased persecution has proven to be a motivation for the exodus of Jews from Europe and Islamic nations.
Dear Berean Staff,

Just a note to tell you again how much I appreciate your ministry and the monthly newsletter. It seems that from day to day our situation worsens, with “wars and rumors of wars” and major weather changes and many signs that Satan is definitely alive and well—and he is bent on our destruction. Thank you for doing what you do to prepare us, and please continue to present the Gospel. CW (NE)

Dear Berean Call Ministry,

God bless you. I’m writing to you to give thanks for your fantastic messages through your newsletter’s magazine. One of them is from June 2019 “Ecumenism and Catholicism,” which helped me to understand a little bit of this dangerous poison. I’d heard that word, but I didn’t know that the Catholic Church has been pushing ecumenism for years through Catholic popes.

I give you thanks for the books you sent me to help me understand how the devil is deceiving the whole world through psychology—and too many Christians. All these pagan world philosophies are worrying me, because they are against God. I’m so thankful to God and to the blessing I have received through your ministry. GP (prisoner, CA)

Dear TBC,

Thank you so much for sending the TBC Update email addressing Paul Young’s book, Eve. I have to say, it makes me feel physically sick. I have an elderly aunt who read The Shack and recommended it to a few [folks] years ago. I didn’t read it for some reason. It makes me think how incredibly important it is that Christians are solidly attached to the truth God has given us in the Bible. There are conflicting places to get “truth” these days—places that glitter with pretend gold, that sound so loud to keep people from being able to think, and that keep rooms in physical darkness so that the flashing lights confuse and excite. And these places are accepted as orthodox! It makes me weep. Thank you for the work you do, helping the true Church discern truth from error. KS (UK)

Dear TBC,

I’m amazed at how often I hear from people, including my pastor, about y’all: “They never have anything good to say!” The good that y’all say is the unadulterated Word, and you point out the error promulgated by so many. Keep it up! AH (email)

Dear Friends at TBC,

It is a joy and blessing for me to share a gift with you. Keep teaching the TRUTH! You were a blessing to my husband, and you continue to bless me. Can’t tell you how many times T. A.’s articles have addressed issues that I have been concerned about. His insight, backed by Scripture, always helps. TS (TX)

Dear T. A. McMahon,

I’m writing you today in reference to your 2-part series on the Word of Faith movement. Your position is very common among many evangelicals/conservative believers.

But we look to Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God to lead and guide us. We do not look to any man, preacher, pastor, or evangelist. If any of these preach or teach anything contrary to the Word of God, we move on. Granted, there are some who are teaching error and yes they should be exposed, but you are making a blanket condemnation and you are so wrong.

You should look in the mirror and see the wrong in your own camp before you throw stones at others, because there are some evangelicals teaching heresy. PT (CA)

**TBC NOTES**

**Hungry for the Word?**

It is always a good thing to check our spiritual appetite. Jesus declares in Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4 that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. If we are not hungry for the Word of God, we are on a course leading to spiritual malnutrition. That condition, as it becomes pervasive in the church, will bring about the prophetic fulfillment of 2 Timothy 4:3 “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.” Although we know that such a thing will take place, it will be a collective fulfillment, i.e., involving the majority of Christians.

Who will not be included? Those believers who “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2). Just as a baby cries out for milk, we must have that kind of appetite for God’s Word. That is the basis for spiritual maturity and protection.

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**QUOTABLE**

Patience is more than endurance. A saint’s life is, in the hands of God, like a bow and arrow in the hands of an archer. God is aiming at something the saint cannot see, and He stretches and strains, and every now and again the saint says, “I cannot stand any more!” God does not heed; He goes on stretching till His purpose is in sight, then He lets fly. Trust yourself in God’s hands. For what have you need of patience just now? Maintain your relationship to Jesus Christ by the patience of faith. “Though He slay me, yet shall I trust Him” (Job 13:15).

Faith is not a pathetic sentiment but robust vigorous confidence built on the fact that God is holy love. You cannot see Him just now, you cannot understand what He is doing, but you know Him. Shipwreck occurs where there is not that mental poise which comes from being established on the eternal truth that God is holy love. Faith is the heroic effort of your life; you fling yourself in reckless strains, and every now and again the saint says, “I cannot stand any more!” God has ventured all in Jesus Christ to save us; now He wants us to venture our all in abandoned confidence in Him.... “This is life eternal, that they might know Thee.” The real meaning of eternal life is a life that can face anything it has to face without wavering. If we take this view, life becomes one great romance, a glorious opportunity for seeing marvellous things all the time. God is disciplining us to get us into this central place of power.

—Oswald Chambers
PALESTINIANS TO EXPLAIN HATE SPEECH

JPost.com, 8/14/19, “UN asks Palestinians to explain hate speech, antisemitism” [Excerpts]: The Palestinian Authority was called to task for hate speech and antisemitism in its official statements and in its textbooks during the government’s first-ever review by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination held in Geneva on Tuesday.

“Several NGO reports pointed out antisemitic and anti-Israel prejudice and incitement to hatred, especially in the [Palestinian] media and speeches of state officials. Can the state party [the PA] provide any explanation in this regard?” asked committee member Chinsung Chung of South Korea. Committee member Silva Albuquerque said he had been briefed by NGOs earlier...on examples of racism and antisemitism in the PA, particularly in its school books. UN Watch’s legal adviser Dina Rovner told the committee that the PA media “perpetuates antisemitic stereotypes, such as that Jews are greedy, baby killers, and...part of a conspiracy to control the world.” The Palestinian media also glorifies and encourages martyrdom in the fight to liberate Palestine [i.e., “eliminate Israel”].

The UN does not recognize Palestine as a member state. Since its UN designation in 2012 as a non-member state, the PA has had the ability to sign onto treaties and conventions, such as the one on racial discrimination. It has already signed onto seven out of nine UN human rights treaties that require a review of its human rights record, as if it were a member state.


QUEST FOR EARTHLY IMMORTALITY IS MISGUIDED

IntellectualTakeout.org, 9/5/19, “Why Transhumanists’ Quest for Earthly Immortality is Misguided” [Excerpts]: For all the reports on the sordid life of Jeffrey Epstein, little has been written about his interest in transhumanism. Followers of the transhumanist movement believe humans will achieve super-longevity, and, perhaps one day, live forever. Ray Kurzweil, director of engineering at Google and the author of books predicting a coming technological “singularity,” is perhaps the most prominent transhumanist.

Followers...take an unfathomable number of nutritional supplements [that] supposedly slows the aging process, allowing time for science to...enable transhumanists to achieve immortality.

One follower put it: “As a true digital-cerebral interface comes into existence and we are able to ‘upload’ our memories and consciousness into a twin computer backup, true human immortality will follow automatically.” [But] scientists have never been able to prove the brain is the seat of consciousness. Some scientists hypothesize that consciousness is non-local, residing “in a field surrounding the brain in another dimension” [and] our “body [is] a conduit and a collaborator with consciousness.” [But] if consciousness is not located in the brain, those dreaming of endlessly downloading their essence into better bodies will never have their dreams of longevity fulfilled.


UNREPENTANT ABORTIONIST

OneNewsNow.com, 8/16/19, “Unrepentant abortionist: I am a ‘baby’ killer” [Excerpts]: BBC reporter Hilary Andersson...recently interviewed LeRoy Carhart, who has done abortions for more than 30 years. He is limited to doing abortions into the second trimester in his home base in Nebraska, but travels to his clinic in Maryland where he terminates the lives of preborn children into the final trimester. In Andersson’s interview with Carhart, he indicated clearly his attitude towards the children he aborts:

Carhart: “The baby has no input in this, as far as I’m concerned.”

Andersson: “...it’s interesting that you use the term ‘baby’ because a lot of abortionists won’t use that. They’ll use the word ‘fetus’ because they don’t want to acknowledge that.”

Carhart: “I think that it is a baby...”

Andersson: “And you don’t have a problem killing...”

Carhart: “Oh, absolutely not.”

Andersson: “...a baby.”

Carhart: “I have no problem if it’s in the mother’s uterus.”

Carhart declined to answer a question about how late in a pregnancy he would commit an abortion. While most abortionists don’t admit they are killing a child, the Bible says the unborn child is a human at the point of conception—and science confirms that.


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