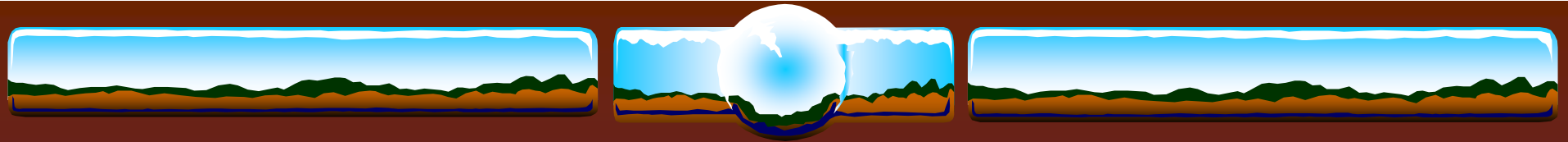


Abortion

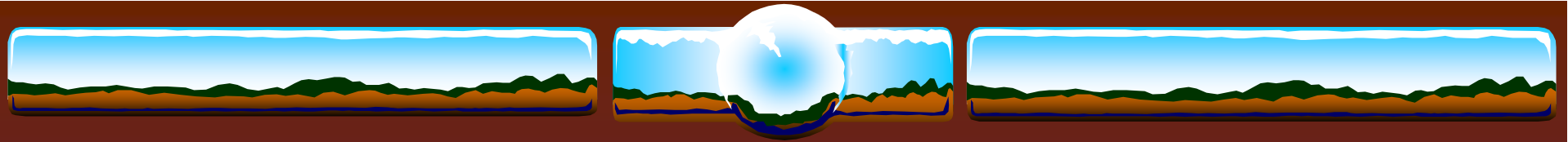


“In times past, abortion took the life of one, for otherwise two would die. Today, abortion takes the life of one, where otherwise two would live.” *(H. Ratner, M.D.)*



Abortion

- ❖ Abortion is an induced termination of pregnancy and expulsion of a baby in a way that does not allow its survival.
- ❖ **THE CHURCH FORBIDS THE DIRECT ABORTION OF A FETUS FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION IN ALL CASES INCLUDING RAPE AND INCEST.**



Did you know?

- ❖ 1.6 million abortions each year in the United States alone. 55 million worldwide
- ❖ There are 4,400 abortions every day (one abortion every 20 seconds)
- ❖ 98% of abortions are caused because of socio-economic reasons. (not medical reasons)

Types of abortions

Procedures and Modern Medicine



- **Abortion Pill: RU-486 (7 weeks)**
- **Surgery: suction and D&C (5 weeks and later)**
- **saline amniocentesis: salt poisoning**
- **partial birth abortion or D&X (4 to 5 months)**



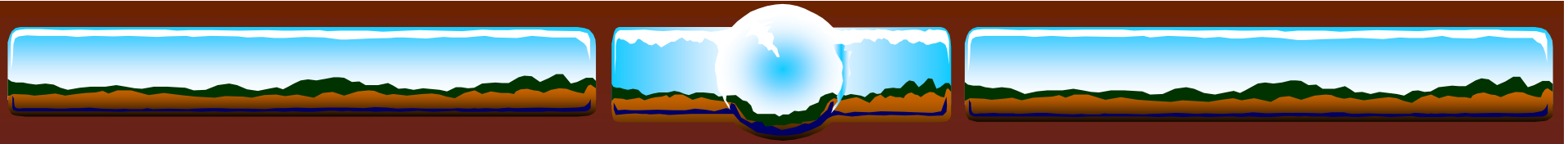
Abortion Pill – Ru-486

- ❖ (1-8 weeks) It is an abortion inducing drug.
- ❖ Takes three office visits
- ❖ Has not been shown to be safe and may require a surgical procedure if it is incomplete



Dilatation and Evacuation

- ❖ Tools are inserted into the Uterus
- ❖ This dismembers the baby's body and crushes the skull
- ❖ The body parts removed with forceps
- ❖ There are strong indications that the baby experiences pain.

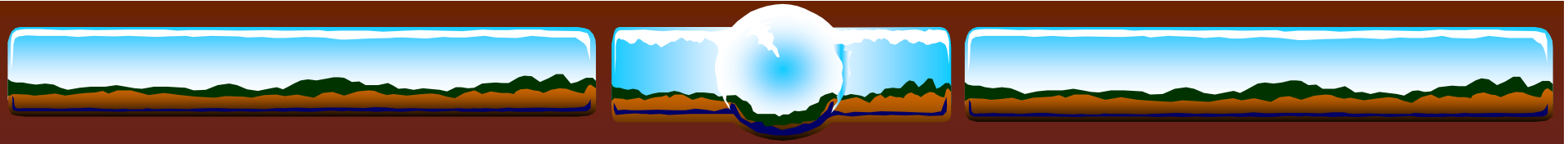


Dilatation and Curettage

- ❖ Steel knife cuts baby away from mothers womb.
- ❖ Cuts baby into pieces.
- ❖ Removed by suction into jar for disposal.

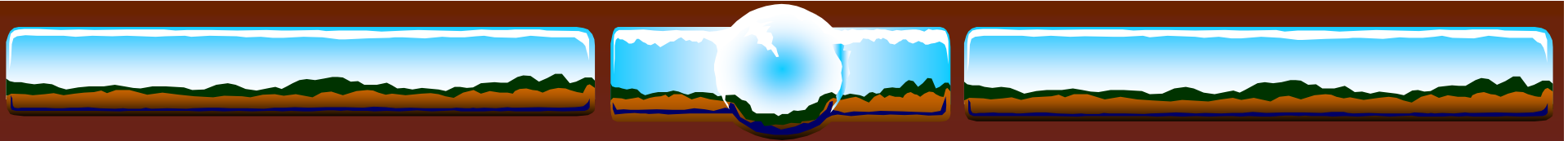






Saline Injection

- ❖ A strong salt solution is injected into the mothers womb.
- ❖ Baby dies a slow and painful death (2-24hrs)
- ❖ Mother delivers the dead baby



Partial Birth Abortion

- ❖ Baby is delivered breech.
- ❖ Long hollow tube is inserted into the baby's brain.
- ❖ Killing and delivering the baby at the same time.

Abortion

The Real Issue: At What Point... Life?



- **The real issue for any individual who believes murder to be wrong, at what point is the fetus a living human being?**
 - **Some radicals actually believe that “personhood” should not be determined until after birth, so that those without a good “quality of life” can be destroyed by parents or medical personnel without consequence.**
 - **Proponents of partial birth abortion support this way of thinking**

Abortion

The Real Issue: At What Point... Life?



- **Life Can Be Defined by Using Two Standards**
 - **Science**
 - **Religion**

Abortion

The Real Issue: At What Point... Life?



■ The Answer from Science

- **“Physicians, biologists, and other scientists agree that conception marks the beginning of the life of a human being – a being that is alive and is a member of the human species. There is overwhelming agreement on this point in countless medical, biological, and scientific writings.” (Report, Subcommittee on Separation of Powers to Senate Judicial Committee S-158, 97th Congress, 1st Session, 1981)**

Abortion

The Real Issue: At What Point... Life?



■ The Answer from Science

- **“Each Individual has a very neat beginning, at conception”**
(Prof. J. Lejeune, Paris, discoverer of the chromosome pattern of Down’s Syndrome, *ibid.*)
- **“Beginning of human life? – ‘at conception’”** (Prof. W. Bowes, University of Colorado, *ibid.*)
- **“It is an established fact that human life begins at conception.”** (Prof. H. Gordon, Mayo Clinic, *ibid.*)
- **“It is scientifically correct to say that individual human life begins at conception** (Prof. M. Matthews-Rother, Harvard Univ., *ibid.*)

Abortion

The Real Issue: At What Point... Life?



■ The Answer from Science

- Heartbeat at 25 days.
- Electrical brain function at 40 days.
- Viability at 20 weeks.
- Eye, ear and respiratory systems begin to form four weeks after conception.
- By 8 weeks all body systems are present
- Auditory sense is present at 14 weeks.
- At 9-10 weeks, he squints, swallows, makes a fist.

**11 Weeks
after
conception**

10 Perfect Toes



Abortion

Roe V Wade, Supreme Court, 1973



- **Supreme Court settled question over abortion rights by making it a “privacy issue”**
 - **Right to privacy intimated in 14th amendment**
 - **“No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws”**

Abortion

Roe V Wade, Supreme Court, 1973



■ Reasoning

- Privacy must be weighed against “prenatal life”
- Right to privacy, until viability, overrides the state’s interest in protecting the unborn “prenatal life”

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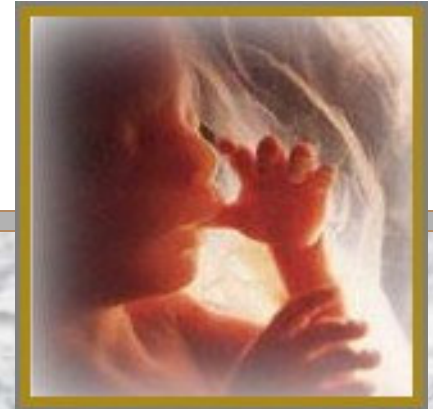


■ Justice White, Dissenting

- “At the heart of the controversy in these cases are those recurring pregnancies that pose no danger whatsoever to the life or health of the mother, but are nevertheless, unwanted for any one or more of a variety of reasons – convenience, family planning, economics, dislike of children, the embarrassment of illegitimacy, etc.” (Roe V. Wade)

Abortion

Roe V Wade, Supreme Court, 1973



■ Justice White, Dissenting

- (cont.), “The common claim before us is that for any one of such reasons, or *for no reason at all*, and without asserting or claiming any threat to life or health, a woman is entitled to an abortion at her request if she is able to find a medical advisor willing to undertake the procedure.” (Roe V. Wade)

Abortion

Roe V Wade, Supreme Court, 1973



■ Justice White, Dissenting

- (cont.), “During the period prior to the time the fetus becomes viable, the Constitution of the United States values the convenience, whim, or caprice of the putative mother *more than the life or potential life of the fetus*; the Constitution, therefore, guarantees the right to an abortion as against any state law or policy seeking to protect the fetus from an abortion not prompted by more compelling reasons of the mother.” (Roe V. Wade)

Abortion

A Selfish Morality



■ National Abortion Federation

- “Isn’t it an asset to this country to be able to make your own decisions? I would say that this in particular applies to your own body. I feel that no one has the right to tell you how to live your life, and what you can and cannot do to your body. *A baby is part of you, which leaves the decision of its life in your hands.* If you do not feel that you are able to support this new life, then you should have the right to not do so.”
(prochoice.org)

Abortion

A Selfish Morality



■ National Abortion Federation

- “I believe a woman has the right to do what she wants with her body. And if it means that *she wants to go out and enjoy life without the sound of hearing a baby cry or trying to budget the money just so she can accommodate her child I say have the abortion* till you are ready to have children in your life. Getting an abortion is a very big decision and must be taken seriously if you have plans of goal in life that might be affected by having an unwanted pregnancy [sic].”
(prochoice.org)

Abortion

Roe V Wade, (The Aftermath)



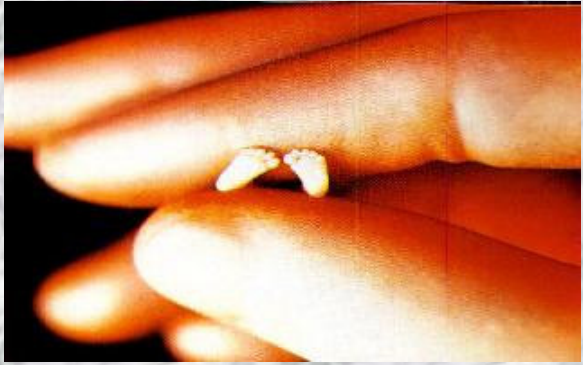
■ Results of the Decision

- About 35% of teenagers who get pregnant choose to have an abortion (NAF)
- Between 1.55 million and 1.8 million abortions every year (Alan Guttmacher Institute)
- Almost every third baby conceived in America is aborted (1.8 mill. abortions / 4 mill. Live births)
- Since 1973, at 1.7 million per year, over 51 million legal abortions in the United States

Catholic vs. Pro-Choice

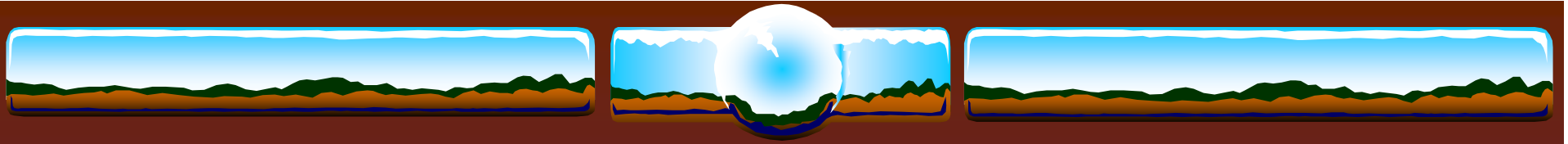
- Life begins at the moment of conception
 - all forms of abortion are morally wrong
 - procedures during pregnancy to save the mother's life that may endanger or terminate the life of the child are morally justified
- Life begins after birth
 - Abortion is morally justified
 - The baby's life is in the hands of the mother, her choice because it's part of her body.
 - A woman does not have to go through with an unwanted pregnancy.

Conclusion



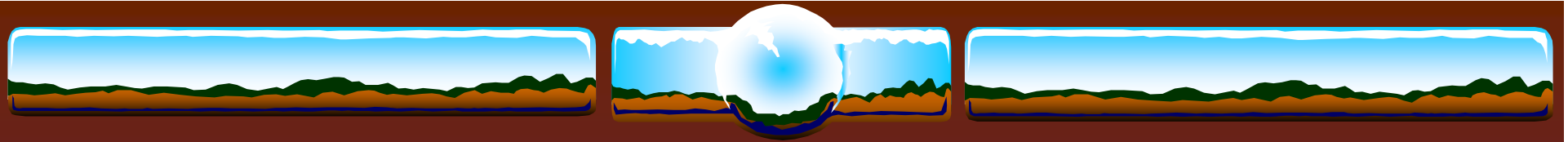
It is a selfish morality which would place the whim of the mother above the life of the unborn child.

God decides when life begins, and has revealed to us that it begins at conception.



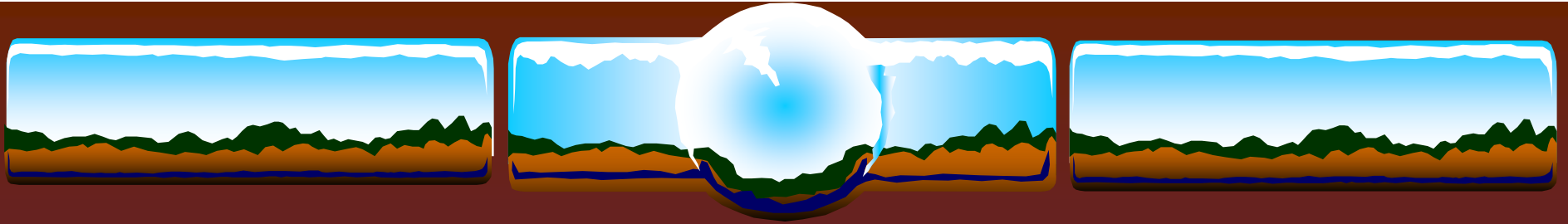
Immediate Physical Complications

- ❖ Hemorrhage
- ❖ Infections
- ❖ Damaged cervix
- ❖ Perforation of the uterus
- ❖ Perforation of the bowel or urinary bladder
- ❖ DEATH!



Delayed Physical Complications

- ❖ Miscarriages
- ❖ Impaired child- bearing ability
- ❖ Low birth weight babies
- ❖ Ectopic pregnancies
- ❖ Depression, emotional problems



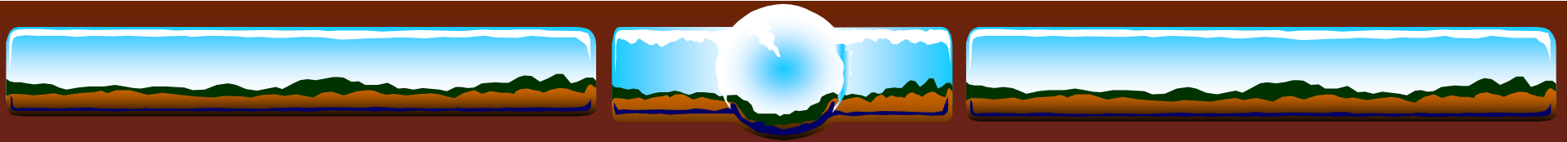
Emotional an Physical Effects

- ❖ Women suffer long term emotional effects such as depression, and feelings of guilt and shame.
- ❖ Studies have proven that women who have abortions can later suffer from Post Traumatic Syndrome. This is similar to what soldiers suffer after war.



Did you know?

- ❖ Top 3 reasons people have abortions
 1. Financial reasons
 2. Child is inconvenient
 3. Because they are teens
- ❖ Less than 2% of abortions are due to rape, incest or mothers health



Lots of ways to be a part of the solution!!

- ❖ Educate others
- ❖ Vote pro-life
- ❖ Participate in public prayer vigils and other demonstrations
- ❖ Boycott businesses who support abortion
- ❖ Support programs (with time talent and treasure) which encourage pregnant women to give birth rather than abort

Need Help or Want to Help???



- ❖ Project Gabriel (713 225-5826)
- ❖ Birthright (1-800-848-LOVE)
- ❖ Crisis Pregnancy Centers (713-526-4611)
- ❖ Adoption (713 526-4611)