

# The Hidden Holocaust



**Michael Spielman unapologetically presents the shocking truth about abortion.**

**O**ne of the federally protected liberties Americans have possessed since 1973 is the right to end the life of a baby before its birth, the result of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision.

The debate since then often has devolved into political posturing about "choice." As a result, many people today don't understand what actually constitutes an abortion.

Michael G. Spielman's goal is to explain that grim reality.

Spielman's Web site, [Abort73.com](http://Abort73.com), has been able

to accomplish what a lot of arguing elsewhere hasn't: enlightening and changing uninformed minds. With logical, conclusive evidence and graphic images, the site has led to numerous testimonials from readers who say they now grasp why abortion is wrong.

**S**pielman, 33, devised the website in response to a transformation in his own thinking. After he graduated from Washington State University with a graphic design degree, he took a job as a graphic designer at the *Nashville Business Journal*. While he made a good living in this role, Spielman—who received Jesus as his Saviour while in the seventh grade—felt he wanted to do something ministry-oriented with his skills, something that would have more lasting significance.

A year into his new job, Spielman attended a seminar by Gregg Cunningham of the Center for Bioethical Reform (CBR). That event would be the catalyst he needed. Cunningham persuaded him that abortion isn't a political issue; it's a love-your-neighbor issue (See Matt. 22:38-40).

"I was struck by how clear-cut the case against abortion is from a purely secular standpoint," Spielman recalls. "The overwhelming medical and biological evidence establishes that human life begins at fertilization."

Like many Christians, Spielman had considered himself "pro-life" in his mind but he never really became engaged in the issue with his heart. In fact,

he thought involvement in the movement would be a distraction from "real ministry."

In 1999 Spielman began more than five years of full-time work for CBR, fulfilling his longing to meaningfully combine vocation and ministry. Spielman spent a great deal of time on college campuses with CBR's Genocide Awareness Project, which features a huge photo mural exhibit comparing abortion with other crimes against humanity. Most of the posters are from first-trimester abortions, yet those are descriptive enough. The in-your-face encounters energized the low-key, soft-spoken Spielman.

"For the first time in my life I knew what it was to be utterly despised for my faith, and I knew the supernatural thrill of standing in the face of ridicule with nothing but love for the one spewing insults," Spielman says. "As I traveled the country debating the essence of life and death, I found that there are no insignificant conversations and no insignificant people."

Although many students indeed reacted with animosity, Spielman witnessed many others letting go of long-held unreasonable attitudes about abortion.

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Still, the process of visiting one campus after another proved to be a labor intensive, expensive, and slow-moving process.

"I wanted a way to simultaneously extend that education to students across the country, and to include high schoolers," Spielman says. "For the project to have a huge cultural impact, more than visits to individual campuses needed to be done."

So he decided to use technology as the means of reaching the masses. He began to devise a website to enable people to see the graphic reality of abortion from their own computers.

"It seemed like the more polished pro-life Web sites had a lot of details about their particular organization, but were thin when it came to actually educating about abortion," Spielman says. "I wanted a site that took better advantage of the educational opportunities provided by the Web, while giving pro-life students some practical tools."

Drawing upon his multimedia expertise, Spielman incorporated

Loxafamosity Ministries in 2004 and Abort73.com soon followed. He continues to work for CBR part-time.

The Abort73.com site has various video, audio and text arguments against abortion. Reader blogs and message boards show abortion's destruction. Spielman outlines biological, psychological, financial, medical, theological and other reasons to avoid having an abortion. Along the way, those navigating Abort73.com learn about the Biblical foundation of life and are given opportunity to profess faith in Christ.

Spielman believes abortion needs to be presented explicitly because that's what shook him from his complacency.

"When I went to that seminar it was a graphic video that really hit me hard," Spielman remembers. "It was no longer abstract. The shocking pictures motivated me to get going. I want people to see what abortion does."

Spielman and his wife Carrie, whom he married in 2001, live in Rockford, Illinois, and attend Harvest Bible Chapel. They have two children, Seth, 6, and Melanie, 5.

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

- Sunday, January 18** • *Read: Genesis 42–43*
- Monday, January 19** • *Read: Genesis 44–45*
- Tuesday, January 20** • *Read: Genesis 46–48*
- Wednesday, January 21** • *Read: Genesis 49–50*
- Thursday, January 22** • *Read: Exodus 1–3*
- Friday, January 23** • *Read: Exodus 21–22*
- Saturday, January 24** • *Read: Exodus 23–24*

Having children has only reinforced Spielman's resolve to contest the bizarre and irrational points of view he encounters from abortion-rights advocates.

"Over and over I hear some variant of, 'Until a baby can survive on its own, it's not really a person,'" Spielman says. "As any parent knows, however, the smaller and more dependent a child is, the more care and protection we give to the baby."

"As it relates to abortion, though, normal parental concern has been turned on its head," Spielman says. "The absolute dependence of unborn children has become the rationale, not for their protection, but for their destruction! The fact that so many mothers think of their child as a parasite is a scary indictment of our society."

Regularly Spielman receives e-mails from guilt-ridden girls confessing to their sin of destroying their offspring. The website has a section that allows girls and women to tell how abortion hurt them, so that others will not follow the same path.

Most visitors to the site are females of middle school, high school, and college age. In 2007, Spielman purposely began to add

more social networking features on the Abort73.com site for students who are active in doing something about abortion. The site offers everything from digital videos to T-shirts to help students get the message out.


Spielman has discovered that the teen years are the best time to convince younger people that abortion is wrong.

"The older people get, the more they are entrenched in their belief system," he says.

As might be expected, not everyone is thrilled with the website. Spielman has received angry and threatening e-mails from abortion defenders.

"Spiritual warfare accompanies this work since Satan has an interest in maintaining the abortion status quo," Spielman says. "I've done campus evangelism, but I've never faced such hatred and animosity in sharing the Gospel as I have when talking about abortion."

Spielman takes a great deal of time to address vitriolic remarks with humility and grace, but that often provokes only rage.

"Darkness hates the light," Spielman says. "We're not only battling unwitting ignorance, but also chosen ignorance." 

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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