

Claire Hoy ? He devoted his life to killing unborn babies

Abortionist Henry Morgentaler is dead. For those of us who believe that life is the most cherished value of all, the death of somebody ? even somebody who devoted his life to killing unborn babies ? is not something to be celebrated.

But for those of us fortunate enough to have been born ? and thus escape the abortionists of this world ? death is a natural part of life. For the tens of thousands of unborn babies who fell under Morgentaler's deadly scalpel, however, life was apparently not an option. He lived a long, full life. They didn't get a chance.

And because of that, many consider him a hero. Not me.

Yes, Morgentaler had tough times. Very tough. As you likely know, he was taken to Auschwitz by the Nazis, where he had to endure the worst of human conditions. He saw his father, mother and sister murdered by the Nazis. It doesn't get much worse. Clearly, that kind of seminal event is bound to have a profound impact upon anyone who survives it.

In a 2003 Globe and Mail profile written by journalist Heather Mallick ? now a Toronto Star columnist, and a huge Morgentaler booster ? Morgentaler said: ?I knew I could not save my mother (in Auschwitz in 1944). But I could save other mothers. It was an unconscious thought. It became almost like a command. If I help women to have babies at a time when they can give love and affection, they will not grow up to be rapists and murderers. They will not build concentration camps.?

But Morgentaler wasn't ever really in the business of helping women have babies. He was in the business of aborting babies.

Oh sure, there was the feminist mantra about all babies being a ?wanted? baby. But what does that mean, really? Wanted by whom? If not the mother, or the father, then apparently that was licence to kill them.

And to extrapolate from Morgentaler's own horrible experiences with the Nazis that somehow Hitler's madness was connected to mothers being forced to have unwanted little baby Germans, is beyond absurd.

A more humane approach after escaping the worst of what the world had to offer would have been to reject the Nazi approach that certain lives are not worth living and adapt the view that life, all life, is worth protecting.

But Morgentaler and his cheerleaders in the so-called ?pro-choice? movement ? the unborn doesn't get a choice in this scenario ? managed to turn Canada into the only country in the world with absolutely no restrictions whatsoever on abortion.

Every other country, even some of the most ?liberal? European countries, have some limits on abortion.

But not Canada. No siree. Killing season is open year round and as a result, about 100,000 unborn babies are killed each year.

(It might even be more, but many governments in Canada, including Ontario's, no longer hand out abortion statistics on the specious claim that they are protecting ?privacy.? Whose privacy? We don't want names and addresses, just numbers. They hand out every other number. Why not abortion? Could it be they're ashamed of themselves? They should be.)

In her Saturday Star column in praise of ?the closest male friend I've ever had,? Mallick, typically, dismissed the ?anti-choice? (read pro-life) crowd as haters.

?But the anti-choicers ? all of whom presumably have a dozen children each, as their religions expect ? have brought the U.S. battle against abortion to Canada,? she writes.

Talk about hateful blather. Wow.

What's more, the U.S. didn't invent the battle against abortion. Thousands of dedicated and loving Canadians have been carrying that fight for decades ? and no, they all aren't religious and don't have a dozen children each.

I'm not sure what religion it is that demands a dozen kids, but that's the kind of smear you have to expect from those who see themselves as more humane, as guardians of civil rights, when they cavalierly dismiss anyone who does not worship at their particular altar.

In a much more balanced view of Morgentaler, journalist Catherine Dunphy, author of a Morgentaler book ? and a fan of his, and friend of mine ? wrote in the Sunday Star that Morgentaler obviously had a tremendous impact upon abortion law in Canada but was far from the saint his cheerleaders portray him as.

As for me, I debated Morgentaler more than once many, many years ago.

He certainly believed what he believed and the sad truth is, that tens of thousands of unborn babies paid the ultimate price for his beliefs.

I don't cheer anybody's death. Then again, I don't celebrate injustice either.

