

## MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

### Thank God For Abortion!

January 27, 2013

Yes, these are the actual words spoken by MSNBC host, Touré Neblett. Touré gave thanks to God and country for having the “safety net” of abortion to “save him.” The public nature of this statement, and the lack of any shame is mind-boggling to me. What kind of a man sacrifices the life of a baby, his own baby, to save his own? This wasn’t even an action done to “save” his own life as he stated, but rather to preserve a lifestyle he felt was more valuable than the life of his own child.

Oh, I’m not done... In writing for Salon.com, Mary Elizabeth Williams wrote an article under the heading and subheading of, “So what if abortion ends life?” I believe that life starts at conception, and it’s never stopped me from being pro-choice.” In this article Miss Williams unashamedly affirms that life begins at conception and that it is foolish to pretend otherwise. She argued that to be relieved over an abortion but grieved over a miscarriage is understandable, but to argue that what was growing inside of the mother wasn’t the same is foolish. Life isn’t determined by the intent of the mother. She went so far as to affirm that a fetus is indeed a life, but it is “a life worth sacrificing.”

What this man and this woman demonstrate for us is that we have two entirely different worldviews. There was a time when the “pro-abortion” side felt the need to vainly argue that what was growing in the mother was not yet a “human life.” That’s because a “Christian worldview” could never condone the taking of an innocent life. Their pro-abortion cause would fail.

However, over the past 40 years since Roe v. Wade, our society’s worldview has changed. We live in a post-Christian culture. Today, the majority of Americans have a “secular worldview.” So much so, that now those who are pro-abortion no longer feel the need to “pretend” the baby in the womb is not really “human life.” They now freely admit it is, but it’s “life worth sacrificing.”

Christians in the 21st century find themselves in the same situation as the Christians of the 1st century. We are the modern “diaspora;” scattered and dispersed among a secular, humanistic culture. If ever God needed a “distinctive people, with a distinctive plea,” it’s now. In my stronger moments, I want to “call for battle” and “rally the troops,” but in my weaker moments, I must admit that sometimes I pray as did the apostle John, “Lord, come quickly” (Revelation 22:20). What do you think?

Copyright © 2013, Steve Higginbotham. Permission is granted to copy these articles.