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## “Contraception” will Continue to Kill Children

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**Education:** Today's low dose birth control pills can allow ovulation to occur 25-35% of the time. (1) Fertilization may still be prevented by changes in the mucus, but if fertilization does occur, the hormones also act to prevent implantation. That is, a very young child may die because they cannot get nutrition from the uterus. Prevention of implantation is much more common with so-called “emergency contraception”, which refers to methods used **after** intercourse, to prevent a pregnancy from resulting from that intercourse. Plan B (the “morning after” pill, available over the counter for girls over 15) or insertion of an IUD can

be used for that purpose, and may be effective up to 3 to 5 days after intercourse. If ovulation has not yet occurred, it may be prevented. However, if ovulation either has already occurred less than a day before intercourse, or is not prevented from occurring soon after, fertilization can also happen. The method then acts to prevent implantation of the newly conceived child, in essence causing an early abortion. Proponents of the pill say that it has “no effect on pregnancy”, but these people are defining pregnancy as beginning at implantation rather than conception. To be effective up to 3 to 5 days later, “emergency contraception” clearly must prevent implantation, which occurs 5-6 days after fertilization. Women and girls (15 yrs. old and older) can buy the pills (such as “Plan B”) over the counter, and sexually active women are encouraged to keep the pills on hand. Some of the decline in abortions since 1994 is probably due to the use of emergency contraception. Bans on abortion will not prevent the use of emergency contraception, and children’s lives will continue to be lost in many of these cases.

1. <http://onemoresoul.com/contraception-abortion/risks-consequences/problems-associated-with-hormonal-birth-control.html>



**Prayer:** Please, Lord, have mercy on women who have engaged in intercourse without being open to the gift of life. Help them to understand the truth that so-called “emergency contraception” can in fact end the life of a child already conceived. Help them to better understand your beautiful plan for sexuality and consider the practice of chastity. For women who have been victimized by rape, please comfort them with your grace and help them to put their trust in You. Help all women who feel burdened by an unwanted pregnancy to look to You for support and strength, and find concrete help from Christians who are living your love for them.



**Action:** Ask your pharmacist if he is aware of the abortifacient nature of hormonal birth control. Does he inform women purchasing these drugs of that action, as well as of their serious health risks? Plan B is available over the counter for ages 15 and up, but how is the age restriction controlled? How does he feel about providing drugs that can kill very young children? Has he considered refusing to sell these products on the basis of conscientious objection? Tell him about Pharmacists for Life International ([www.pfli.org](http://www.pfli.org)). For a letter you can bring to your pharmacist, click [here](#).