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What value, life!

When Jesus brought His dear friend Lazarus back to life, He signed “His own death warrant,” for His disciple, John, tells us that it was “from that day then, they planned to kill Him.” The price Jesus paid for Lazarus’ life was His own.

With tears in His eyes, Jesus went to the tomb to bring Lazarus to life. Physicians often see an expectant mother in tears as she anticipates life from her womb. Yet her moments of distress are not lasting, for soon her weeping bursts into joy as she sees “what God has brought.”

The mystery of God’s creation which marvelously knit the infant in her womb can never be realized or decided upon with a computer, for the value of a life is not a statistic. It is a sacred gift given by God — one to become a witness, a brother and a friend — a prophet unique to all others with a hope and a vision to greatness — perhaps an individual endowed with the capability of becoming an inventor, a scientist, or theologian with the wisdom to resolve the ills plaguing mankind and restore a people to happiness.

The author of the book of Genesis taught the values of life and declared that what God created is GOOD. Today as the genetic engineers announce their great progress and fears, scientists are urged to be cautious in their experimentations as they fringe on the very creation of life that is GOOD — that is God’s. For it is in being a protector — “a brother’s keeper” — that the healing physician disassociates himself from the forces of Cain as an enemy to life, and allies himself with the power of divine goodness. In caring, loving and curing the life created by God, the physician becomes mysteriously united with Him. The

physician's services are no longer ordinary since, with a faith dimension united with the Divine Healer, he touches life that touches eternity.

Therefore, life is never to be "tampered with," demeaned, destroyed or disposed of — only enriched. Each conception is a new life that never existed before. From the moment that a physician tells a woman that there is a child in her womb, she develops a new series of thoughts. Reflecting on her pregnancy, she is mindful of a loving person she had never known earlier, with fears, expectations and joys. This conception becomes a new concept in her mind, of a child conceived in her body. An awesome privilege is hers. She has been chosen by God to bear life, to bring forth a child with a potential to continue its existence from generation to generation.

It may be asked, "Is a physician someone special?" Yes, he certainly is, if he values his precious vocation of working with God, the Creator of His people, and giving them the benefits of his talents. However, in doing so, he jeopardizes his own rights — his rights in society, in trust and in friendship. In fact, he puts himself "on the line" by accepting risks, criticism and often loss of financial security, and can become careless in his own life as he becomes completely involved in another. He, in essence like Jesus, speaks up — not in bringing life from the tomb, but life from the womb. In so doing, he signs "his own death warrant." He cares not what happens to him, for in love he buries his life so another may live.

A physician is more than special; he is continuing the mission of Jesus. A physician is *very* special; he is God-like.

— Rev. Monsignor Dino J. Lorenzetti
