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From the editor

Dear New Wine Reader,

I appreciate this opportunity to share with you through this August newsletter some specific concerns we have here at *New Wine*. First, we feel the enclosed booklet on the issue of abortion will prove to be one of the most significant Christian publications of the entire year of 1980. We trust you will agree once you have read it.

But the issue of abortion is only one indication of the intensity of the spiritual warfare in which we are involved. The rapid spiritual and moral decline of our society confronts us with staggering challenges both as a nation and as the people of God. Very frankly, if I were not a Christian; I would be a pessimist and a cynic.

But as a Christian committed to the vision of the Kingdom of God on earth, I view the multiplying crises which confront us not as primary forces shaping our destiny, but rather as the setting in which God is moving to accomplish His divine purposes in the earth. I trust that most of our *New Wine* readers share this perspective.

From the position of a "Kingdom optimist" I would like to share with you five major areas of concern to which I believe we should address ourselves if we are to fulfill God's plan and purpose for us today.

Concern number 1: We need a sharper, more effective strategy for spiritual warfare.

We are in an all-out war between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. As the people of God we need to adopt a mental and spiritual posture which reflects this awareness, not out of fear, but from the positive realization that "our side wins." Many of our readers are old enough to remember how our nation "geared up" in 1941-1945 to win World War II. Our entire country shifted from a peacetime mentality to a war-time mentality, and peace-time pursuits were laid aside for the purpose of winning the war.

Paul reminds us of the necessi-

ty of such a stance when he says:

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:11-12).

When we are properly geared up, mentally and spiritually, for war, there is less likelihood of the enemy catching us unaware. We are still intended to enjoy the goodness and blessing of God, while remaining alert and on guard. It is significant that in the 23rd Psalm David says, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." God's provision is ours to enjoy, but the enemy is never far away.

Concern number 2: We need to reemphasize the power of prayer and the availability of supernatural resources.

There are times and seasons in the plan of God. Many of us came to where we are now via the route of the charismatic renewal with its great emphasis on the supernatural. Then we entered into a time in which the emphasis has been on learning how to relate to one another. Thus we moved from a *vertical* spiritual emphasis to a *horizontal* spiritual emphasis; from how we are to relate to God, to how we are to relate to one another.

But in a time of strong emphasis on horizontal relationships, we tend to forget what God alone can do for us. While many situations do require more than just prayer, there are just as many that will not be resolved without prayers.

A father watched as his young son tried repeatedly to solve a difficult problem. Finally, the boy quit in dismay and cried, "I've done *everything* I know to do and nothing works!"

"No," the father said. "You haven't done everything; you haven't asked me to help you!" How many times we try everything except prayer!

Concern number 3: We need to strengthen our commitment to one another.

One clear evidence of spiritual warfare in our midst is the devil's activity as "the accuser of the brethren." The very word "devil" means "slanderer." His favorite tactic these days is to build fear, suspicion and mistrust between believers.

Personally, I know of only one remedy for such attacks, and that is to strengthen our covenant commitment to one another. We live in an age and society which disparages lasting commitments.

Yet without strong covenantal ties to each other, sooner or later betrayal is inevitable (see Matthew 24). We could say that a 10% or 20% commitment produces a fragile relationship which can stand only a 10 or 20-pound test. So when the devil drops a 50-pound lie or suspicion, the relationship shatters.

Covenant means the determination to work things out, to stand with a Christian brother or sister, no matter the price. Covenant means "abandoning the option to quit"; it means "your welfare at my expense." Covenant means resolving to live and behave responsibly, honestly and faithfully toward one another.

Concern number 4: Husbands and wives must do a better job of supporting one another.

Recent statistics indicate that the divorce rate has risen so rapidly among church members that it now practically matches the divorce rate among unbelievers. It seems incredible!

Wives, more than ever before, need to commit themselves to staying under their husbands' authority and headship. There are demonic Jezebel-type forces running rampant in our society, determined to undermine and destroy male leadership, the family, and authority in the church and the nation.

Husbands, more than ever before, you need to be sensitive to the emotional and spiritual pressures your wife has to endure. You must cultivate the patience and wisdom to deal with her fears and insecurities in a redemptive way, making sure to spend quality time with hertime in which she knows she has your undivided attention. Every hour of mutual sharing and honest communication you spend with your wife will return to you and her many additional hours of peace, security and harmony in vour home.

Concern number 5: We need to strive for unity in the Body of Christ.

Still another evidence of the vicious nature and extent of the spiritual warfare we are engaged in is the mounting criticism, gossip and outright condemnation of Christians toward one another. Jesus warned us in Matthew 24:12 that this would happen in the last days. A literal translation of that verse is:

And because wickedness will increase, the godly love of most Christians will turn to indifference.

Today, we must be all the more determined to guard against criticism, slander, defamation of character, repeating of half-truths and gossip.

It is difficult, in the face of scathing attack and denunciation based on lies and distorted half-truths, to refrain from lashing back. Yet we are instructed to love and pray for our enemies and to do good to those who despitefully use us (Mt. 5:14). A firm determination to love all God's people, no matter their current opinion of us and what we are doing, will, in the end, result in our becoming one in the spirit of Christ who loves us all equally.

In light of the difficult times we presently face and those that yet lie ahead of us, let us commit ourselves to one another and walk worthily in His calling, with our eyes open to the attacks of the enemy and trusting the Lord to help us overcome.

Don Basham Editor

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Abortion Booklet:

The booklet inside our newsletter, "When You Were Formed in Secret," is an expression of New Wine's concern about the abortion crisis in America. We believe the practice of abortion is an abomination in God's sight and is one of the most graphic symptoms of our nation's tragic moral decline. Far too many Christians have remained uninformed or apathetic about this issue. The attached booklet represents the cooperative efforts of John Beckett, president of Intercessors for America, the editors and staff of New Wine, who assisted in various aspects of the production process, and Gary Bergel, from Agape Fellowship in Kalamazoo, Michigan. As author of the booklet, Gary bore the main responsibility of researching the material for Intercessors for America (its publisher), working for a year and a half to bring it to completion. He is to be commended for his devotion and sacrifice in finishing the task.

The first section, "When You Were Formed in Secret," is a touching chronicle of the beginning of human life, conveying the undeniable message that a developing fetus is actual human life-a child developing in his mother's womb. However, we wish to warn our readers that, in contrast, the second section, NOTE: These booklets may be or-(which is read by reversing the booklet at the end of the first part) is entitled, "Abortion in America," and details the chilling consequences of the 1973 Su-

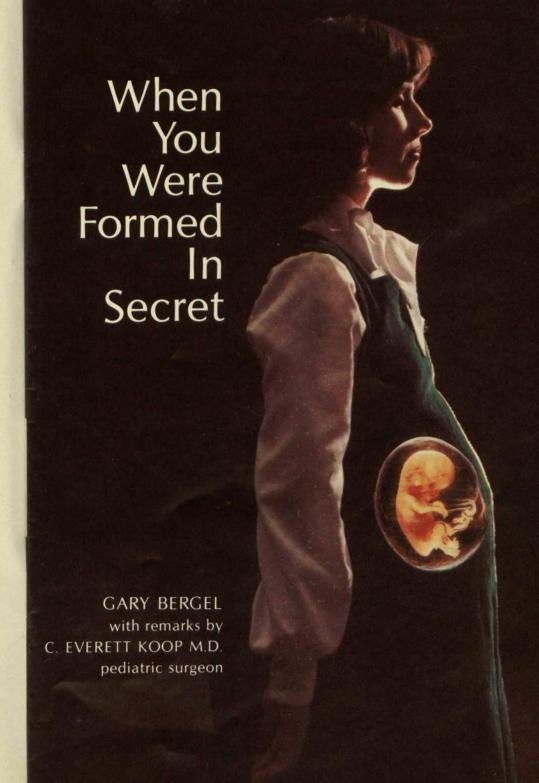
preme Court decision legalizing abortion. It includes graphic descriptions of various methods of abortion with shocking and explicit photos depicting their tragic results. Included in "Abortion in America" is a commentary by the eminent children's surgeon, Dr. C. Everett Koop, who is familiar to most New Wine readers, as well as an extensive listing of pro-life counseling organizations with toll-free numbers which women seeking an alternative to abortion may call.

Because we believe this to be one of the most significant pieces of literature ever published on the topic of abortion, we are urging each of you to purchase 10 extra copies at a cost of \$6.00 (\$.60 each) to distribute to the points we have suggested on the newsletter page immediately following the booklet.

If you also feel prompted to send a contribution above and beyond the actual \$6.00 cost to help defray our expense in providing them, we would be most grateful. We urge you to involve yourself in the crucial fight against abortion by reading and distributing these booklets by every means available.

> Dick Leggatt Managing Editor

dered from New Wine in multiples of 10 only. Also, a mistake appears on the inside cover of the abortion booklet. The phone number for Intercessors for America should be listed as: (216)365-5184.



dedicated to my parents grandmother Staudinger my wife Susan and my sons lan Joseph, Noah & Stephan

This booklet is published by Intercessors For America in the belief that all human life is sacred, including the life of the unborn child in the mother's womb, and that a society cannot long endure which adopts national policy that denies legal protection of those incapable of protecting themselves.

It is intended for maximum distribution in such places as schools, hospitals, and counselling clinics

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When You Were **Formed** Secret

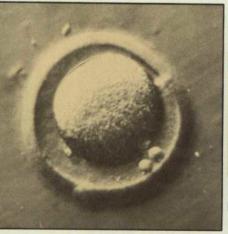


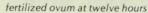
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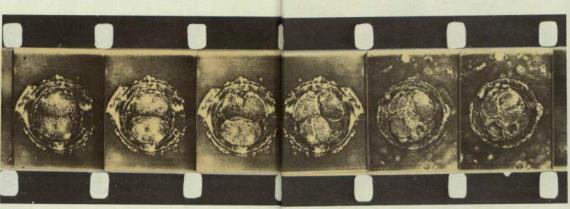
Man has always wanted to know about his life before birth. Countless myths, theories and superstitions surrounded the mysterious first nine months of existence which every human being spends in the shadowy, warm, watery world of the mother's womb.

Four centuries ago, all that man knew about developing babies could have been printed on one or two pages. Today, science and medicine have provided us with incredible insights into this formative process, and we now know more about human life before birth than ever before in history. Today, you can know in exquisite detail what you were like when you were so marvelously and majestically formed in the secret of your mother's womb.

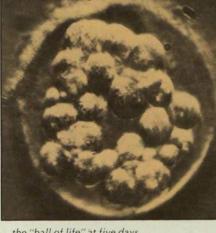
> THIS IS AN ACCOUNT ABOUT YOU AND YOUR LIFE BEFORE BIRTH.







Day 1



the "ball of life" at five days

Week 1

You began when the sperm cell from your father met and united with the ovum (egg) cell from your mother. During this act of conception or fertilization, the two cells became a single living cell. YOU began. A unique individual, you never existed before in the history of the world and you are not entirely like either of your parents nor are you entirely like any of your ancestors. When conceived, you were so tiny that you could not be seen with the naked eye. You were but the size of a pin prick, smaller than a grain of sand, smaller even than a period typed at the end of a sentence.

As the nuclei of the ovum and sperm unite during the first hours of fertilization, they bring together twenty-three chromosomes from the mother and twenty-three chromosomes from the father. These chromosome sets carry some 15,000 genes from each parent cell.

In these first quiet hours of human conception, the genes, like letters of a divine alphabet, spell out the unique characteristics of the new individual. The color of the eyes, hair and skin, facial features, body type and certain qualities of personality and intelligence are all determined by this genetic coding. Whether the baby just begun will be a boy or a girl is determined by an X or Y chromosome carried in the father's sperm cell. X = girl. Y = boy.

This quiet, yet sacred, act of conception has produced not a "potential human being," but rather a human being with vast potential. A new human life has begun and will continue until natural or violent death.

You continued to grow at a rapid rate and began looking like a cluster of cells. You actually looked a bit like a variety of berry so at this stage of your growth you were termed a "morula," which is Latin for mulberry. Your mother had no idea you had "nested" into her womb and had not yet missed a menstrual period.

Within six to twelve hours after the nuclei have merged and the chromosomes have exchanged genetic coding, the fertilized egg divides into two cells; after a time the two divide into four, the four into eight, and so on, creating after some 266 days a newborn babe weighing approximately seven-and-ahalf pounds and containing millions upon millions of cells!

During the first three to four days, the fertilized egg journeys down the mother's fallopian tube and enters her pear-shaped uterus or womb. The lining of the womb is very spongy, having been specially prepared to receive the new life by a hormone called progesterone. By the end of seven days the "ball of life," still no bigger than a dot, sinks into the soft wall of the uterus where it implants itself, much like a wind-blown seed becomes imbedded in the furrow of a recently plowed, moist, spring field.

The morula or "cluster of cells" which comprises the new individual immediately begins to tap into tiny blood vessels and draw nourishment, just as a sprouting seed does from wet soil. Barring unforeseen difficulties, this "ball of life" will grow at a rapid, almost dizzying rate to become an embryo, the next stage of human development.

Having now firmly situated yourself in the supplying goodness of your mother's womb, at about ten days you begin to send her signals that you are there. Through placental chemicals and hormones you begin to influence virtually all of your mom's organs and tissues. She will soon miss a menstrual period, experience some "morning sickness" or tenderness in her breasts and might suspect that you have been conceived. Even though you exert this absolute influence, you and the balloon-like sac of waters which surrounds and protects you are still smaller than the seed of an apple.

Week 2

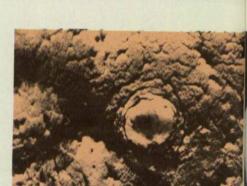
According to the "instructions" packaged in the genes, the cluster of cells has been increasing and changing virtually every hour. Already different tasks have been appointed to different groups of cells. Some cells have gathered and formed a bubble-like sac which is filled with fluid. This sac is called the amnion, which is a

Greek term meaning "little lamb," chosen because lambs are often born enclosed in these pre-natal membranes and fluid. This "bag of waters" will cushion, protect, insulate, and provide free movement to the developing individual.

Another group of cells has formed a tree-like placenta which brings the baby's blood into contact with the mother's bloodstream. Though the bloods "touch" through a thin partition or membrane, they normally do not intermix and may even be of different types. In an interchange of materials, oxygen and food is absorbed from the mother and wastes from the baby are filtered out.

The umbilical cord, composed out of two arteries and one larger vein, surrounded by a thick jelly, has formed and becomes a lifeline transporting nutrients and wastes to and from the embryo and placenta.

The amnionic sac together with the placenta and umbilical cord comprise a sort of self-generated space capsule and life support system for the developing "embryo," which is swelling in size, teeming with life and in the process of forming.



the new individual "nesting" in the soft lining of the womb

As you completed the first month of your life you were now about the size of an apple seed or one-sixth to one-fourth inch in length.

Your heart began beating at three weeks and has set the "rhythm of life" for all your days. Your brain began to form and soon would send out impulses throughout your body. On your twenty-fourth day you had no arms or legs. Then suddenly, just two days later, tiny buds for your arms appeared and then your legs budded in only two more days!

In a mere four weeks you looked every bit like a tiny baby and even began to react and respond like one.



human embryo at thirty days

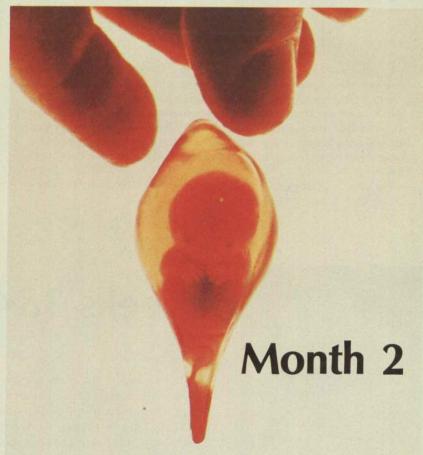
Weeks 3&4

By the end of the third week the backbone, spinal column and nervous system are forming. The rapid growth of the backbone causes the body to "double-up" and curl about its axis. Inside, the foundation for all the organic systems is being carefully established. Simple kidneys, a liver and the digestive tract are already taking shape.

By the end of four weeks the month-old embryo is ten thousand times larger than the fertilized egg.

The new individual is a self-contained biological workshop. The master genetic code imparted to each cell continues to dictate the formation of specialized tissues and organs in a universally fixed sequence. This perfect ordering, regimenting, and orchestration of cells while not yet fully understood is truly marvelous to behold. Indeed, we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

"Imagine a little workshop started by one man of all-around talents. His first employees learn the business from him and as the factory grows they become department heads, each organizing his own part of the work until all sorts of specialized workers are developed, capable in their turn of developing new employees but only in their own narrow fields."



"Years ago, while giving an anesthetic for a ruptured tubal pregnancy (at two months), I was handed what I believed to be the smallest human being ever seen. The embryo sac was intact and transparent. Within the sac was a tiny (one-third inch) human male swimming extremely vigorously in the amniotic fluid, while attached to the wall by the umbilical cord. This tiny human was perfectly developed with long, tapering fingers, feet and toes. It was almost transparent as regards the skin, and the delicate arteries and veins were prominent to the ends of the fingers. The baby was extremely alive and did not look at all like the photos and drawings of 'embryos' which I have seen. When the sac was opened, the tiny human immediately lost its life and took on the appearance

extremeties, etc."
- Paul E. Rockwell, M.D.

of what is accepted as the appearance

of an embryo at this stage, blunt

With your head "resting on your chest," the tip of your nose showed up on your thirty-seventh day and you could pull away if it was tickled. As your inner ear formed, you began to hear the rushing sounds of your watery world. By the end of the month your mom had missed two menstrual periods and probably had confirmed you were there. When she checked in with her doctor he probably pointed out that at this stage you were "a splendidly functioning baby."

The head of the embryo is almost one half of its total size. The brain tissues rapidly grow and divide to become a miniature brain that is unmistakably human. Brain waves can be detected, recorded and read at approximately forty days. Impulses begin to control and regulate body functions such as circulation, digestion, and waste elimination, as soon as these structures are formed.

The facial features along with the ears, nose, lips and tongue, form with clarity during this month. The eyes form and darken when pigment is first produced around the thirty-fifth day. Eyelids cover most of the eyeball by the forty-fourth day and soon after will seal to protect the developing light-sensitive cells. The eyes will not re-open until the seventh month.

Near the end of the month the completed skeleton begins to change from cartilage to true bone. The jaws also form, complete with milk teeth buds in the gums. Muscle cells have been moving into position and soon the forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. As they work with the nervous system for the first time, the body responds to touch, and feeble movements are recorded, although most mothers will not feel movement until the fourth or fifth month.

A miniature infant has developed and grown to an inch or more in length. All is now formed, and until adulthood the changes in body will be primarily in dimension and in the refinement of working parts. The boy or girl now growing truly looks like a tiny baby and a very real little person. The unborn child at this stage is termed a fetus, which is Latin for "young one" or "offspring."



forty two days side view

forty two days from rear, spinal view



Month 3

In your third month of life you grew to be more than two inches in length and you now weighed one ounce, just a little less than this booklet.

Your movements became more energetic, less mechanical and more graceful and fluid, very much like an astronaut floating and enjoying his gravity-free space capsule.

Your arms grew to be as long as printed exclamation marks and your fingers and toes quickly formed, complete with fingerprints which gave you a separate legal identity that would never change except for size.

As your eyelids closed, as thin as butterfly wings, and as a translucent skin covered you, looking like a frosted glass jacket slipped on, you assumed an ethereal, transcendent beauty. Special grace seemed to envelop and permeate you as you moved into your second trimester of life.

The fetus or "little one," now riding in the girdle of the mother's pelvic bone in a womb which has doubled in size, becomes guite active and his physical abilities leap ahead. Nerve and muscle connections increase threefold. The entire body, except for non-facial portions of the head, is sensitive to touch. Since the brain has developed to allow independent movement of limbs the tiny infant can turn his head, curl and fan his toes and open and close his mouth with or without puckering the lips. If a palm is stroked the fetus will make a tight fist.

This unborn child has been able to experience pain from the sixth week and can even be taught conditioned responses. Fingernails and toenails appear, and the child's genitals show a clear sexual differentiation and already contain primitive egg or sperm cells. The fetus now sleeps and wakes, "breathes" amnionic fluid regularly to exercise and develop the respiratory system, and also drinks, digests and excretes portions of the fluid. He will drink more fetal fluids if sweetened and less if they are made bitter or sour.

In every way, this new offspring begins to manifest a distinct individuality in appearance and behavior. Since the vocal cords are completed we are told he would even cry if he could, and indeed, does try to at times.

Development of Human Hands



















Month 4

Your face took on facial expressions similar to, yet distinct from, those of your parents and of your grandparents.

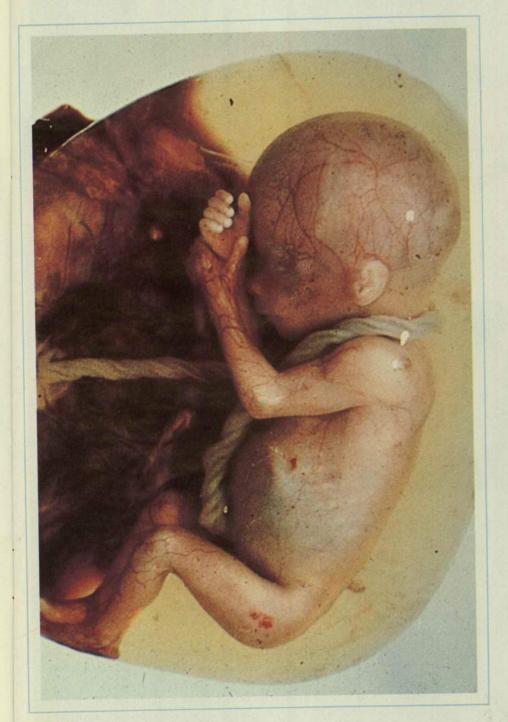
Fine hair began to grow on your head and eyebrows and eyelashes appeared to enhance your unique beauty.

As you squirmed or fluttered about, it is possible that your hand found your mouth and that you sucked your thumb for the first time.

You grew and grew until you became half as tall as you would be at birth.

By the end of this month which is also marked by rapid growth, the baby will be eight to ten inches in length, one-half of his height at birth, and could weigh one-half pound or more. Because of this tremendous increase in size the mother will usually begin to "show," and she very well might experience the first stirrings of life within her. The baby now begins to seek comfortable positions when preparing to sleep. As the mother eats, the food nutrients are digested and passed on to the developing, hungry child within an hour or two.

Bone marrow is now forming and is beginning to produce and supplement the red blood cells which up to now have been made by the liver and spleen. The heart can now be plainly heard and is pumping up to twenty-five quarts of blood a day. The placenta, now up to eight inches in diameter and weighing one pound, is efficiently delivering tremendous amounts of nourishment. The umbilical cord, a marvel in engineering which, like a filled garden hose, resists knotting, is transporting three hundred quarts of fluid a day at speeds of up to four miles per hour and can complete a round trip of fluids in thirty seconds.



approximately life size





Months 5 & 6

Sometime before the end of this second trimester vou had a very wonderful experience you heard and recognized your mother's voice!

Perhaps this is why some of you had such an unearthy peace upon your countenance during this period. One observer said you looked as if you might be awaiting eternity.

Your eyes once again opened and this time you could perceive the shadowy outlines and the dimly lighted forms in your environment.

Passing the mid-point of pregnancy and moving toward the end of the second trimester, the "little one" has been fully formed for a number of months. Now very coordinated, the baby curls as the mother moves and stretches when the mother rests. He will also firmly grasp the umbilical cord when it is encountered. Sounds provoke energetic reactions, even though repetitive signals may bore the fetus. Most every mother now has to contend with bouts of hiccups and repeated kicks and punches, especially if the infant cannot settle into his favorite "lie" position.

Oil and sweat glands now function. The entire body is covered by fine hair as well as a white, greasy looking ointment called vernix, Latin for "varnish," which protects the infant's skin from the fetal waters.

Having increased in size to twelve inches or more weighing up to one and one-half pounds, some infants who might now be born, though premature, would survive with adequate care. The lungs are usually well developed and stand ready to perform their function.

Months 7 - 9

During the last three months before your birth your mother, with her womb stretched to its limits, probably felt like she had been pregnant forever.

As you tripled in weight to more than seven pounds and grew to twenty inches during these same months you began to find your

quarters becoming very cramped.

As you settled into waiting, you found your favorite positions when possible or sometimes just pulled your knees up to your nose . . . and waited.

The unborn child, now using the four senses of vision, hearing, taste and touch, has experienced his own motion, secretions, the difference between waking and sleeping, and has even related to the moods and emotions of the mother. These first perceptions will be stored and will form a basis for later experience.

The skin of the infant thickens and begins to look polished. A layer of fat is produced and stored beneath the skin, both for insulation and as a food supply. Antibodies that give immunity to diseases are built up. A gallon per day of amnionic fluid is absorbed by the baby and the fluid is totally replaced every three hours. The baby's heart now pumps three hundred gallons of blood per day and the placenta begins to age.

Approximately one week before the two hundred and sixtieth day the infant stops growing and "drops," usually head downward, into the pelvic cavity.

All preparations are finished and both the mother and child can but wait for the drama of birth.



Birth Day







On the day of birth the child, already a living and active person as we have seen, makes a change in his place of residence, in his external life support system, and in his eating habits. As he has already gone through many progressive, overlapping stages of growth and development, so will he, from birth, continue the life begun nine months ago, moving through childhood, adolescence, maturity, old age and death. Once again, all that is needed is nourishment, loving care and time to grow.

The act of birth is thought to be triggered by a complexity of processes. A unilateral "decision" is made by the mature fetus and communicated electro-chemically from his brain to the aging placenta, which is also changing hormonally, and which, in turn notifies the uterus. The contractions and the labor begins.

The uterine muscles contract and eventually the mother is allowed to "bear down." Pressures of up to one hundred pounds push and propel the infant through the birth canal and out into his new environment. The jelly in the umbilical cord begins to swell immediately upon contact with air, restricting flow to the placenta and forcing the infant's blood to its own lungs for oxygen. As the baby gasps and air sweeps into the lungs and fills the thousands of tiny air sacs, a first cry is vocalized.

As you quietly waited, "locked" in the position for birth, a time came when you heard a loving whisper from afar saying, "It is time." And with all the strength of your being you responded with a resounding, "Yes!" And then the sounds around you began to change as you felt the first squeezes from the uterine muscles which you triggered into action.

Within hours, the noble labor of birth transported you from your warm, watery world out into an environment which was a chilly twenty degrees colder. Not having the buoyancy of water around you it was harder for you to hold your head upright and five times as hard for you to breathe. You experienced pangs of hunger

as you adjusted from a constant flow of nourishment to some six meals a day. Though you nursed clumsily at first you soon caught on and after a good meal would snuggle, drawing up your arms and legs as you had in the womb.

You soon began communicating your discomforts and needs to your mom and you again found solace and peace in her shared warmth. If she held your head next to her beating heart you heard it and fell asleep.

As your mother looked down upon you,

she spotted your fingernails which needed trimming and as she continued to study you in your sleep, her heart would often fill with joy, realizing that you would now know grace in the light of life. Her hope had become a certain, living, love. She was very, very glad.



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NRLC seeks the eventual passage of a federal human life amendment. This organization provides national leadership in the right to life movement and they have almost 2,000 local chapters. They maintain a lobbyist on Capitol Hill and are in constant communication with all the states through legislative alerts mentioned above. NRL News is available at \$6 per year.

National Committee for a **Human Life Amendment** 1707 "L" Street, N.W., Rm. 400 Washington, DC 20036 202/785-8061 The NCHLA is organized along congressional district lines with a specific goal of the passage of a human life amendment. They provide technical assistance in terms of person-

nel and materials and are organizing congres-

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This group supports congressional or constitutional convention groups, in order produce a human life amendment. Their periodic newsletter, is very informative and presents up-tothe-minute news in staccato style.

American Life Lobby, Inc. P.O. Box 490 Stafford, VA 22554

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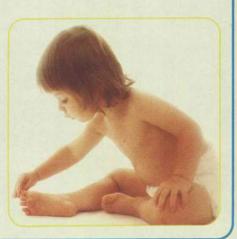
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WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Today, with the abortion rate approaching two million per year, we are witnessing in America a holocaust that rivals atrocities anywhere at any time in history, including Hitler's Germany and the recent annihilation of millions of Cambodians. We have embraced a doctrine of death.

By and large, Americans are reacting with unbelief and indifference. Our minds seem numbed to the fact that we are systematically and purposefully destroying human life. If we are to halt this carnage and prevent the next waves of destruction—infanticide and euthanasia—this veil of apathy must be stripped away. We must see in full view what is now happening and become active in bringing a reversal. This is no time for neutrality!

Here are some specific suggestions.

- AFFILIATE WITH PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATIONS, such as those listed elsewhere in this booklet. Subscribe to their newsletters and learn what is happening in your area and be prepared to write letters and speak out with your convictions.
- TELL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES in Congress and the Senate how you feel. Learn their voting records on abortion funding. Work for the election of pro-life candidates and the defeat of pro-abortion candidates.
- SUPPORT PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION, including a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution. The Supreme Court has ruled that an unborn child in the womb is not a person entitled to the right to life, and may be deprived of life by the mother and her attending physician. This must not remain as the highest law of the land. The unborn and all U.S. citizens must have the legal protection of their right to life restored.
- THROUGH YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER LIFE and among those with whom you fellowship, ask for God's forgiveness, mercy and divine inspiration on how to protect the unborn.
- PROMOTE ALTERNATIVES to abortion, including adoption and care for those who are pregnant out of wedlock.
- FURTHER INFORM YOURSELF with books and media recommended elsewhere in this booklet.
- HELP DISTRIBUTE THIS BOOKLET in schools, doctors' offices, counselling clinics, churches. See the inside front cover for information on how to order more.

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

The Proverbs of King Solomon

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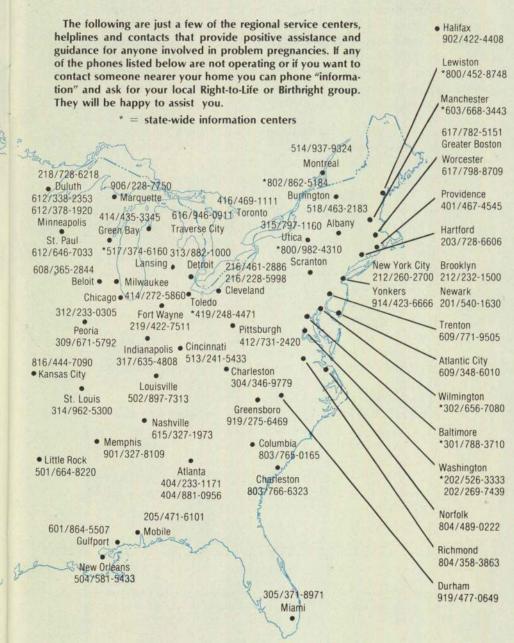
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So far, we've touched on the social problems presented by unwanted pregnancies, by children with congenital defects, and by old folks who have become a cramping nuisance to society or their families. But what will happen when we project into the future and consider the economic impact of our actions? The results will be disastrous! With fewer and fewer children allowed to live, every child now alive or born in the next decade will, in the first years of the next century, have a proportionately greater financial burden in supporting a tremendously top heavy population. The Social Security system will intensify to get rid of those who are old and non-productive. Euthanasia will take on a new dimension in the name of economic stability.

Our country, which has prided itself on its lack of discrimination on any grounds, has succumbed to discrimination against the unborn because they cannot speak for themselves, against the newly born because they have lives not worthy to be lived, and against the elderly because they are social and economic burdens.

It is possible that in the next few years, with the concept of "wrongful life" developed by the New York State Supreme Court, that it will be illegal for an obstetrician to deliver a baby with a defect that could have been diagnosed prenatally. Once the concept of wrongful life has been accepted, what chance does the imperfect child have when he is newly born? And what will happen to the tremendous number of elderly people who through no fault of their own have become the great majority in our changing demographic picture.

Today we hear Nobel laureates in the United States suggesting that children not be declared alive until they are three days old in order that all families be given the right to reject their children if they wish. We hear them suggesting that all children be required to pass a genetic test or forfeit their lives. It should not surprise us that these same Nobel laureates are contributing their sperm to sperm banks in the hope that a suitable ovum might be found in days to come that would be worthy of being fertilized by this superior genetic contribution.

The family structure in America is rapidly deteriorating. Abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, artificial insemination, the test tube baby, single parenthood, the Gay Rights movement, and the radical Women's Liberation movement are all anti-family. Unless we wake up, America, we are doomed to go the way of other civilizations who lost their respect for the sanctity of life where it is clearly understood that man is not a machine, is not randomly chosen, but is indeed created in the image of God.



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There is only one viable alternative to the violence of abortion and the grotesque death forms crowding in upon us: choose life.

For the pregnant woman this means choosing to value and care for the human child growing within her womb, rather than choosing to destroy that developing life for the sake of ANY reason. The serious consideration of adoption must again be placed alongside the wholesale business of abortion-ondemand which is being promoted in a Madison Avenue style and which is blighting our national life with fast-buck death chambers.

If you are a pregnant woman, young or old, rich or poor, we sympathize with the problems you are facing and want you to know that the following "life lines" exist to help you in your pregnancy. Financial aid, emotional support, medical services, and most important, a future free of guilt and full of hope for you and for your unborn child are yours for the asking.

Death is not an alternative; it is an end. Choose *life*. Check the phone numbers on the following pages, Call today. You have friends waiting to help you.

"This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."



Abortion

Abortion is not a medical problem. It is a social problem. Doctors have been asked to become social executioners in order to bring about a better society — a far cry from the high calling to the healing art of medicine. But have we produced a better society?

We were told in the days before the Supreme Court abortion decisions that abortion-on-demand would reduce child abuse. Instead, child abuse has climbed by nearly 400% since 1973, even though we have prevented the birth of some 8 million unwanted children through abortion.

We were told that abortion made legal would do away with illegal, dangerous abortions. Yet the experience in every country, including America, where abortion-on-demand became a legal right, is that illegal abortions increase rather than decrease.

We were told that we would have better sexual morality, but instead we have tremendous numbers of teenage pregnancies resulting from sex education programs which deny a moral code and encourage a hedonistic life style. Abortion is presented as a back-up to contraceptive failure in this "do your own thing" life style.

The cheapening of human life brought about by abortion-on-demand has, like falling dominoes, brought two other curses upon our society. The first is *infanticide*, the killing of a newborn by active or passive means because he is considered to have a life not worth living. What started off to be a woman's right to abortion-on-demand has become a woman's legal right to a dead baby. Inasmuch as a woman has the right to a dead baby, does she not have the right to a dead baby outside the womb as well as inside the womb? Apparently she does! Medical journals published in the U.S. carry clear indication that doctors are practicing infanticide, and yet the law has apparently turned its back. Infanticide in reality is homicide.

The second curse is *euthanasia*, or so-called "mercy-killing," the termination of the life of a dependent individual allegedly for his own benefit. Today, we receive reports about elderly people in HEW approved nursing homes who are not having their infections and fever symptoms treated. The reasons have very little to do with limitations in medicine. Frequently, such decisions are made by staff personnel based on social problems of the patient in question, such as the frequency of visitation by the family, the number of nursing hours required per week, and the general "acceptability" of the patient with the nursing home staff.

C. EVERETT KOOP, M.D.

A Prominent Doctor Speaks Out

Who knows what the next domino might be, as we systematically cheapen human life and undermine the family structure so essential to the future of our society?

When doctors are willing to become social executioners for millions of babies, we must examine what motives are used in justifying their actions. Usually, reasons given include preserving the life of the mother, the expectation of a defective child, rape, and incest. Even if these were valid reasons, they would account for only 3% of all abortions. A full 97% of abortions occur for matters of convenience and economy.

When physicians are willing to counsel the parents of a newborn child with a congenital defect to allow the child to starve to death, we should examine this motive as well. The typical answer is that these youngsters have "a life not worthy to be lived." Leo Alexander, the American psychiatric representative to the Nuremberg trials, in trying to bring the origins of the Holocaust to the lowest common denominator, said that it all began with the concept that there was such a thing as human life not worthy to be lived.

Certainly, we have come to an age where the Hippocratic tradition of preserving human life means little. One could say without hesitation that we are at the crossroads of the corruption of medicine with the corruption of law. Corruption of law came first in this country with the U.S. Supreme Court abortion decisions of 1973. The corruption of medicine followed. In Germany in the 1930's the corruption of medicine came first with the selection of 276,000 people for destruction; they were the aged, infirm, retarded, senile, and similar "useless eaters," who were considered to be only "partial Germans." But the Holocaust could not have come about with the corruption of medicine alone. It took the corruption of the law to make euthanasia legal. There is no doubt that if the doctors in Germany had stood for the right to life of every individual, the Holocaust at the very least would have been slowed down and minimized.





a living seven week old fetus on a petri dish



Abortion in America

Since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision more than elght million unborn children have been killed by abortion. There is always at least one dead victim produced from this act of violence. Five methods of abortion are currently used in America.

- 1. D & C or DILATATION AND CURETTAGE ABORTION This method is most often used in the first thirteen weeks of pregnancy. A tiny hoe-like instrument, the curette, is inserted into the womb through the dilated cervix, its natural gateway. The abortionist then scrapes the wall of the uterus, cutting the baby's body to pieces. Now used less frequently than suction.
- 2. SUCTION ABORTION Most commonly used method for early pregnancies, the principle is the same as in the D & C. In this technique, which was pioneered in Communist China, a powerful suction tube is inserted through the cervix into the womb. The body of the developing baby and placenta are torn to pieces and sucked into a jar.
- 3. SALT POISONING, OR HYPER-NATREMIC ABORTION This method is generally used after thirteen weeks of pregnancy. A long needle is inserted through the mother's abdomen and a strong salt solution is injected directly into the amnionic fluid which surrounds the child. The salt is swallowed and "breathed" and slowly poisons the baby, burning his skin as well. The mother goes into labor about a day later and expels a dead, grotesque, shriveled baby. Some babies have survived the "salting out" and were born alive.
- 4. HYSTEROTOMY or CESAREAN SECTION ABORTION Used in the last trimester of pregnancy, the womb is entered by surgery through the wall of the abdomen. The tiny baby is removed and allowed to die by neglect or sometimes killed by a direct act.
- 5. PROSTAGLANDIN CHEMICAL ABORTION This is the newest form of abortion and uses chemicals developed and sold by the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan. These hormone-like compounds are injected or otherwise applied to the muscle of the uterus, causing it to contract intensely, thereby pushing out the developing baby. Babies have been decapitated during these abnormal contractions. Many have been born alive. The side effects to the mother are many. A number of mothers have even died from cardiac arrest when the prostaglandin compounds were injected. Upjohn is one of the primary contemporary pharmaceutical firms known to have reverted to chemistry for death since the days of Nazi Germany. Upjohn's 1979 Annual Report boldly declares that the company will promote these abortion chemicals in India and China during the coming decade.



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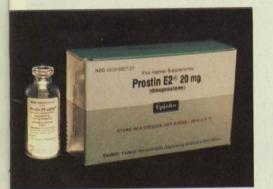
Suction 2.



Salting Out 3







Upjohn Prostaglandins 5.



Cesarean Section 4.



The U.S. Supreme Court in 1973. Seated from left to right, Justices Potter Stewart, William O. Douglas; Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Justices William J. Brennan, Jr. and Byron R. White. Standing from left to right, Justices Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackmun, and William H. Rehnquist.

"The state comes into existence that man may live." — Aristotle

"The care of human life and not its destruction . . . is the first and only legitimate object of good government." — Thomas Jefferson





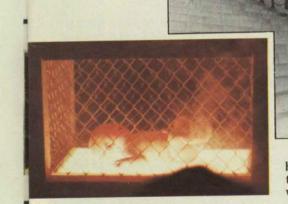
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MARCH 6, 1857 The U.S. Supreme Court rules in the landmark Dred Scott decision that black people were not legal "persons" according to the U.S. Constitution. A slave was the property of the owner and could be bought and sold, used, or even killed by the owner at the owner's discretion.

Eleven years and a civil war later, in 1868, the people of the U.S. voted into effect the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The interpretation and legal protection of "persons" now included all living human beings.

JANUARY 22, 1973 The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the landmark Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions that unborn human beings are not legal "persons" according to the U.S. Constitution. An unborn baby is the property of the owner (mother) and she can have the child killed at her request, even up to the time of birth if her doctor agrees.

Now the country is again bitterly divided. States have lost the right to restrict abortion-on-demand and a move is again under way to amend the U.S. Constitution to restore the constitutional right to life for all human beings from conception through natural death.



In 1857 the discrimination was on the basis of skin color. Today the discrimination is on the basis of age and unwantedness.

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CAUTION

You are about to begin reading "part two" of this booklet which deals with the controversial and emotional issue of abortion in America. To be fully balanced and prepared to read this section we encourage you to first read "part one," WHEN YOU WERE FORMED IN SECRET.

This second section also includes a visual documentation of current abortion practices in America. Please be aware of this in case you do not wish to view these sensitive pictures or if you do not want your children to view them. Thank you.

Although this is a "little work," scores of dedicated individuals and "bonded friends" generously assisted and helped bring it to completion. The unselfish support and professional contributions from C. Everett Koop, M.D., Landrum B. Shettles, M.D., J.C. Willke, M.D., Franky Schaeffer and Ray Cioni must be especially noted.

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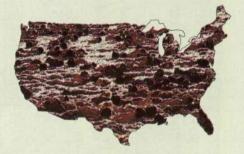
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Abortion In America



INTRODUCTION

Man does not always want every human life to come into existence. From the days of antiquity he has searched out methods of fertility and birth control. While a variety of methods and means have been utilized through the ages, abortion and child sacrifice have generally been held to be an extreme, last resort and "taboo" or unlawful in all but pagan societies.

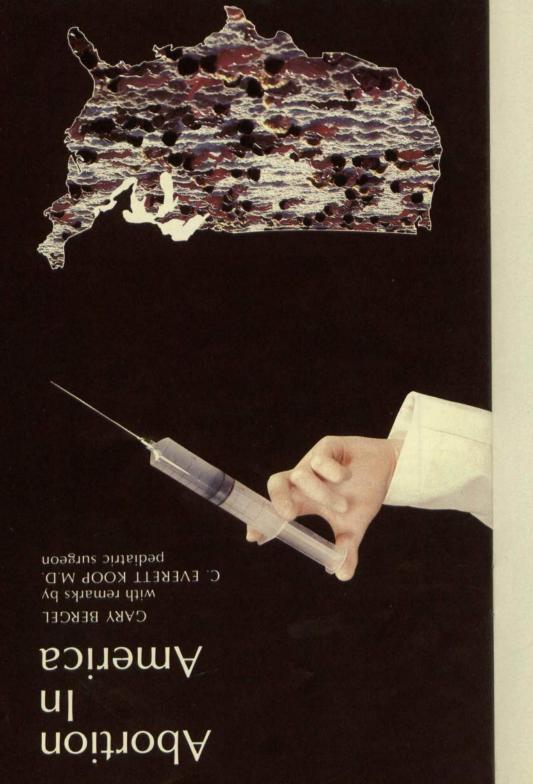
Western man has firmly held to life supportive principles as promoted by Hippocrates from 450 B.C. until the turn of the century. Since the early 1900's certain groups and individuals have been promoting death as a solution to social problems. The belief that every human life is of equal worth and is worthy of protection and loving care has come under increased attack. This "sanctity of life" ethic is in danger of being replaced by a cheap "quality of life" ethic. Advocates of this new ethic maintain that some persons should be "terminated" because they are unwanted, unplanned, imperfect or perhaps are not properly productive.

The promotion and use of abortion clearly represents an implementation of this doctrine of using death to solve social problems. The Supreme Court decision to legalize this act of killing has opened a Pandora's box and presents us with an ominous future. Wherever and whenever the respect for human life is cheapened and diminished there is an educational effect upon that culture and society. This has happened in America. In just ten years we have witnessed a ten-to-one increase in the rate of abortion. In some major American cities abortions now exceed live births.

While not officially legal, the practices of infanticide (killing new-born infants) and euthanasia (the terminating or 'mercy killing' of anyone whose life is considered not worth living) have increased at alarming rates.

Legalized abortion is the first "giant step" being taken in this new campaign which promotes death as a solution to solve social problems.

THIS IS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF ABORTION IN AMERICA.



Ten Ways to Use the Abortion Booklet

- 1. Medical Waiting Room—Get permission to place a copy of the booklet in the waiting room either at your doctor's office or in a local hospital.
- 2. Churches—Give a copy to your pastor. He has opportunities to inform and influence people not only through his sermons, but in numerous counseling situations as well. It would also make a good resource for a Sunday school or other church class.
- 3. Abortion Clinics—Obtain permission to place copies in the waiting room of abortion clinics in your area. Women trying to decide whether or not to have an abortion could find alternative help in this booklet that may help them to choose life for their baby rather than abortion.
- 4. Right-to-Life Organizations— These groups are always looking for good material to help them state their case. Getting this excellent book to them will also open opportunities for mutual support and cooperation.
- 5. Government Officials—Your U.S. senators and representative, your governor, your mayor and city councilmen, and your representatives to the state legislature are all influenced by the opinions

of those who elected them.

- 6. Schools—High school counselors usually maintain libraries of material for students with personal problems and decisions to make. A copy placed here could get a lot of circulation among teenage students. Also many science teachers might be able to use the section on fetal development as a teaching aid.
- 7. Libraries—This book could be placed on the shelves as a library-owned book to be checked out, or it could be placed on reading tables or magazine racks for inlibrary reading.
- 8. Counseling Services—Besides high-school counselors' offices, numerous other public counseling offices are found in most communities. In the hands of a pro-life or sympathetic counselor, this book could be an outstanding tool.
- PTA—Most of the people involved in PTA work have more than an average interest in their children and children in general.
- 10. Your Neighbors—For each neighbor who gets a copy of this abortion booklet, it will double its potential number of contacts and its resulting influence.

From the administrator

Dear Reader,

As you have now read through most of our August newsletter, I would encourage you to consider your responsibility in distributing "When You Were Formed in Secret" in your community.

We are very encouraged with the progress being made here at New Wine Magazine and with our other related efforts.

Priorities for the 80s

The most important question an organization such as New Wine has to ask itself is "Who are we and what do we do?" This is necessary to keep our direction clear. At a recent Board of Directors' meeting, we defined New Wine's thrust and purpose for the next ten years. Here are some thoughts on how we feel New Wine can reach its potential:

- 1) We want to serve our readers more effectively by producing a better magazine and communicating with them in a more personal manner.
- 2) We want to increase greatly our magazine and Tape of the Month circulation. As Don Basham has repeatedly said, "We should have ten times our current readership." (New Wine's circulation is 90,000—while Tape of the Month stands at 5,100.)
- 3) We believe our visibility in the Body of Christ fails to match our impact. Therefore, we want to enhance our public profile

and make Christians everywhere aware of the availability of *New Wine* Magazine.

- 4) We want to be an instrument for building bridges throughout the Body of Christ, to promote and encourage unity within the family of God.
- 5) Finally, we will pursue excellence in every aspect of the ministry.

We are convinced that New Wine is on its way toward large gains in circulation and significant improvement in both magazine content and presentation. Further, we believe that being a magazine with more than a million readers is within our grasp, the Lord enabling us. I am sure you have neighbors and friends who would enjoy New Wine. Do what you can to help put them on the mailing list.

Total Acceptance and Vintage Years

You have probably noticed two new books in recent issues of New Wine: Total Acceptance and Vintage Years. Both of these editions are compilations of articles from New Wine's past that are relevant and timely for today. We have combined these articles both for the enrichment of our long-term readers and for the enlightenment of our new ones. Both books have been warmly received, and for that we are grateful. Total Acceptance deals with the need for a healthy selfimage and discusses the issues of confidence and identity. Vintage

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