

# **ABORTION**

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*Why Not Love Them Both*

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This book is the third in a series, each about the same subject, each quite different as it responds to the needs of our changing times.

The first American edition of *Handbook on Abortion* was published 1971, revised 1975 and 1979, with 21st printing March 1983.

Other language editions included Latin American (Hiltz & Hayes, 1974); French (France Empire, Paris, 1974); Malayan (India, 1974); Continental Spanish (EUNSA, Pamplona, 1975); Italian (Milano, 1978); Chinese (Hong Kong, 1978); Portuguese (San Paulo, 1980); Swedish (Jarfalla, 1980); German (Vorarlberg, 1982).

*Abortion: Questions & Answers* was published in 1985 and revised in 1988 and 1991. Its other language editions were Japanese (Tokyo, 1991); Italian (CEC Edizimi Internazionali, 1995); Spanish (Editorial Bonum, Argentina, 1992, and Hayes, Cincinnati, 1993); Russian (Moscow, 1992); Czech (Cor Jesu, Cesky Tesin, 1993); Slovak (Cor Jesu, Cesky Tesin, 1993); Lithuanian (Caritas, 1996); and Polish (Wydanie Uzupełnione, Gdansk, 1990); Korean Edition, 1997 Korea, Entervarcity Press, Seoul; Hungarian Edition, Abortuse, 1999, Pro Life Alapitrany, Budapest.

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## PREFACE

This is the third book in a series over 25 years. In 1971, at the insistence of many people, particularly our college daughters, we wrote *Handbook On Abortion*. In question and answer format, it attempted to present all of the arguments for abortion and to answer them in a rational, medical, and scientific way. The first edition, in June 1971, numbered 141 pages and contained 42 scientific references arranged for the reader's convenience immediately following the answer to a question.

Its 1975 revision increased its size to 208 pages with 180 references, and the 1979 revision totalled 210 pages with 210 newer references. In 24 printings, *Handbook On Abortion* sold well over one million copies and was translated into ten languages. Internationally, it became known as the "bible of the movement."

But time moved on. A flood of new scientific information, particularly the explosion of detailed information about the other patient (the tiny one) through recent technology and modern research, reshaped our answers. Historical, legislative, and legal developments had to be incorporated into our thinking. A few earlier "facts" had been disproved, but many new facts have been confirmed by scientific studies.

In 1985, we saw the need for a totally new book, and so we started with blank paper and wrote afresh. *Abortion: Questions & Answers* brought new areas, new questions and answers, new developments.

Except for a few classic papers, we used new and updated scientific articles to support our answers. It ended up larger, far richer and more useful.

It did fill the shoes of *Handbook*. With revisions and updates, it even inherited its "bible" status and added ten more languages.

It is now 26 years since we entered this struggle. We view this field of battle with mixed emotions — dismay that the slaughter continues, elation at the great progress the pro-life movement has made . . . and a quiet optimism that our children will see the day when this demon is slain.

*Why Can't We Love Them Both* proclaims the new theme that our research has shown is the way to turn the tide as we move into the 21st century.

Broad areas in society, major church bodies and political parties have joined the pro-life side, but, in opposition, we have not yet seen the full fury of the pro-abortion ideologies and of the pro-abortion industry.

Accordingly, we offer this new educational tool, hoping it too will fill the need its two predecessors did.

The issue today is still intensely personal, while being totally global. We echo Mother Teresa's words at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast:

*"The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child . . . and if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"*

And we offer this book.

Dr. & Mrs. (John & Barbara) Willke  
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## FORWARD – 2ND EDITION

We are in a new century. There are good signs. There is a decrease in total abortions. There are fewer abortionists and those still operating are aging. In spite of eight years of a vigorously pro-abortion administration in Washington, and a no longer even thinly veiled pro-abortion push by most of the national media, we have seen public opinion clearly becoming less supportive of surgical abortion.

Concurrent with this is the rise of chemical abortion. RU 486 is here. Emergency “contraception,” more accurately termed “emergency” abortion, has raised its head. There is increasing awareness of the abortifacient action of other so-called contraceptives.

The relationship of abortion to later breast cancer can no longer be denied. The increasing aging of and the soon to be dying of Western nations has finally drawn international attention. AIDS spreads inexorably, as do a number of other incurable sexually transmitted diseases. And, of all things, chastity and the intact family are coming back in style.

The most dramatic and potentially far reaching developments are microscopic. What began with invitro fertilization has spread into genetic manipulation, stem cell research and cloning.

Finally, citizens of individual nations cannot rest content by coping with these developments in their own countries. This is increasingly becoming an interdependent one world. This has drawn sharp attention to the activities of the United Nations.

And so, it is time for a new edition, keeping the old that is proven and relevant and detailing much that is new. Accordingly, we bring you a revised edition of *Love Them Both*, building on its predecessors.

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