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is something more--that we have a power of choice--that each of us is a person, and that there is something in our lives that is not simply cause and effect. We are placed here and we have a responsibility to deal with God (nc?) cause and effect the best way we can, but the development of the person, that is to say, of the immortal soul, is what matters, rather than whether the body which is entirely subject to cause and effect continues a little longer or a shorter period.

I am not personally at all convinced that a fetus is a person; in fact I don't believe anybody is a person. I believe that God puts the person lends the person the body for a time. When God does this/, whether before birth or at birth or after a certain age/, is reached, I do not know. It is true that parents have a strong feeling that their child is a person. Yet there are instincts in all of us, and we are so made that we have a strong feeling for our own offspring- This is a matter of the way the body is made; it is cause and effect. I knew a woman who was very devoted to her one child and always very disappointed that she did not have more than one child. Yet the time came when a friend who was working was working up to a certain hour This friend had two ~~children~~ very fine children. These children were in grade school. The friend was working and the children would come home a couple of hours before she herself was available to take care of them. She asked the woman whom I mentioned if whether they could play in the yard in back of behind her house , and she agreed to it. However, she expressed herself to me after some time later as being quite disgusted with the imposition on her of having these children playing there every day. She did not seem to me to have any strong ~~for~~ feeling of interest in the welfare of these children or of enjoyment in their company, or delight in doing something for them. Yet her own child had been the most important fact in her whole life and nothing was as important to her in later years as seeing this child. This seems to me to be entirely a matter of instinct. There are two factors one might mention: one is, there is a (sing. antecedent) family instinct that leads a person to have a tremendous interest in their own child and often to have no similar feeling for the children of another person. The second