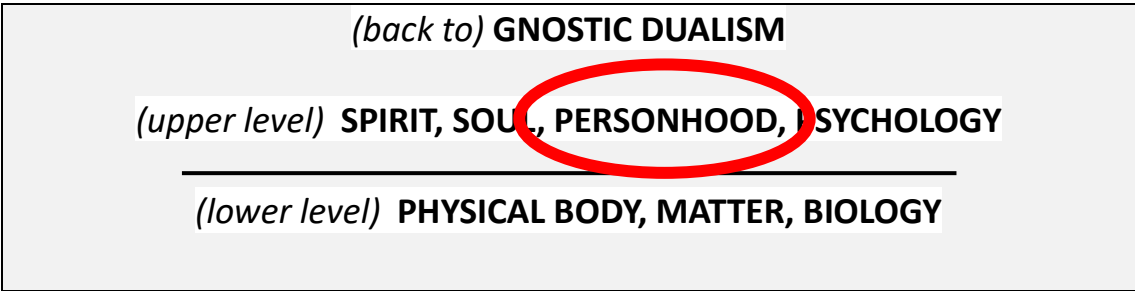


## 4. ABORTION

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- **Romans 12:2** “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (NIV)
- **Genesis 1:27** “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”
- **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- **2 Timothy 2:24–26** And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, [25] correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.



## IS IT POSSIBLE to be HUMAN, but not a PERSON?

**David Livingstone Smith** “Dehumanization isn’t a way of talking. It’s a way of thinking... It acts as a psychological lubricant, dissolving our inhibitions and inflaming our destructive passions. As such, it empowers us to perform acts that would, under other circumstances, be unthinkable.”

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### 3 CULTURAL ASSUMPTIONS

**CULTURAL ASSUMPTION #1: A baby in a womb may be a \_\_\_\_\_, but it is not a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A **Cultural Worldview** says that there are special requirements for “personhood” that are above and beyond just being “human.”
- A **Biblical Worldview** says, we are made “Imago Dei” in the image of God. Our identity comes from Him, not from culture. Personhood is endowed with our humanity.
- **Personhood Theory:** *“Personhood is a characteristic of the human species that gives individuals a unique standing and universal worth.”*
- **Nancy Pearcy:** *“[With personhood theory] simply being human has no moral significance.”*

**CULTURAL ASSUMPTION #2: The main argument around abortion is about \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A **Cultural Worldview** says freedom of choice is the most important thing.
- A **Biblical Worldview** says not all choices are moral or lead to God.
- **Scott Klusendorf: *The Case for Life... a simple syllogism***
  - **Premise 1:** It is wrong to intentionally kill an innocent human being
  - **Premise 2:** Abortion intentionally kills an innocent human being.
  - **Conclusion:** Therefore, abortion is morally wrong.

- **Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- **James 3:9** With [our tongues] we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.
- **Psalms 139:13-15** [13] For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. [14] I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. [15] My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- **Jeremiah 1:5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
- **Psalms 139:16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
- **Galatians 1:15-16** But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles...
- **Psalms 31:7** I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul.

#### FURTHER STUDY

*\* Highly Recommended*

- \* ***Love Thy Body*** by Nancy Pearcy
- \* ***The Case for Life*** by Scott Klusendorf
- \* ***Forgiven & Set Free*** by Linda Cochran
- \* ***hopepregnacyministries.org & clearchoiceclinic.com***

#### UPCOMING TOPICS:

- February 4: Wrap Up

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Go through your notes above and discuss them, paying special attention to the Scriptures at the end.