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1. While packing, I have been thinking about where we find ourselves in the abortion debate. Much of the current debate is really only made possible by modern medicine. Medicine has been on the forefront not just of the technical revolution, but is at the heart of its mindset.

2. The idea of a “safe” abortion is really only possible, is really only possible in this technical context. And at its heart, the battle over abortion is a battle over the technical mindset vs. the older, Christian, pre-technical mindset.

3. In the technical way of thinking, the power of technology allows us to shape our lives in ways undreamt of in the past. Today, people believe they can change their sex by means of the technical. Abortion is of a piece with the debate over trans.

4. These types of medical interventions are part of the western spirit of a world without limits or boundaries. We are on a mission to explore the outer limits of what is possible. Abortion allows people to shape their lives and their future through the promise of modern medicine

5. The contrasting older world view was a world with limits. We acknowledged we were finite beings. We also accepted that we lived in a flawed world, that imposed further constraints and limits. There is scarcity. Inequality. Sickness. Disease. Death. Deformity.

6. In this flawed world we accepted the reality that pregnancy, childbirth and being a baby were fraught with danger. Women died. Children died. It was part of a sinful world and the misery (the word used in the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 2-3) of that world.

7. You experienced death. You experienced loss. It was part of life. You grieved and got on with making the best of things. You took comfort in salvation, knowing that the future was in God's hands.

8. Technology promises to lift us all out of that. We can cure all sickness and death with the techniques and technology of medicine. More so, these same techniques can be used to free us from all manners of ills and constraints. One of those “ills” is an unwanted pregnancy.

9. Modern medicine promises to “save” us from the dangers of pregnancy (ectopic pregnancy for example), from the consequences of our own actions and the hurts done to us by others. But when you dig into the stories, this salvation is not always what it seems.

10. Abortion tears at our soul, our humanity. The medical procedure may be “safe” but it comes at a cost. We have turned ourselves into a society of murderers. Technology makes the ideology of feminism possible. Women will be saved by trying to become the same as men.

11. That salvation, that promised feminist utopia, comes at the cost of 60,000,000 dead babies. Abortion cuts us off from having to take responsibility for our actions, from having to grieve loss and the dangers of living in a sinful world of misery.

12. Am I saying we should return to a world without modern technical medicine? Perhaps I am. We have gained great power with technique, but the price is that we no longer accept the idea of limits, we deny the world of sin and misery, and we sacrifice our humanity for technique.