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WORDS FROM THE FOUNDER OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Some time ago it was reported on the Internet that a prominent politician from the West Coast, in defending the atrocious merchandising of body parts from aborted children, spoke in praise of the founder of PP, Margaret Sanger (1883-1966). I wonder if she has ever read any of Sanger's writings, or if she is in perfect accord with her philosophies. Following are some references and quotes from Sanger, which leads me to believe she would rejoice in PP's devotion to her views.

Concerning large families, she wrote, "The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it." (Margaret Stanger, *Women and the New Race*, Eugenics Pub. Co., 1920, 1923)

Concerning blacks, immigrants and the poor, she referred to them as "human weeds," "reckless breeders," "spawning...human beings who never should have been born." (Margaret Sanger, *Proof of Civilization*)

Concerning racial purification she believed that for the purpose of racial "purification" couples should be rewarded who chose sterilization." (*Birth Control in America, The Career of Margaret Sanger*, by David Kennedy, p. 117, quoting a 1923 Sanger speech)

Concerning purpose of birth control, Sanger wrote it was primarily “to create a race of thoroughbreds,” (*Birth Control Review*, p. 2, Nov. 1921), and, “More children from the fit, and less from the unfit—that is the chief aim of birth control.” (*Birth Control Review*, p. 212, 1919) By the “unfit” she referred to the handicapped, mentally ill and racial minorities.

Concerning hiding their aim for extermination of blacks, she is quoted as saying, “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.” (*Margaret Sanger: A Social History of Birth Control in America* by Linda Gordon) Incidentally, a far larger proportion of PP clinics are near black, not white, neighborhoods!

Concerning her disdain for marriage and elevation of non-marital relationships, she wrote, “The marriage bed is the most degenerating influence in the social order” (p. 23). Compare that with God’s view: “Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4).

Who will America follow—Margaret Sanger, or God?

--Ron

OUR HEALING STRENGTH

Years ago, when someone asked, “Do you think it will ever stop raining?” I had a ready answer. “I think so, but I’m gathering gopher wood and pairs of animals just in case!”

People would nod, and smile, and even laugh, because they knew the Bible story of Noah and the Ark. These days, many people just look blank when I give that answer because they don’t know the story.

We keep looking for a world that has no problems, or at least a world where all problems are solved. There is such a world, but it is not to be found in this life. It is in “the Land Beyond” where God will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain (Revelation 21:3-4).

An Egyptian of ancient times, asked about his health, might reply, “Today I am well: tomorrow is in the hands of the gods.” Rejecting the polytheism of that age, we would say, “Tomorrow is in the hands of God.” Is there a better place for us and our future?

--Phillip Morrison; *Logansport (IN) Lifelines*

UNDERSTANDING THE CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

A Christian feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen, talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another, empties himself in order to be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he mourns. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, and knows that which passeth knowledge.

--Adapted from A.W. Tozer, via *House to House/Heart to Heart*)

“When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators.” (J. O’Rourke)

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

In John 14-16, Jesus is speaking to His disciples on the rite of the Last Supper. Sometimes this is called His final discourse. This is His semester review which prepares them for His finals test—His death. Near the end of this talk, Jesus says, “But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. But I am not alone, but my Father is with me” (John 16:32, NIV). This was soon to be fulfilled. Later that night, they came to arrest Jesus. The disciples ran like a group of mice when the door is opened.

Have you ever had a time when you felt alone? Maybe troubles hit and your friends ran like the disciples did. Or maybe family said, “We’ve got you out of jams before, you are on your own on this one.” Or, maybe you had a burden that you kept to yourself and tried to carry on your own. Jesus knows what it is like to be alone. Yet, He reminds us we are never really alone. God is always here for us.

There is a worship song that says, “There’s nothing else in this whole wide world that’s worse than being alone.” Sure you can think of some things worse than being alone. Yet, when you’ve suffered with a bad case of loneliness it is a heavy burden to bear. The next time when you are hit with a heavy load of loneliness, read John 16:32. Remind yourself, “I am not alone.” God is always here for you. As the above mentioned song says in its chorus, “Hold my hand, all the way, every hour, every day, from here to the great unknown. Take my hand, Let me stand, where no one stands alone.”

--Jimmy Hodges

“SEVEN ATTITUDES TOWARD GOD” will be today’s message, with 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 as the reading.

PRAYER LIST: Doris; Ruby Bradd (Clinton, recovering from cancer surgery); Wayne Polk (Shelbyville minister, health problems); seeking wisdom of God for our nation as we progress toward the November election; and for the many that are suffering intense persecution due to their faith in Christ. Let’s remember that Satan does not easily surrender his dominion in this world, and targets all who would oppose him. Christ alone is our hope.