On March 1, 2012, the Daily Mail printed an appalling article about "after birth abortions." Long story short: A philosopher and medical ethicist who is employed by the University of Melbourne and is a research associate at Oxford University, Francesca Minerva, proposes that babies that have medical deficiencies should be "aborted" after they are born. Further, she is in favour of women killing their healthy babies, if they cannot afford to look after them. She alleges that at such a young age, babies are not real people, because they have not yet developed hopes, and dreams, and goals.

Here is the link to the whole article: <u>http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2108433/Doctors-right-kill-unwanted-disabled-babies-birth-real-person-claims-Oxford-academic.html</u>

Dr. Minerva and her associate, Alberto Giubilini, who co-authored an article with her on this topic and is a bioethicist currently at Monash University, feel that women should be spared the emotional stress of placing their children for adoption. The article was published in the Journal of Medical Ethics and was defended by its editor, Julian Savulescu, who said, "The article's argument has been made before by eminent figures. I'm not defending practising infanticide. I'm defending academic and intellectual freedom."

It is alarming that "eminent" figures support this view, for they have influence. Unless abortion is fought to the last inch, every piece of ground that the pro-abortionists are allowed to maintain or gain with be a springboard for so-called ethicists who are in favour of legalizing infanticide.

Proverbs 3: 8 & 9 says, "Open your mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy." The Bible also says in Proverbs 24:11 & 12, "If you forbear to deliver them who are drawn unto death, and those who are ready to be slain; If you say, 'Behold, we knew it not,' does not he who ponders the heart consider it? And he who keeps your soul, does not he know it? And shall not he render to every man according to his works?"

Considering how much information is available to us through the Internet, there aren't very many people these days who can excuse themselves by saying that they had no way of knowing about the outrages that are going on in the world today.

We at Prayer Canada suggest writing letters of complaint to the Journal of Medical Ethics, Oxford University, Monash University, and the University of Melbourne about their associates and employees, Dr. Francesca Minerva and Dr. Alberto Giubilini. What they have suggested is still a crime, and it should never be legalized. As people of influence, they should be more circumspect about how they exercise their freedom of speech. Trends toward legalized murder will continue, if the public does not raise their voice against it.

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