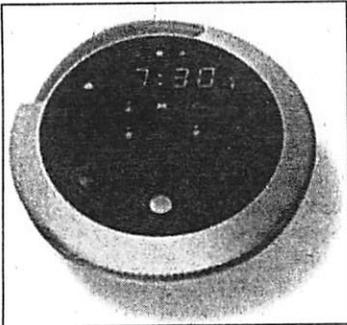


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by Vernon Buford

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of the pro-abortion advocacy group NARAL, once made a profound statement. In the opening of his 1984 film, *Silent Scream*, Nathanson spoke of the importance of technology in aiding the advancement of human understanding concerning the unborn. He stated: "Those technologies, those apparatuses and machines—which we now use everyday—have convinced us that beyond question the unborn child is simply another human being; another member of the human community, indistinguishable in every way from any of us."

The new science he spoke of was ultrasound.

This, and other remarkable inventions, facilitated an expansion of the science of foetology - the study of the fetus. We could now see inside the womb using enhanced sonar.

Can device make abortion obsolete?

Before this, a life growing within the womb was considered inconsequential, the proverbial blob of tissue. Violently and brutally extracting a developing child, from his or her mother, has been callously compared to a tooth pull at the dentist.

The psychological problems women face, after the procedure, only serve to accentuate the pain of losing a child by their own hands. Technology and the study of foetology have strengthened the ideological arm of the proponents of life.

Stunningly, ultrasound was merely the beginning. Twenty years later, this technology, though still used, will soon be widely replaced by 3-D and 4-D, full color, high-definition ultrasound. The latest fiber-optic photography renders the unborn baby in clear form and affirming clarity. Today it takes quite a bit of cynicism to dismiss the veracity of a pre-born life. Now, further advancements in computer electronics promises to do even more to accelerate the pro-life cause.

In 1987 a Germany manufacturer, Valley-Electronics, created a remarkable home, micro-computer device designed to assist husbands and wives in natural family planning. The

computer, about the size of a personal CD player, accurately reads a woman's fertility cycle with a Pearl Index of .7 or 93.7%. In other words, out of 100 women, only seven would incur a pregnancy while properly using the device. The processor stores over 700,000 cycles biometrically, comparing them to the user's recorded Basal, body temperature and other information.

The company manufactures two devices, the LadyComp and BabyComp. The LadyComp computer aids predominately in natural family planning, as an alternative to birth-control hormones which can be harmful. The BabyComp unit helps couples who have difficulty with conception. These two devices promise to greatly reduce unwanted pregnancies and, ultimately, eliminate abortion as an option for woman. The products have had great success with women in Europe for over 10 years. Currently the FDA is moving to approve the devices for distribution in America.

Cathy MacEachern, Marketing and Sales Director for RaxMedical, a company authorized to distribute the fertility computers in North

America, said these devices could eliminate unwanted pregnancies. MacEachern said, "It's a definite advantage for many women who cannot take birth-control for ethical reasons or for health reasons. In that way it's going to reduce unwanted pregnancies. [However] the thing with any natural family planning product is that it requires compliance by the user."

MacEachern went on to explain that the device works realistically with the user's unpredictable and busy lifestyle. "With the LadyComp, because it's so easy to comply to, she doesn't have to take her temperature, put it on a chart, and be sure it's accurate. That's quite burdensome. Sometimes they miss days. That's when [traditional] family planning methods fail. But if you put a computer like this into the picture, it does all the work for her. It's going to wake her up in the morning, reminding her to take her temperature. It only takes 30 seconds, so it's not burdensome. That's the success of the product."

But would the computer could lead to a drastic reduction or a complete end to abortion? "I think that would be a natural conclusion to that, yes,"

MacEachern said. "I don't think that any woman would choose to have an abortion. I think it's the last resort for some women, and I think if they had a product that would allow them to have natural birth-control, that isn't going to burden their body, or conflict with their ethical beliefs or their religious beliefs, then of course, yes."

Is abortion obsolescence on the horizon?

Once these products are introduced in America, more companies will come online to produce their versions. In our burgeoning, competitive free-market, consumer demand for increased quality will further improve the devices. Technology always enhances with time and research. With this kind of advancement, the 4,000 a day murders of the innocent may soon come to an end.

For more information about LadyComp, BabyComp and Natural Family Planning, please Cathy MacEachern at 1-800-202-2193. For more on product availability or to order online, go to the RaxMedical website at www.raxmedical.com.