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Former Vermont resident and Nobel laureate Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, in his prescient 1978 Harvard University Commencement Address, said the following:

“The split in today’s world is perceptible even to a hasty glance....

[F]reedom toward evil has come about gradually,... to which man,... does not bear any evil within himself, and all defects of life are caused by misguided social systems, which must therefore be corrected....

The humanistic way of thinking,... did not admit the existence of intrinsic evil in man, nor did it see any task higher than the attainment of happiness on earth.

And yet in... American democracy at the time of its birth, all individual human rights were granted on the ground that man is God’s creature. That is, freedom was given to the individual conditionally, in the assumption of his constant religious responsibility....

We have placed too much hope in politics and social reforms, only to find out that we were being deprived of our most precious possession: Our spiritual life.”

And in Daniel J. Mahoney’s penetrating book, *The Idol of Our Age*, Dr. Mahoney writes:

“Evil can ensconce itself in the very substance of the good, leading to a profound spiritual, theological, moral, and political corruption, through a terrible,... falsification of the good. This is the most insidious path that evil can take, since it insinuates evil in the very heart of goodness.”

The unborn child is the good. The claim of “choice” is the “falsification of the good.” Abortion is the evil.

Progressivism doesn’t stop at birth, but at its more natural habitat... death:

The elderly are the good. The claim of “Death with Dignity” is the “falsification of the good.” Euthanasia is the evil.

The order of charity demands the defense of the vulnerable.

Thank you.