

## Consistent Concern

At some point, an odd inconsistency developed among those who are rightly concerned about the well-being of our planet and our animal friends. Those who champion stricter environmental laws, who are determined to combat global warming, who oppose the abuse of animals in factory farming or industrial testing, are often, inconsistently, pro-choice when it comes to the abortion question. The "how" and "why" of this phenomenon can be left to the historians, but the fact remains that it is an odd inconsistency.

Of course, we must be concerned about the destruction of our planet. And, even more relevant to the topic at hand, animals shouldn't be abused or tortured. Why then, should many of those who (rightly) advocate such positions, say that women have the right to kill their own pre-born children even by grotesque, painful and torturous methods? Where is the consistency in cringing (rightly!) over the condition of factory farmed chickens while simultaneously arguing that an even more brutal

treatment of humans should be a legalized RIGHT?

Perhaps it's because many would really rather ignore what happens during abortion, despite the scientific and photographic facts readily available. Naomi Wolf, an influential feminist and pro-choicer was honest enough to concede: "How can we charge that it is vile and repulsive for pro-lifers to brandish vile and repulsive images if the images are real? ("Our Bodies Our Souls," *The New Republic*, October 16, 1996)"

Violence takes many forms. Almost all of us who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender or intersex have experienced violence launched against us--verbal abuse at least, and perhaps emotional, financial or even physical abuse. We want to live our lives in peace and many of us understand the need to support and defend the right of *all* others--including the pre-born--to live in a just and peaceful society.

Perhaps a more just and peaceful society for all, gay straight, born or unborn would be a greater reality if it weren't for abortion. Perhaps one

of those aborted would have advanced LGBTI causes not only in America, but in other parts of the world where loving someone of the same gender is illegal. Another who has been aborted may have been a renowned peacemaker advancing understanding and disarmament among the nations? What if the one aborted would have discovered an entirely new, cheap, clean-burning fuel, or develop organic agriculture for the betterment of emerging nations? Perhaps those millions of pre-born children, the victims of "choice" could have found the cures to many of the illnesses which cause so much suffering in our world. Who knows if those aborted today might not be the very ones we've been waiting for all along?

So, let us be concerned for our planet, fight against its destruction, seek to alleviate the suffering and cruel torture of animals, and let us, then consistently, seek to defend the most important life on earth: human life!

Respect life. All life.

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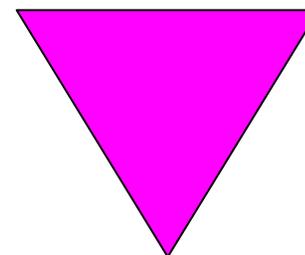
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