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## ABORTIONS

I know there will be loud objections and condemnations of this essay. Let me begin by saying that I am definitely opposed to abortion.

I want it clearly understood that I am equally opposed to bringing unwanted or defective children into this world to be abused, tortured, raped and all of the horrible things that can happen to unwanted children.

There is definitely a need for an intelligent solution to this very old personal problem that worries so many people running for public office.

So I am left with a dilemma. Please do not counter with the solution that someone will adopt the unwanted child. Orphanages and children's homes are full of children that have not been adopted. Hospitals see hundreds of children born with physical and mental defects that cannot be corrected.

And please do not confuse a fetus with a baby. A pile of lumber is not a house, and a fertilized egg is not a chicken. The embryo in an egg becomes a chick when it pecks out of the shell, and a fetus becomes a baby when it is born and breathes on its own.

Never forget that God aborts millions of fertilized eggs and fetuses every day. God does not want imperfect and unwanted children brought into the world, so he tries to get rid of imperfect fertilized eggs and fetuses before they become unwanted or deformed children at birth.

Man, in all of his sympathy, does everything in his power to take it out of God's hands by spending billions of dollars to take care of and perpetuate imperfection.

Let me propose a solution as awful as it may seem to some. If God has not already eliminated the unwanted or imperfect fetus before it becomes a child then let the mother and family make the decision whether to get rid of it or not. God gets rid of imperfect fetuses in his goal of perfecting his greatest invention -- the human race.

Let those who are opposed to abortion spend their money and time in educating people in pregnancy prevention. Primitive man did not try to overrule God and never went to the extreme of trying to preserve the unwanted or the imperfect.

Let us put some teeth in being responsible for one's actions. If a girl or a woman through irresponsible sexual activity does not want or can't care for a child, let the fetus be aborted. If she

carries the fetus to maturity and cannot pay for its delivery she should be TEMPORARILY sterilized until she has paid the bill. Then she can be just as irresponsible as she wishes without punishing the public with the cost.

Let's face the facts, bringing a baby into this world at public expense is a form of subsidized theft. We might just as well make it okay to steal a loaf of bread if one is hungry.

Let's get tough and realistic about people being responsible for their actions.

The male must also be held responsible for his actions. I'll discuss this in a future essay.

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Russell, 97, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association of University Professors, Who's Who in American Education, President of Alpha Gamma Sigma, University of Missouri, 1933-34. Famous the world over for his publications on Economics, Government, and Parliamentary Procedure, and showing no signs of slowing down, it is obvious that Russell has no intentions of "retiring".

Russell and his late wife of 72 years, Marjorie, have three children. Together Kenneth and Marjorie co-founded the Universal Ethician Church and the Ethician Family Cemetery with their son George and his wife Sue.