



**Roe v. Wade,
January 22, 1973
overturned
June 24, 2022**

From Justice Samuel Alito writing for the majority.

"Not only was there no support for such a constitutional right until shortly before Roe, but abortion had long been a crime in every single State. At common law, abortion was criminal in at least some stages of pregnancy and was regarded as unlawful and could have very serious consequences at all stages. American law followed the common law until a wave of statutory restrictions in the 1800s expanded criminal liability for abortions. By the time of the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment, three-quarters of the States had made abortion a crime at any stage of pregnancy, and the remaining States would soon follow."

"Our opinion is not based on any view about if and when prenatal life is entitled to any of the rights enjoyed after birth. The dissent, by contrast, would impose on the people a particular theory about when the rights of personhood begin. According to the dissent, the Constitution requires the States to regard a fetus as lacking even the most basic human right—to live—at least until an arbitrary point in a pregnancy has passed. Nothing in the Constitution or in our Nation's legal traditions authorizes the Court to adopt that 'theory of life.'"

"We therefore hold that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. Roe and Casey must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives."



Two opposing views



Lorie Shaul



June 24, 2022 Roe v. Wade news

For a high school senior, her college of choice could boil down to abortion rights

From CNN's Gregory Krieg in New York

DHS warns of potential violent extremist activity in response to Supreme Court's decision on abortion

Protesters in New York: "It's like seeing the train coming toward you, and it still hurts"

Media giants, including Disney, reaffirm financial support for those seeking abortions

"It shouldn't be up for debate, period," Kirk said. "It doesn't make sense. I don't understand why people care so much about what other women do with their body."



Pro-life advocates present a formal case for their position.

That case is summarized in the following 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 wrong.**

10 Things You Should Know about Abortion, Scott Kusendorf



Abortion is
Health Care.

ANYTHING
YOU CAN DO
I CAN DO
BLEEDING

METRODAMA
METROCHOWEE
GOVERNMENT CENTER
ENTRY
→





A row of old, leather-bound books on a shelf, with a dark brown text box overlaid in the center. The books are slightly out of focus, and the lighting is warm and golden. The text box contains the title of the presentation in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Back to the Future: Why Creation Still Matters Today

Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the

sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as light with you.

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.

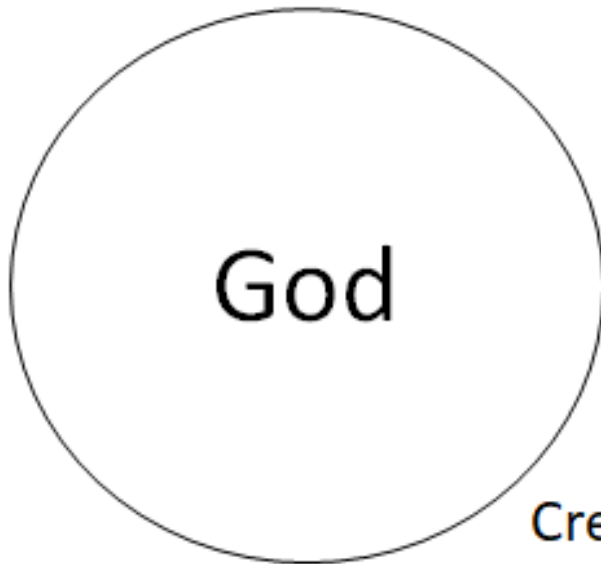
16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

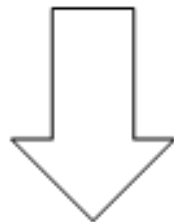
18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.



Creator-Creature Distinction



Creator, Infinite
Omniscient, independent



revelation



Creature, finite,
dependent



Genesis 1:1

The Creation of the World

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Jeremiah 1:5

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.”

Genesis 1:27

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



Psalm 24:1

**24 The earth is the LORD's and the
fullness thereof,**

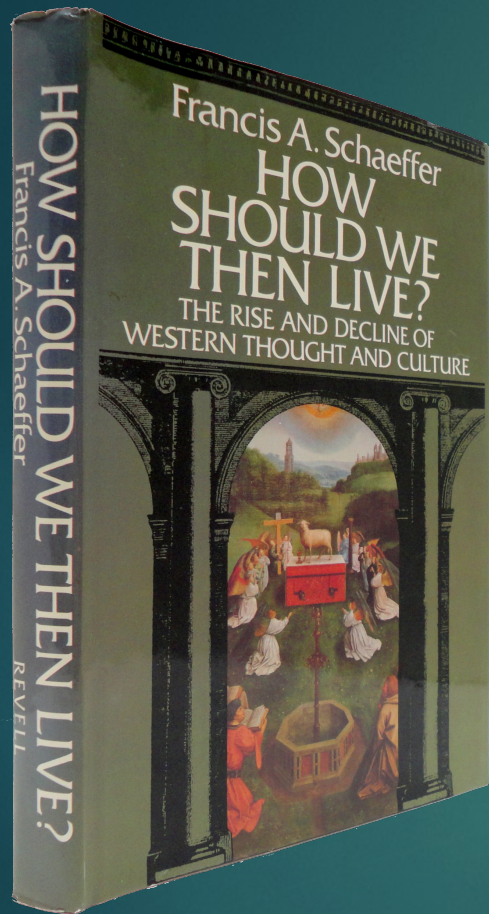
**the world and those who dwell
therein,**

**² for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers**

Douglas Kelly, *Creator and Creature*

Throughout Scripture, certain qualities or attributes are ascribed to God and God alone, including eternity, infinity, omnipotence, and supreme intelligence (which attributes include an all-encompassing plan that He alone is able to carry out). **But at the very beginning of human history, Satan tempted our first parents to think that by disobeying God's clear command, they themselves could become gods and decide for themselves what is good and evil ([Gen. 3](#)).** Fallen human beings ever since have sought to elevate themselves to the divine heights by **denying both God's creative authority over them and His Word to them**, in hopes of setting up their own independent program of good and evil.


This generally works by means of shifting the divine attributes to the created order, as [Romans 1](#) graphically shows: **"They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever" (v. 25).**



“The ironic fact here is that humanism, which began with Man’s being central, eventually had no real meaning for people. On the other hand, if one begins with the Bible’s position that **man is created by God and in the image of God, there is a basis for that person’s dignity.**”

Cornelius Van Til on the Creator-creature distinction

“In short, our pastor noted that Calvin, with Augustine, would think of God as one thinks of the sun. All other lights in this world are derived from the sun. One does not first think of other lights as though they shone in their own power, in order after that to investigate open-mindedly whether the sun exists. So one cannot first think of the facts of the universe, and especially of the mind of man, as though they were possibly not God-dependent but self-sufficient as so many self-powered light bulbs, in order then to inquire whether God exists. One just does not look at light bulbs to find the sun. Knowledge of the sun must precede, and be the foundation of, light bulbs. **So one does not look at creation to find a Creator, but rather the latter is the foundation of the former. Therefore true knowledge of creation demands a true knowledge of the Creator.”**



All the facts of the universe are of necessity God-created, God-dependent facts. Therefore men ought to see that God is man's Creator and his Judge. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom 1:20).

--Van Til, The Reformed Pastor and Modern Thought, 5-6.

Implications of God's Creator status

- Man is totally reliant on God
- Man will never be God
- Man is accountable to God
- Knowledge flows downward from God
- Man's authority is limited and delegated
- Man cannot save himself

~~Creator God~~



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Creator God





**Learn to think and live in accord
with a Biblical Worldview**



**“It saddens me to see . . .
they’re . . . directly correlating this
to God when there is strictly not
supposed to be religion in politics
and that, it just astounds me. Even
our elected officials got on the news
and the first thing they say is “we
thank God’ and I’m just blown
away.”**

Bryan resident, KBTX

CREATOR GOD

Genesis 1:1
Psalm 24:1

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John 19:11

INDIVIDUAL → **FAMILY** → **CHURCH** → **CIVIL GOVT.**

Ecc. 12:13-14
Fulfill God
ordained
destiny (Eph. 2:10)

Govern self
(Gen. 2:16-17)

Obey God, not
man (Acts 5:29)

Obey authority
(Titus 3:1)

Ephesians 5:22-6:4
*Dominion &
Continuity* Gen. 1:26-28

Primary spiritual
& educational
classroom Deut. 6

Care for sick, elderly,
and poor in family

Learn prayer,
worship, Godly
character

I Tim. 3, Titus 1
*Redemption
Worship*

Deal with sin

Edify, Exalt, and
Evangelize

“Banner of Truth”
I Tim. 3:15

Protect doctrine (I
Tim. 4, 6), Show sin (I
Cor. 5, 6), Need for
repentance (Mt. 18:15)

Romans 13:1-7
*Maintain Social
Order*

Deal with crime

Internal-police
External-armed
forces

Punish wrong-doers
Protector not
provider

Consent of the
governed

1 Timothy 3:15


¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a **pillar and buttress of the truth.**




**How do we walk as Christians
and as the church in the midst of
this conflict?**

George Grant, *After Roe: What's Our Job Now?*

It is no wonder then that abortion, infanticide, exposure, and abandonment have always been a common part of fallen human relations. Since the fall, men have contrived ingenious diversions to satisfy their depraved passions. . . **The primary conflict in temporal history always has been and always will be the struggle for life by the church against the natural inclinations of all men everywhere.** This was the case long before Roe and it will be long after, for as long as the Lord terrifies



So after Roe, what's our job now? It is the same as always: we must be **gospel advocates of all that is right and good and true**. We must care for the poor, the hurting, and the marginalized. **We must speak the truth in love**. We must remind our magistrates of their responsibilities. We must disciple. **We must be unflinching in the proclamation of the good news, which changes everything**. Our intercessions and labors must be unceasing.



Our local crisis pregnancy centers need our support like never before. Our pulpits need to ring out with practical, pastoral, and prophetic urgency like never before.



**Prayer and faithfulness is
always the right thing?**



Why We Should Celebrate the *Dobbs* Decision

JUNE 24, 2022

| [CHELSEA PATTERSON SOBOLIK](#)

The *Dobbs* decision marks the dawning of a new pro-life movement, and we ought to rightly celebrate it for what it is: the opportunity for thousands of preborn babies to have the most fundamental human right—the right to live. We should pause and praise God for his sovereignty and mercy in this decision.

“Because the faithful have been quietly serving for years, many of us will never know their names. But eternity will know their influence. Christians’ dedication and commitment to the preborn and their families is firmly rooted in Scripture. All people are created in God’s image ([Gen. 1:27](#)), and a person’s usefulness or ability to contribute to society shouldn’t determine their worth or their right to life. The pro-life movement is working toward a society in which the innate worth of every life—both preborn and born—is respected.”

"City of Prayer could well be a spark to ignite a firestorm of prayer the likes of which our nation has never seen." —DICK EASTMAN from the Foreword


CITY *of* PRAYER

Transform Your Community through Praying Churches



In the Unceasing Prayer movement and America Prays we have been crying day and night for almost 14 years. Here are some of the points we've been praying:

- **PRAY FOR LIFE TO BE VALUED AND PROTECTED THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION.**
- **Pray for God to break the culture of death in America and restore a culture of life. (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Proverbs 24:11; Deuteronomy 21:8-9)**
- **We believe all life is God's gift...the unborn, the elderly, and the ill have purpose and value!**
- **Let's pray that a culture of life will be forged across America and the world now that Roe is overturned!**



To understand this issue from a Biblical perspective, we must go back to creation where God said that man is created in the image of God.

5 Post Roe Prayers

Please ask your family, friends, neighbors, & church to pray these prayer points.

- 1. That this historic answer to prayer would invigorate the praying church to cry out like never before for revival in the church and awakening in the land.**
- 2. That pregnancy centers would be opened in local churches to care for mothers, babies, and fathers.**
- 3. That children's ministries would thrive with Jesus-loving, caring teachers filled with renewed passion to lead children to Christ and to become fully devoted disciples.**
- 4. That a powerful adoption movement would be released through local churches across the United States of America.**
- 5. That a culture of life and a culture of love would overtake individuals, families, churches, and cities across America.**

