

## **It's Not My Life**

By Janet Pfeiffer

For decades, there has been an ongoing debate about the right to die, whether in regards to a pregnant woman and her unborn child or an elderly person suffering from a terminal condition for which there is no longer any quality of life. Many argue that the woman has a right to do with her body what she wishes and may choose to terminate her pregnancy. Those in favor of assisted suicide declare that the individual should be able to die with dignity. Each presents a compelling argument that gives one pause for thought. Those who subscribe to this way of thinking will find validity in this rationale. However, there is one serious flaw to both issues: and that is the belief that our life and our bodies belong to us.

Consider this from a higher perspective: Albert Einstein said that "Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be changed from one form to another." From a scientific perspective this is a proven fact. The energy that existed millions of years ago still resides today. It has transformed itself time and time again to take on different physical characteristics. Yet that same energy that formed as dinosaurs, or stars, or mountains in early prehistoric times now has the composition of a farm house or starfish or rose bush or you or me. I am the same energy that existed since the beginning of time only reconfigured in my current body. And when my time in the physical world is complete, my energy will not cease to exist - it will instead convert into an alternate nature.

From a spiritual understanding, God is the Divine Energy. He is the Source of all life, therefore, all life regardless of its current appearance, belongs to the One from whom it originates. Every creation is an extension of His Energy. And since all Energy, all life, belongs to God, who among us has a right to determine when and how that life will be terminated or transformed? To do so interferes with Divine Order. Can I be 100% certain that the purpose for a particular life in this world has been fulfilled? Do I know for certain that God is ready to release that life for an alternative intention? No, I cannot and neither can anyone else. To assume to have such knowledge is both presumptuous and arrogant.

My life belongs to the One from whom it emanated. I am here to fulfill His destiny for me and when complete, He will repurpose this energy into a new shape and intention. My life is not mine. It is an extension of the Divine and I have a sacred responsibility to always honor and protect it in its current condition. I have no right to randomly choose how and when my or any other human life shall be altered. Only when God ordains it will this energy be repurposed as He commands.

The unborn baby does not belong to the mother nor does the elderly person's ravaged body belong to him. Each life belongs to the Father, the One who creates it and brings it forth into form, and the only One at liberty to return that life to Source. I do not own my life nor does yours belong to you. You and I belong to God and must relinquish our self-centered desires in order to abide by His Will alone.

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