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Culture of Death's Destiny...Trash Heap of History

People know how history has judged those who supported the institution of slavery in the United States; those who supported the institution of racial purification in Nazi Germany; those who supported segregation in the United States; and those who supported apartheid in South Africa. They were judged shortsighted or worse negligent in recognizing the souls' worth of their powerless brothers. Long after abortion has ended, how will those who remember you judge your stand on this issue? What will be said to your heirs about whether or not you defended the defenseless, innocent and vulnerable at anytime, in any place, in anyway? Now is the time to make your legacy an honorable one.

Do you stand for love, life and family? If you do, then let your beliefs see the light of day. Pray your beliefs, speak your beliefs, live your beliefs, and defend your beliefs. If your beliefs do not see the light of day, then how are you outwardly any different from those who do not defend life? How will you be remembered? What will your moral legacy be during this time of the slaughter of the innocents? Do you stand for a culture of life or will you sit quiet and still in the face of this *culture of death*?

We must alter our prayers on these issues. We must pray for an end to the enslaved mind and enslaved heart. We must pray that always and everywhere we do the will of God. We must strengthen our own virtue, while praying for the graces to carry forth with courage and fortitude in our work. We must pray so that society may recapture and recalibrate the value of each soul to the temporal potential of mankind and for the salvation of us all.

The presidential election has passed; now our work must begin. To work spiritually for conversion of society please visit and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, please pray the Rosary for a swift end to the culture of death. May the culture of death die a natural death.

Death is the absence of life, whether in the natural world or in the supernatural world. We live in a world today dominated by a culture that venerates death at many different stages of life. The members of the cult of death maintain that mankind has the choice, right and even obligation to die when anyone is no longer humanly dignified or useful to society. Just as life begets life, death begets its own vicious cycle of destruction.

When acknowledgement and communication to the true source of life, which is our Triune God, is banished from the public consciousness, mankind and his progeny are left with an existential concept of life. Maximum pleasure and minimal pain become the benchmarks of life.

No consequences, other than temporal, are considered for any major life decisions. This leaves any so-called 'intelligent' person with no choice but to recognize only himself as god. This ethic of existential materialism, "seeing is believing", is what modernism has wrought. Its proponents, agents and advocates are working, whether they know it or not, for *the Dragon* mentioned in the book of Revelation. They are the proponents, agents and advocates of barrenness, desolation and death.

The insidious dimension of the current cult is that we are having this 'Alice in Wonderland' *through the looking glass* philosophy imposed on our good sense and right reason. The combination of all the evolutionary arguments leaves us defenseless against these arguments of progress and tolerance. We are asked how can we reasonably disagree that mankind evolves not only physically but also intellectually, morally, psychologically and politically. By accepting the one principle of evolution, we have intellectually accepted all. In addition, to stand in the way of this evolution is to impede mankind's right to control the next stage of his evolution, *survival of the fittest* to the extreme.

These issues of dignified life and death are being played out in public by two heroic souls, our Pope John Paul II and Mrs. Terri Schiavo. While our Pope is given every chance at life, he is undoubtedly entering the final years of his great pontificate. When God calls him home, God willing, it will be peaceful and natural. Our Holy Father has not flinched in the face of the cult of death. He has presented his final passion for the world to see. With dignity, silence and grace he gives us the living example of his papal motto 'Totus Tuus', totally yours in Latin. His presence, his wave, his silent blessing show us how to submit our will to the Divine will of God.

Meanwhile, at the same time, a woman who has committed no crime is given a death sentence to starve to death. If she were on death row, this would rightly be considered cruel and unusual punishment. Her death sentence would be postponed until her medical condition was cleared. Mrs. Terri Schiavo, like all of us, will surely die. Unfortunately, she will not die a natural death. God in his infinite wisdom has sent each of these souls to demonstrate and give witness to us to choose on which side of the Book of Life our names will be written.

Conclusion

So, to sum up, if you stand for love, life and family, pray, speak, live and defend your beliefs. Let your moral legacy be to stand for the culture of life, not remaining quiet in the face of the culture of death. [By Chev. Anthony Carlton, OSJ](#)

Pray, pray, pray and set a courageous example for the culture of life.

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