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"It sucks blood from the capillaries. It establishes itself as a kind of parasite on the walls of the uterus... By the third week... it looks a little like a segmented worm... By the end of the fourth week it looks something like a newt or a tadpole... By the sixth week, the... eyes are still on the side of the head, as in most animals... the reptilian face... By the end of the seventh week the... face is mammalian, but somewhat pig-like... By the end of the eighth week, the face resembles a primate, but is still not quite human..." [Carl Sagan, *Parade Magazine*, 22/04/90, p. 5-6].

This is emotional rhetoric, not science. The fact remains that the testimony of the scientific community (whether religious or not) has *overwhelmingly* established that human life begins at conception (for additional quotes and extensive documentation see "*The Facts on Abortion*", Ankerberg & Weldon, Harvest House, 1995, p. 6-11). **Why is this point so important? Because if human life begins at conception, then abortion is murder.** And murder is sin, because unlike animals, humans are created *in the image of God* (Genesis 1:27). Those who commit murder show contempt for the image of God in their fellow human beings (Genesis 9:6).

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For example, if life originally occurred "by accident", then it has no moral purpose anyway; if death and bloodshed have been occurring for "millions of years", then death is normal; if we're all just "animals", then killing unwanted babies is not much different from killing stray cats. Another evolutionary myth came from Ernst Haeckel (1834-1919), who taught that the human embryo retraces its evolutionary history. This deliberate lie has resulted in countless women being told they are merely aborting animals, not babies. Further, when people believe humans are animals, we shouldn't be surprised to hear quotes like this one by a famous animal rights activist and ardent evolutionist:

"Mental defectives do not have a right to life, and therefore might be killed for food – if we should develop a taste for human flesh – or for the purpose of scientific experimentation." [Professor Peter Singer].

There is yet another way in which the evolutionary worldview may be used to justify killing. If we are just the result of chance random processes occurring over millions of years, then there is no such thing as a God to whom we are accountable, which makes it that much easier to commit murder without fear of eternal consequences. For example, consider how a famous serial killer found solace in the theory of evolution:

"If a person doesn't think there is a God to be accountable to, then what's the point of trying to modify your behavior to keep it within an acceptable range? That's how I thought, anyway. I always believed the theory of evolution is truth, that we all just came from slime. When we died, you know, that was it, there's nothing." [Jeffrey Dahmer, NBC interview]

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