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I am only asking these questions, not giving answers to them. I think what I have said, however, is enough to show that the strong emphasis on the terrible nature of abortion and <u>tixe</u> infanticide does not arouse great enthusiasm in me.

I feel more strongly, although I have never said much about it, I feel still more strongly on the matter of euthanasia. I have never seen any point in trying to keep one breathing as long as possible. I feel that i is like trying to keep the butterfly the caterpillar from ever becoming a butterfly. When the time **xmm** comes that God is ready for us to leave this earth and go soaring into the heavenly **zeesl**. realms, surely it is wonderful to be permitted to do so, rather than a thing to be abhorred and delayed as long as possible. Personally I cannot understand Frank Gaebelein's going to such tremendous effort and through such misery in order to prevent to try to keep his heart breathing a little longer. At his age I wold much rather say, "If the Lord wants me to live longer, I thank Him for it; if He wants to take me now I thank Him for that."

I have never understood the tremendous the attitude that people take that in it is so **xmaxibly** terrible to do anything that shortens the length of time that one is breathing. It is said that once the doctors in the hosital put some tubes into one to keep certain bodily functions operating nothing neither the doctor nor the family can be permitted to give \mathbf{x} to say that they should be taken out; only a court order can permit this, at least in certain cases.

A few years ago there were **EMMEN** some who said that it was wrong to do anything to make it easier for children to be born. They said that if God wished them to be -orn He would cause that it would happen. Nowadays this attitude has been **EM** completely abandoned. All the resources of science are being used to try to enable people childless people to have children if they desire to do so and (nc) should it be wrong to help them leave this world for a better one?