

**Review: Dr Bernard Nathanson, *The Hand of God: A Journey From Death to Life by the Abortion Doctor Who Changed His Mind*, Life Cycle Books Ltd, Toronto, ON, 1996**

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**A Defining Anti-Abortion Work**

A defining work in the abortion debate, which has obviously been suppressed due to the author being a highly-credentialed co-founder of NARAL.

Dr Nathanson goes into great detail of his slide into the dark art of abortion and his various sins, how he became hardened to killing despite being able to identify the evil he was surrounded ('deplorable' workers and corrupt financial incentives).

What changed his mind after a decade was the science of fetology made accessible by the ultrasound machine. This seemed to have an overnight impact, and was the beginning of the end for his abortion career.

The obvious question is *how* such 'doctors' can become so corrupted and hardened as to devote life-saving skills learned over years of study to industrial-scale infanticide. As expected, the main motivation is mammon. This god opens up the doorway to other evil spirits, which attracts corrupt and base abortion workers.

Astronomical numbers of 60,000 abortions (Dr Bernard alone), and millions since *Roe v Wade* make killing of the unborn seem abstract. What strikes the reader's mind are specific cases, e.g., a criminal abortion attempt where the 'doctor' ripped off a late-term baby's right arm then sent the mother away. After going to hospital the life-crippled baby was born.

Surgical procedures (D&C and D&E), and pharmacological abortion is outlined so the reader can understand precisely what an abortion involves; none of which could be accurately described as 'healthcare'.

An important read to understand the society-wide destruction abortion causes, but more so then to find ways to take positive action and right this wrong.

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## I) The Monster (pp. 1-18)

Bernard's last abortion was in 1978.

“We live in an age of fulsome nihilism: an age of death ... ‘compassion leads to the gas chamber’, or the abortion clinic, or the euthanist’s office.” [p3].

He was one of three founders of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) in 1968.

“Ruthless, nihilistic pagan attitudes ... drove me to unleash ... the abortion monster. [p4]

*Payesses* are Jewish sideburns.

Bernard's father was raised in the most Orthodox Jewish community, however, after the first year at medical school he became disenchanted.

*Pilpel* is hair-splitting discourse on single word in the Talmud.

## II) My Father's House (pp. 19-46)

*Cheder* is Hebrew school and is attended thrice weekly.

The Pale of Settlement was 386K mi<sup>2</sup> in czarist Russia legally authorised for Jews. By 1897, 5M were living there.

“Marxism and evolutionism, the two great secular faiths of our day, display all these religious-looking features.” [p17]

“We are not just standard, abstract minds, tossed by chance or malice on to a strange planet.” [p20]

“I have had three failed marriages.” [p46]

### **III) The Pillar of Fire (pp. 47-61)**

“I smoked a pack a day in medical school.” [p53]

*T’fillen* are little leather boxes that contain parchment slips with Exodus and Deuteronomy passages.

### **IV) The Story of Ruth (pp. 62-84)**

Dr Louis Lasagna removed abortion from the Hippocratic Oath.

“Since I was one of the most skilled practitioners of the art, I myself would do the abortion. And I did. What is it like to terminate the life of your own child? It was asceptical and clinical ... Did you not feel sad – not only because you had extinguished the life of an unborn child, but, more, because you had destroyed your own child? I swear to you that I had no feelings aside from the sense of accomplishment, the pride of expertise ... And that, dear reader, is the mentality of the abortionist.” [pp79, 81]

Every abortionist must examine the gauze bag material to verify all pregnancy tissue *is* evacuated.

“I have aborted the unborn children of my friends, colleagues, casual acquaintances, even teachers.”

Abortionists use the euphemisms of, “procedure”, “termination of pregnancy”, and “procedure”.

### **V) A Perfunctory Jew (pp. 85-103)**

Jews smash glasses at weddings to commemorate Jerusalem’s fall in AD70.

Skinner held since man has no instincts behaviour can only be produced from external behavioural conditioning.

### **VI) Poor and Pregnant (pp. 104-114)**

“Charity begins at home and tends to stay there.”

Abortionist Dr Juan Rodriguez was, ‘anesthesiologist, nurse, and physician simultaneously.’

In the 1960s, the American Law Institute drafted a model law that abortion was to only be for incest, rape, and fetal deformity. In 1967, Colorado adopted the this.

## **VII) The Statesman (pp. 115-126)**

Abortion activist and Jewish Communist Lawrence Lader was left a trust fund by his father. He worked for Vito Marcantonio, the only Communist ever elected to the U.S. HOR. Lader was an admirer of Margaret Sanger.

“The baby boomer generation-perhaps the most spoiled, pampered, and politically ignorant ... generation in this nation’s history.” [p120]

NY Gov. Nelson Rockefeller made the state the abortion capital of the east.

## **VIII) The Procedure (pp. 127-138)**

In 2737BC, Emperor Shen Yung devised an abortion potion.

Chemotherapy drug methotrexate is also an abortifacient, and is teratogenic.

RU-486 was created in 1980 by Roussel-Uclaf. It is a progesterone antagonist which pregnancy cells preferentially take up. Like a broken key in a lock, this prevents need progesterone into cells killing the baby. It has a 95% kill rate up to the 9<sup>th</sup> week.

Misoprostol (prostaglandin) is prescribed 48 hours later to cause labor and expel the dead baby.

Abortionists promote RU-486 as a therapeutic for other conditions to divert attention from its primary role as an abortifacient.

RU-486 is said to require five clinic trips, two ultrasounds, and terror of bleeding and cramping at home.

D & E late term abortion is post 18 weeks: the uterus is punctured by hypodermic needle; amniotic fluid replaced by deadly salt or urea; cervix dilated with Japanese seaweed laminaria soaking up the water leaving the salt/urea to kill the baby. The baby is then quartered, disembowelled, head crushed, and placenta scraped. All parts must be extracted and accounted for.

In 1958, the Chinese invented suction curettage.

“Mass-scale efficient abortion technology had joined hands with the prevailing *zeitgeist* to make possible the assembly-line abortion clinics so desperately needed.” [p137]

### **IX) The Abortionist (pp. 139-171)**

Abortionist Horace Haley Harvey III began the practice of covering malpractice costs out of pocket. At his ‘Women’s Services’ centre they did 10-120 abortions p.d.; there was so much money he invested it in U.S. bonds. ‘Counsellors’ there were young radicalised college-educated feminists. Staff were deplorable: drunks, drug addicts, sadists, molesters, incompetents, and medical losers.

Many abortionists were churchgoers, and the Jews were Reform or Atheist.

Utero-colic fistula is one risk of a botched abortion.

“My own experience at Women’s Services leads me to conclude that the abortionist problem is inherent to abortion and likely to get worse, not better.” [p164]

Clinic compensation soon intensified so the assembly-lines had to cut costs.

“I was a ... pariah in the medical profession. I was known as the abortion king.” [p171]

## **X) The Vector of Life (pp. 172-191)**

“We ... began to observe the fetal heart on electronic fetal heart monitors. For the first time, I began to think about what we really had been doing at the clinic ... Ultrasound pictures ... have an incredibly strong impact ... I no longer felt certain that abortion on demand was right.” [pp172,173]

Bernard continued to do abortions till 1976, but restricted these to rape and incest.

The “Vector Theory of Life” holds from early rapid-fire cell division there is a direction and velocity of life perfectly programmed, irresistibly logical, and immutably fixed in time and space.” [p188]

“Surely, dependency is not a moral standard.”

## **XI) The Silent Scream (pp. 192-202)**

The film depicts a 12-week-old baby torn to pieces in utero by suction and crushing.

Pain receptor synapses are formed at 6 weeks.

## **XII) To the Thanatoriums (pp. 203-216)**

Sodium pentothal infusion followed by the pan-paralysing curare is a common assisted dying drug combination.

At end of life the body pours out endorphins into the blood.

“The final streamlined, efficient and economically flawless ... thanatorium will resemble, the assembly-line ... abortion clinics.” [p208]

## **XIII) Nothing Wasted (pp. 217-236)**

A fetus must be harvested 14-20 weeks for the pancreatic tissue to be saleable.

Many mothers remain in doubt even up to the abortion clinic gates.

#### **XIV) Abortion and Violence (pp. 237-257)**

“An America capable of passing a pro-life amendment would not need one; and America that needs one cannot possibly pass it.” [p245]

David Trosch: “killing abortion doctors is ‘justifiable homicide’.”

Henry David Thoreau, ‘Civil Disobedience’:

“Unjust laws exist. Shall we be content to obey them, or shall we endeavour to amend them and obey them until we have succeeded, or shall we transgress them at once?” [p252]

#### **XV) The Hand of God (pp. 258-271)**