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# News & Views

Serving the Community for 40 years

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A prolife educational organization that promotes the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The right to life is a fundamental human right upon which all other rights depend. We uphold this value without fear and proclaim this principle to the people of Canada.

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## COMING EVENTS

January 28th, 2013

Candlelight Prayer Vigil in front of Kitchener City Hall at 7:00pm followed by hot chocolate at St. Mary's Our Lady of Sorrows Church basement.

Speaker: Pending

All night Prayer Vigil at St. Teresa of Avila chapel 44 Leonard St. Kitchener

## Volunteer Opportunities:

If you are over 18 and have a strong desire to protect the unborn and vulnerable, we need you. Please call: 519.746.5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca

## Dr. Hart Bezner Founding Member of KW RTL writes about abortion:

Abortion probably divides individuals more deeply than any other issue. Any discussion of the matter invariably leads to philosophical speculation about the meaning of life and death, free will, and individual worth. How people respond to such speculation is greatly influenced by their religious orientations. Abortion, at its deepest level, is a religious issue.

The religious orientation of individuals can range from **I'm not interested in religion** all the way to **religion is the most important aspect of my life**, with all possible shades in between.

Christianity arose some two thousand years ago from deep within Hebrew culture and in a very short time found astonishingly fertile ground in areas where Greek culture flourished. From these lands the new religion spread westward with surprising speed, now greatly enriched by Greek rationalism and by the Greek view of the universe.

Both the Hebrew and Greek streams are still very much present within modern Christianity and the religious orientations of individuals often display an interesting blend, in many cases leaning strongly one way or the other.

On one extreme end of the spectrum credit is given to a deity who, at some time in the past, created the physical world and established the laws of nature. The universe now operates according to these laws without the deity's direct involvement. Biological life, including that of humans, is

the natural product of these laws. There is probably indeed a deity, but possibly no longer directly involved in creation since the universe operates quite well in a sort of autopilot mode. Individuals on the other end of the spectrum also view the universe as a created, physical entity but sense that it is permeated by a deity who is intimately and actively involved in human affairs, who not only established the laws of nature but also decreed the moral law. They feel a mystical and very personal union with this deity and trust that whatever is allowed to happen to them will not rob them of this quiet assurance. They are at peace and know that they are part of something immense.

As implied earlier, the spiritual life of the average believer resides somewhere between these two positions. Those who adopt the mechanistic, autopilot view of the universe can more easily arrive at the conclusion that willfully interrupting a pregnancy is well within the scope of human freedom. At the other end of the spectrum, the psalmist's words,

"For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in  
my mother's womb"

proclaim a self-evident truth and abortion is felt to be a profound sin against the deity, an act so immensely destructive that it disrupts the individual's union with the divine. Many of our fellow travelers adopt a position somewhere between these two visions of the meaning of our existence.

And so I would like to reiterate that a person's attitude towards abortion is a clear reflection of the particular religious experience of that individual.

I have a friend who was born in 1926 when the earth's population stood

at about two billion. This friend is still living and during his lifetime the population has increased to more than seven billion. There is an obvious problem here, with food and water shortages looming, not to mention room. It's a delicate topic that few are willing to face, and our response has been to use less water, less energy less space, to recycle newspapers and cardboard and plastics, and to drive, more-energy-efficient cars. While laudable efforts, these measures only delay the inevitable, because pulling in our elbows simply provides more space for more people.

There are individuals in the pro-life movement who are unwilling to discuss the population-growth predicament seriously because they fear that acknowledging the issue would require a compromise on abortion and even contraception. We must be clear, however, that abortion and contraception are two very different moral concerns and these must not be confused. One kills and the other doesn't. Morally it is completely consistent to be concerned about the growing population and simultaneously be opposed to abortion.

As a physicist I would like to share with you an important, recent discovery about the physical universe, and I promise that you will soon see that it applies to our discussion: Classical Physics describes things like the interactions between force and mass, acceleration, and gravitation. In the nineteenth century, however, phenomena involving small particles, such as electrons, were discovered that didn't fit the classical mold comfortably, and by the early 20th century, a new formulation of physics was developed to describe the strange behaviors observed in the microscopic world. This new development became known as Quantum Mechanics, viewed by many as an extension of Classical Physics.

There was, however, a serious disagreement between Classical Physics and Quantum Mechanics. Classical Physics assumes the universe to be **local** in the sense that what you do in one place, for example playing pool in your basement, has no physical effect outside your house. Quantum Mechanics, on the other hand, predicts the universe to be **nonlocal**, in the sense that your actions in the basement are reflected in the entire universe, because the universe may be viewed as a single quantum system, and changes in one corner are instantaneously conveyed to the rest of the system, not bound by the speed of light. A **non-local** universe is often said to be **entangled**, a very descriptive term indeed.

Many eminent physicists sneered at the notion of a **non-local** universe, Einstein even referring to the prediction as a **spooky action at a distance**. Many viewed the idea of **non-locality** as a fundamental flaw in Quantum Mechanics, but with profound philosophical implications if found to be true. All this came to a head in 1964 when the Ulster physicist John Bell developed a theorem that suggested **non-locality** to be a fact of reality. In 1982 a team led by Alain Aspect at the University of Paris published the results on an experiment that suggested that yes, the universe is indeed **non-local**. People still weren't quite convinced, but in 1997 a group led by Nicolas Gisin at the University of Geneva confirmed the findings in a convincing manner.

$$\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2},$$

The philosophical implications are absolutely stunning because they suggest that the entire universe is aware of what happens in the remotest regions. Since we are part of the universe, our actions are felt everywhere. The electric currents flowing through our bodies, the electric signals operating in our brains, our entire biological being, including our sense of consciousness, are intricately and indelibly woven into the entire universe. It is possible to state with conviction that the universe is conscious, and it is this consciousness that believers refer to as the Divine Being or God.

In the Book of Acts Paul is invited to speak at the Areopagus, the rock near the Acropolis where the High Court convened. In a most moving address he states:

"Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. He made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for him and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For **in him we live and move and have our being.**"

Paul didn't know about Quantum Mechanics, but he certainly sensed what physicists refer to as **non-locality**. This brings us full circle: I stated near the beginning that abortion, at its deepest level, is a religious issue. To a believer who, like Paul, has been blessed with the conviction that "**In him we live and move and have our being**" the act of abortion occurring, as it does, within the heart of the universe, within the very deity, must surely rank as a great injury to the universe, and to each one of us.

Dr. Hart Bezner is a Physics Professor Emeritus at Wilfred Laurier University Waterloo ON

# A Message of Hope

President Jane Richard

Centre stage for 2012 was Motion 312. Stephen Woodworth MP challenged the medical and scientific Canadian community and parliament to examine an old law that states an unborn child is not a human being until the moment of complete birth. A brilliant approach that can't easily be dismissed even if only 1/3rd MP's voted in favour of it.

It provided fuel for a resurgence in energy for the entire prolife movement in Canada. KW Right to Life worked hard to get the word out locally and across Canada. With 14 presentations regarding the motion and much communication among prolife groups we supported Motion 312 with everything we had and encouraged others to do the same.

We tried again this year for the second time in 8 years to unite through advertising 5 major prolife groups across Canada. The hope was to create a clear unified message to enhance awareness that would produce a greater respect for the value of preborn children and life at all stages. Unfortunately, again the talks broke down as some of the groups were unwilling to work

toward a strategy. It was disappointing as the Canadian prolife movement has become competitive.

Our hope, however lies with the youth within our ranks. We anticipate their clear thinking leadership to move the prolife cause forward in a unified fashion that will in turn accelerate change regarding public opinion of abortion. There is much work to do inside and outside the movement.

Local events were well attended this year with nearly 200 at our Life Chain Memorial and exposure to thousands attending the local Roseville National Plowing Match. Our regular Walk for Life, Prayer Vigils and local 40 days for Life were also well attended. **Office work is demanding and we counsel over 30 women monthly who are seeking abortion along with more than 40 requests for information.**

**We wish to thank all of our prayer and financial supporters and volunteers who have allowed us to stay in operation over the last 40 years.**

Our 40th Anniversary Dinner Nov. 10th was a smashing success. One hundred sixty people enjoyed great ambiance and shared 40 years of experience in the company of great people. Over the years by a single voice, thousands of local pro-life people have worked diligently and made a deep impact on the KW Community and beyond.

After this length of time we have only begun the battle for justice for the protection of all human life. MP Stephen Woodworth Kitchener Centre spoke eloquently and presented us with a plaque congratulating us for our 40 year achievements.



Other amazing speakers who spoke at the dinner were Jonathan Van Meran from the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform who explained his strategy of exposing the truth about abortion using pictures. He described that throughout history this technique succeeded in all the human rights violations involving personhood.

[email@unmaskingchoice.ca](mailto:email@unmaskingchoice.ca)

Simon Walley from Matercare International described his medical facilities that help African women deliver their babies safely and prevent the horrible effects of fistula in women without the benefit of good maternal care.

[www.matercare.org](http://www.matercare.org)

The Silent Auction brought in \$883. alone plus we sold many Christmas cards. A good time was had by all.

Many Blessings for Christmas and the New Year!



## Membership Form



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- Ongoing Assistance

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