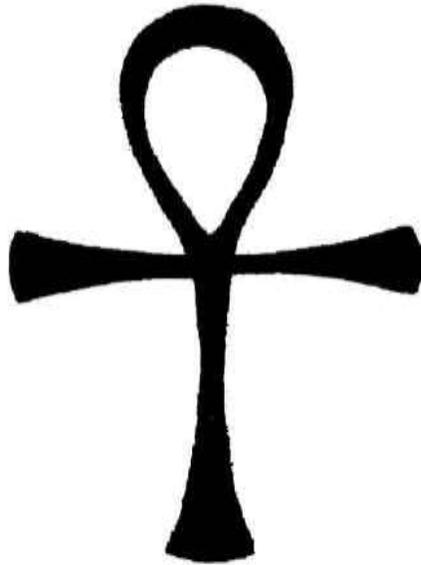


THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE:  
WHO DECIDES—GOD OR MAN



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## THE MEANING OF SACREDNESS

God created human life in His image and meant it to be eternal. He therefore treats it with reverence and gives it value and meaning.

### GENESIS 9:6

“Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.”

### TWO PRINCIPLES TAUGHT IN GENESIS 9:6

#### *The Principle of Sentence*

Whoever takes a life, will be sentenced to lose his life.

#### *The Principle of Sacredness*

All human life is sacred because it is created in the image of God.

### THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE: EVOLUTION VS. CREATION

Evolution leads to a subjective worth of human life—man determines the value of life. Creation leads to a sacred value of human life—God deems all human life to be sacred. Since human life has been created by God and bears His image, it is sacred. Other than this, man views life as subjective and is based on the meaning given to it by man.

### GOD VALUES LIFE, MAN DEVALUES LIFE

God values life and holds it sacred. The evidence that man devalues life is seen in abuse, police killings, human trafficking, Black on Black murder, abortion, violence, the Holocaust, slavery, etc.

### THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO DEATH

#### *Righteousness “Doing that which is right.”*

God is concerned about life from conception to birth

- Conception (Ps. 139:14-16)
- Life in the Womb (Jer. 1:5)

*Mercy “Doing that which is just.”*

God is concerned about life from birth to death.

- Quality of life (Deut. 14:29; 16:11; 24:19-21)
- Murder (Ex. 20:13)
- Injustice (Eccl. 4:1)
- Violence (Gen. 6:5-11)

### QUESTIONS

1. How can life be sacred, if we are here by chance?
2. Is one reason we see so much killing in the world due to the fact that human beings have a low value of life?
3. Which world-view adds more value to human life—evolution (subjective) or creation (sacred)?