

## moral perspectives

Rev. Charles  
EricksonOld assumptions fail  
in deciding values

MANY CELEBRATE the 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision protecting the right of choice in abortion, and many lament 10 years of the murder of several million unborn. These extremes of position drive me to larger questions.

A long view reveals opinion on old assumptions which are no longer valid. Changes in the past two thousand years bring a surprise that humanity is doing better. Situations have improved in many ways. Morality requires aiding the progress as much as we can.

People used to be tripped by assumptions that where you start determines where you finish. This is no longer an acceptable view. Prophets have inspired people to believe decisions can change situations, so the future is not determined by the past. Consider examples.

**SOCIOLOGY** is destiny. Revolutions deny this assumption. Rigid caste systems have been dismantled. Democracy in social structure can be overcome. Equality is demanded. A person should be free to move through society rather than to be restricted to schools, jobs, housing or recreation limited to designated "kinds" of people. The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights clarifies that governments are responsible to provide freedom for each citizen to change and develop.

Character is destiny. Criminal justice reforms keep challenging the assumption that character defects result in limiting the person. The new assumption is that people can change. Moral defects can be overcome. Of course it doesn't always happen. But despite many horrors, we are trying. Government has a responsibility to return a functional person to society in each case where it is at all possible.

**FAMILY** is destiny. Old assumptions sacrificed the young for the benefit of senior citizens or even ancestors. Now there is a high value of each person in worldwide opinion. Infanticide is virtually wiped out. So many human defects are merely a matter of degree that we change the family to protect the life and nature of each member. The value and freedom of each person threatens the family as a unit.

Governments and religions demand commitment as the act of creating a family. Responsibility for each other and to each other become a crucial personal responsibility. Outsiders and laws cannot guarantee the security and stability needed in a family as a foundation of development by each member.

We are each responsible to balance commitment with freedom so family is a place where we grow from roots rather than live either as cut flowers or as plants so root bound no blossoms can develop.

**BIOLOGY** is destiny. The validity of this assumption has been wiped out by medical science. Health defects can be overcome. Birth, growth, disease and death no longer are assumed to be in the hands of some gods. Conceiving a new life is no longer regarded as a gift from the Lord.

Why a child was conceived was an irrelevant question, but now it must be faced. When abortion was not a medical skill we had death, disease, and mutilation or we had extended family units to care for what we now call an unwanted child. Governments can be responsible for insuring adequate health care and nutrition for pregnant women.

Responsibility to love a child into life falls on individuals, so society cannot guarantee it. The consequences of carrying a fetus to full term must be weighed by mother and doctor. The results of abortion or delivery are the responsibility of one person.

**HEALTH** in all its physical, psychological and social meaning is deterministic. A biological blessing or accident of conception is not the sole factor in assessing the span of the years a child needs nurture.

Old assumptions don't guide us when the questions are so different. Rights and freedom of choice now locate responsibility differently. Law defines which responsibilities are the burden of governments and which rest on people.

The value of each person and freedom of choice to become better people is better than some centuries ago. We improve by asking the largest possible question.

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9:45 a.m.: CHURCH SCHOOL • 11:00 a.m.:  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
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MINISTER  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
9:45 AM  
WORSHIP  
11:00 AM  
644-0550

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9:30 AM  
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM  
Minister:  
Robert H. Boyte  
644-0512

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Birmingham  
Family Learning Hour:  
8:15  
Worship Service: 10:30 AM  
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Sunday School: 10 AM  
Morning Worship: 11 AM  
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Worship Service: 10:30 AM  
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**Northbrook Presbyterian**  
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Pastors:  
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Pete Moore  
642-0200

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Weekday Eucharist  
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**NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
29687 West Eleven Mile Road  
Just West of Middlebelt  
Farmington Hills  
Worship Service: 9:15 & 11:00 AM  
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Christian Education 10:00 am  
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**FAITH COVENANT CHURCH**  
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SUNDAY EVENING: 7:00 PM  
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## consumer mailbag

Grace Gluskin  
of Concern, Inc.

## Nutritional goals explained

How can I improve my families eating habits? I have been preparing meals using the four food groups as a guide. Can you recommend other nutritional information that would help?

Be careful that you do not interpret the daily food guide, commonly known as the four food groups, too literally. If you're not careful to adapt these words to your own needs, you may find them only as a foundation to develop a nutritionally adequate diet, you may just find that they can become a justification for eating "fussy" meals.

Consider, for instance, the typical fast-food lunch or dinner. On the surface it would seem to meet the requirements outlined by the basic four. Hot dog or hamburger in a bun covers the meat group and the breads and cereals category.

French fries fit neatly into the vegetable, fruit grouping and the chocolate/strawberry shake meets the milk group as well. What is not considered with this approach is good eating habits in the salt, sugar and fat content of these foods and the needs to address the relationship between diet and health.

During the last several decades, nutritional deficiency diseases have all but disappeared. However, chronic and degenerative diseases such as heart

disease, hypertension, cancer, etc., have become leading causes of death and disability. It was these health changes that focused on the need to develop more comprehensive dietary guidance.

In 1977, as a part of its report, the select committee on nutrition and human needs of the U.S. Senate published "Dietary Goals for the United States." These goals addressed the relationship between diet and health and offered suggestions for food selection and preparation.

These recommendations are included in a type booklet available from Concern Detroit Inc. To receive a copy of "Nutrition, How Much Can Government Help?" send a 20-cent stamp for each copy to Concern, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.

Eco Tip: Betty's Grocery Store, 877 Hunter, Birmingham offers one-hour tours, nutritional lectures, and sampling sessions throughout the year to sampling experiences for non-members as well as Camp Fire members.

For further information on Camp Fire candy, programs or camp, telephone the Camp Fire office, 835-2670, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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## Camp Fire girls to sell candy

Approximately 5,000 Camp Fire girls and boys in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties will be earning money for summer camp and gaining some first-hand business experience by selling candy, Feb. 18-March 17.

This year, the Detroit Area Council plans to sell 130,000 candy bars. The coupon one, again, will feature Cadbury products - Cadbury Milk Chocolate with Crisped Rice and Cadbury Milk Chocolate with Hazel Nuts. Both bars remain priced at a \$1 per bar. The sale remains the single-largest

fund-raising effort of Camp Fire Detroit Area Council. The proceeds provide 38 percent of the council's yearly operating budget and also help to maintain Camp Wathana.

The 370-acre resident camp facility is located near Holly. Camp Wathana is open 10 months a year for a variety of camping experiences for non-members as well as Camp Fire members.