

talk 16 Facts about Abortion that You Do Not Know!!!

Hi everyone, this is Nancy. Do you know how many abortions happen in US each year? The number is about one million, plus minus 20% maybe. In China, the number is over 10 times, and worldwide, that's another 10 times. So Worldwide, there are over 100 million abortions each year. People fight for different kinds of rights, including abortion. What about aborted fetuses who could not speak? What are their situations? And what rights do they have? Today, I am going to share some facts about abortion with you, facts that most people do not know. After knowing these facts, you then make your decision.

First, I have to say, "Abortion is killing." The Buddha said there were five grave offenses which were killing one's mother, killing one's father, abortion, injuring the body of a Buddha, and causing a division in a Buddhist community. From this teaching given by the Buddha, you would understand that abortion is similar to killing one's parents, and it generates heavy karma.

Second, what are the retributions of abortion?

In the sutra: *The Dharani Sutra of the Buddha on Longevity, The Extinction of Offenses And the Protection of Young Children*, a woman named Confusion purposely aborted her fetus. After realizing how heavy the karma was, she pleaded the Buddha to help her. The sutra said people who purposely did abortion would be infected with serious illnesses in the present life and receive the retribution of a short lifespan with very little blessing. Also, the offender would suffer in the hell for very long time after death.

Third, what happens to the aborted fetuses? In general, a child comes to a family because of his or her affinity with the parents. The child might come to pay their gratitude; the child might come to the family with resentment to the parents; the child might come to collect debt from the parents; the child might come to repay debt to the parent. Or the child might come because of a mix of the above reasons. No matter out of which reasons the child comes, abortion only adds anger or hatred or complaint to the relationship between the child and the parents.

After abortion, the fetuses may not have anywhere to go. They may follow their parents and live by absorbing their energy; they may become lonely ghosts and are bullied because of their weakness. Depending on their karma, some may be able to enter transmigration in a short time. Just think about what if we were the aborted one?

The resentment, anger, from the fetuses may cause disharmony of the family, illness of the parents, and other bad things. Actually research shows that many people experience depression after abortion, and they do not know why. The visible world and the invisible world never separate from each other. The visible world is just a reflection of the invisible world. The problem often is rooted in the invisible world.

Forth, if you have watched so far, you may ask, "How can I help the aborted little ones?" For parents, repent sincerely first of course to resolve the resentment from the fetuses. Then accumulate merit or blessings and transfer the merit or blessings to the aborted fetuses. With that blessing which is the energy needed, the fetuses could be liberated. How to accumulate merit/blessings? In Buddhism, there are many ways to accumulate merit, for example, keeping a vegetarian diet, chanting the name of the Buddha, reciting sutras, holding mantras, repenting, giving offerings to the Buddha, persuading others to do so, and so on.

Amitabha! This is today's Dharma share. I hope I have made abortion clearer to you. You are your own master. You make your own decision, and you are responsible for your own choices. Thank you everyone for being here watching this video. Please share with those who may need this information. I will see you next time. Bye.