



# Reflections on 'The Greater Things'

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*"Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)*

## Blood That Cries From The Ground—An Open Letter

Given the significance of the upcoming elections, with respect to issues of Life, this issue of Reflections On The Greater Things primarily contains an 'Open Letter to Charismatic Catholics/Catholics' concerning the battle over the Culture of Life that is being played out in our Country at this time. The Letter contains a prophetic word regarding the United States. It also contains the formal teaching of the Catholic Church regarding the abortion. Most of all, it is a call to spiritual battle for American Christians to pray that God uses these elections as a means to end abortion in this Nation, and it is and a rallying cry to cry out to God for mercy for the blood that cries out to God of over 60,000,000 abortions. We hope that our readers both appreciate and share this message. Please note that we are not endorsing a candidate or a party. We are emphasizing the prophetic theme, now spoken by so very many Catholic and Protestants alike with genuine prophetic gifting, reflecting that the American vote with regards to abortion will have significant ramifications for the Country going forward. Thank you and God bless you.

### An open letter to charismatic Catholics/Catholics and Spirit-filled Christians

Dear brother and sisters in Christ,

Thus, says the Lord: *"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now **choose life**, so that you and your children may live."* Deuteronomy 30:19

Prophetic word:

America is at a crucial pivot point. A choice has set before the nation: life or death. I [the Lord] have told you which is the correct choice. I remind you that *"the heavens and the earth will be witnesses to the choice."* I speak loudly that the battle has come down to choosing life or death for the most innocent. The blood of the innocents is crying out to Me from the ground and is a curse upon your land. Every Christian who is not deceived has a role in the spiritual battle. I have trained you. I have instructed you. I walk in your midst with My power. I have shown you the power of My Word, the power of My Spirit. I send the call to you. You are a people called now to move in the power of My Spirit. Request your nation from Me, because it hangs in the balance. Cast off complacency, sloth, lukewarmness, inconvenience, comfort. Pray. I am making all things new, but it will be a cleansing through fire and through sifting. I use this decision, and others not far off, to sift you like wheat. Many saw the Ark and mocked Noah. You will be mocked. People will not understand. The wise will be confounded while the simple will comprehend. You are filled with My Spirit. My knowledge is your knowledge because My Spirit is in you. Ignore those who would mock the Ark. Ignore those who would mock John the Baptist. Continue to be about the work of the Spirit that I place before you. Confirm that you are fighting the battle I have put before you because distractions abound. I am in the battle I have chosen, not in false battles. Do not be deceived, either by intellectual pharisees or by those shepherds who feed marshmallows; words that sound sweet to the flesh and are nourishment to sin, but only make you fat. The way I lead you requires meat, for these are battles that require depth of spiritual truth through the Spirit of Truth. The meat of My Word must dwell deep within you. Walk in fellowship and build one another in spiritual strength. I am calling Esthers. I am calling Elijahs. I am calling midwives. I am calling Jeremiahs. I am calling Pauls. I am calling Johns. Look to Me. I am calling those who are of my Body to arise and awake, for you are in a mighty battle, but you were called "for such a time as this."

Recently, the cunning of the enemy of our souls has succeeded in hijacking the language of 'Pro-Life' into the pro-death culture. Good Catholics and good Christians have been deceived by the same snake as Eve... *'Is that REALLY what God meant when He said 'thou shalt not kill?... Are you sure that He also meant the little clump of cells inside of you? Surely, it's not a life until it... is in the third trimester.... can feel pain... has a heartbeat... is born and others determine is worthwhile for it to live... has no defects [truly there is **no acceptance** of imperfection within our culture]. By the way... isn't the mother's life and body more important? And surely more people have died from environmental issues than abortion! Right? Ssssssoooo, aren't you 'Pro-life' if you put more weight on the environment, or on immigration, or on a parent's financial and emotional readiness for that clump of cells? Come on. Don't get fooled into being an ignorant one issue Catholic.'* You can see the hijacking, the deception, leading to acceptance of spiritually lethal lies.

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We express with clarity the non-negotiable teaching of the Catholic Church in relation to abortion (CCC 2270, 2271):

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."* Jeremiah 1:5. *"My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth."* Psalm 139:15.

Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.

God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." (Didache 2, 2: SCh 248, 148; cf. Ep. Barnabae 19, 5: PG 2, 777; Ad Diognetum 5, 6: PG 2, 1173; Tertullian, Apol. 9: PL 1, 319-320).

This is what we believe as Catholics. Catholics assent to this teaching and, by virtue of being Catholic, being Catholic is being Pro-life. Opposition of this takes us out of full communion with the Church. We are aware that some consider this teaching to be from the 'dark ages,' and, while knowing the official teaching, have taught things contrary to this basic truth. *"Judgment will begin with the household of God."* 1 Pet 4:17. There is confusion amongst the sheep. *"Woe to the shepherds [anyone God has put in authority] who are scattering the sheep of my pasture!" Declares the Lord.* Jeremiah 23:1. The new testament is filled with warnings meant to be taken seriously about true versus false teachers and teachings. It's in nearly every book of the new testament. We recognize that it is not charitable to state this teaching in anything other than the clearest possible terms, noting that teaching that is other than this, that purposefully leads people to think that something that is intrinsically wrong, is acceptable, is the very definition of 'scandal.' We recall the serious and public announcement of Pope Saint Paul VI, that "the smoke of satan *has entered the Church.*" God is pruning His own Church. Dear friends, again we remind you that we are amidst a spiritual hailstorm. Mercy and love require that the sheep are not led astray. Many well-meaning sheep have been deceived by many means, believing that they may choose which basic beliefs of the Church they agree or disagree with. For the sake of souls, we have clearly stated Catholic teaching regarding abortion. If you are reading this and confusion or disagreement are present, please contact People For Life to discuss the issue ([peopleforlife.org](http://peopleforlife.org))

With the timing of the passing of Justice Ginsberg, while certainly not leaving unrecognized or appreciated, her many incredible accomplishments, especially for women, God Himself has said, "THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT WHETHER AMERICA WILL STOP SACRIFICING ITS BABIES. I PLACE BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH. CHOOSE. I AM WATCHING." In Amos 1:3 (NLT). Those who do not oppose abortion are making clear fear of the possibility that a new Justice would support abortion laws reverting to States and that observance of moral law could shift. God has removed any grey area regarding the open Supreme Court seat and the upcoming elections. While not denying that other issues have importance, we (His people) are choosing between 'life or death, not 'quality of life' and death; between the 'right to life,' and not protection for 'the environment,' over protection of one's own tiny right to exist. *"This is what the LORD says: "The people of Ammon have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! When they attacked Gilead to extend their borders, they ripped open pregnant women with their swords."* Leviticus 18:21, *"Don't sacrifice your children on the altar fires to the god Molech. I am the LORD your God, and that would disgrace me."* The first and most basic precept being laid before us is whether we choose 'life.' In HIS mercy, God has removed distractors from this primary issue. Decades ago, Our Lady told Sister Lucia, one of the Fatima seers, that the final battle would be over marriage and the family. We have watched this battle play out in front of us. Greater than all other blows against marriage and the family, abortion, the execution or elimination of an **intended family member**, presents the greatest offense against God. Sins have different gravities or weights. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, stating the catechetical tradition (CCC 1867) recalls that there are "sins that cry to heaven": the blood of Abel (Genesis 4:10), the sin of the Sodomites (Genesis 18:20-21), the cry of the people oppressed in Egypt (Exodus 2:23), the cry of the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan (Exodus 20:20-22), and injustice to the wage earner (James 5:4). Murder, especially of the innocents, carries the heaviest weight. Abortion literally *prevents* family. Over 60 million *American family members* have been sacrificed to gods of fear, comfort, convenience, etc., all under the ruling demon Molech (Baal). The blood of these innocents are a curse upon our land. In Gen 4 **it is human blood that speaks and cries out**, from the ground. God, responding to Cain after murdering his brother Abel, says, *"Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground. And now you are **cursed from the ground**, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand"* (Gen 4:10-11). Do we think God sees it as less serious if the words become, *"America! Your baby's blood is crying out to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground which has opened its mouth to receive your baby's blood from your hand."* Much of America, and even Catholics and Christians, lack the spiritual senses necessary to see the curse this nation is under from the blood of 60 million globs of tissue... BABIES. The gravity with which the Church views abortion is also evident by the fact that the procurement of abortion is one of the few offences which still incurs an automatic excommunication under the new Code of Canon Law (until there is repentance and Confession to a Bishop, or, in most countries, a priest). Women who have been through abortion have higher rates of depression. Many are plagued with lifelong guilt. A woman recently contacted Word Of Life looking for help to address guilt over an abortion more than 30 years ago. She was unable to forgive herself or to believe that God forgives her. As a side word to our beloved sisters in Christ who have gone through abortion. If you have confessed and repented, **Jesus forgives**. He is not a small God who is there for only the less weighty everyday sins. He is a BIG GOD, who forgives the weighty big sins. **"The greater the sinner the great-**

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*er the right he [she] has to My mercy.” (Jesus to Saint Faustina). Receive His forgiveness. Do not allow the devil or your own mind to continue to condemn you.*

The deception that has desensitized us to abortion has walked right into our Catholic churches and other Christian denominations. May God have mercy on any leaders given authority by God to teach, but they have taught lies. Statistics from EWTN and other polls state that only about 60% of Catholics who attend daily Mass or Mass more than once per week are voting prolife and that, among Catholic voters in general, around half do not see the murder of t. **WEAR YOURSELVES OUT IN INTERCESSION.** Even if it turns out that this is not the final battle that Pope Saint John Paul II referred to in 1976 when he declared (in Philadelphia, PA) that **“we are standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through... We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel.”** Even if it is not this time, *we must spiritually fight as though it is.* Because *surely* it is the greatest battle of our time. Surely sin “abounds” with little opposition and, as we humble ourselves and pray, we know that grace will always abound more than sin.

The faithful are crying out for clarity in the midst of great confusion caused by the author of confusion and the father of lies. Praise God for the MANY shepherds who speak truth, with both love and clarity. Close your ears to *sounding gongs and clanging cymbals* that think they are proclaiming truth, *and may be*, but one can easily discern that there is no love. However, just as a father who loves a child can severely rebuke a child, while that child never loses sight of the fact that the father loves them, love doesn’t mean passivity. Jesus called the Pharisaical priests “whitewashed tombs” (Mt 23:27) and a “brood of vipers” (Mt 12:34, Mt 23:33). John the Baptist used the same verbal rebuke. Jesus flung over tables and chased people out of the Holy place of His Father with a whip. Yet He did not sin. He brought clarity to practices that had been made *acceptable*. If He was that mad because people were selling things in the temple, I wonder how strongly He would rebuke His followers supporting murder of innocents.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. In His love He has brought clarity amidst confusion to this time. Jesus is love. He lays down His life for His sheep. He goes after the lost sheep. He loves the sheep. He rebukes the sheep. He heals the sheep. But He does not deceive the sheep. He doesn’t lead them to danger. Listen to good shepherds who clearly speak truth out of love for Jesus and the sheep. **Let us stop** arguing about intellectual bubbles of air that MEAN NOTHING and to get back to the basics of the Bible, love of God and neighbor, the Holy Spirit, the importance of Mass and the Sacraments, the basic teachings of the Church, and *relationship* with Jesus Christ. As is obvious by the polls, many Catholics and Christians have lost the firm footing of the basics.

There is a time to be silent, and a time to speak. It is time to speak. There is a time of war, and a time of peace. It is a time of spiritual war. It is a time for David to defeat Goliath. Be a David. It is a time for John the Baptist versus Herodias. Be John the Baptist. It is time for Daniel versus the den of lions because he refused to worship pagan Gods. Be a Daniel. It is a time of Elijah versus Jezebel and the prophets of Baal. Be an Elijah. And it is a time of the midwives who, having been commanded by Pharaoh to kill the babies, feared God more than man and let the babies live, (Exodus 1:15-17). **BE THE MIDWIVES.** 60 million babies, God, and *“the heavens and the earth”* stand witness to the decision. The ‘great cloud of witnesses’ of the Saints and angels join in such a just prayer. Kneel down crying out for your nation, for mercy, and that God’s will be accomplished – in **such a time as this.**

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*  
Roman 15:13.

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