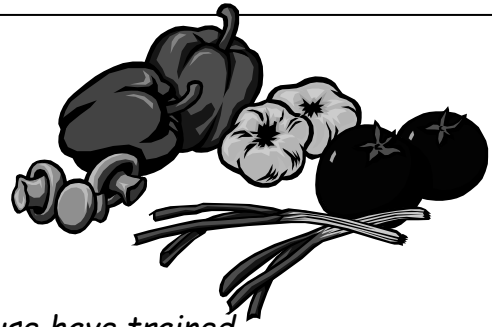


# SOLID FOOD

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*"For solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."*

"I called on your name, Lord, from the depths of the pit. You heard my plea: 'Do not close your ears to my cry for relief.' You came near when I called you, and you said, 'Do not fear.'"

*Lamentations 3: 55 - 57*

## Nanomachines Point to Christ's Workmanship

"In a 1998 Cell article, Bruce Alberts, the former president of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, gave this telling description: 'The entire cell can be viewed as a factory that contains an elaborate network of interlocking assembly lines, each of which is composed of a set of large protein machines....Why do we call the large protein assemblies that underlie cell function protein machines? Precisely because, like machines invented by humans to deal efficiently with the macroscopic world, these protein assemblies contain highly coordinated moving parts.'

Fast-forward 21 years to researchers who send the same message: 'To a large extent, the living cell is a population of interacting molecular machines. These protein machines [act] as motors and pumps or [perform] operations with other biomolecules.'

Though the microscopic machines found in creatures share similar designs and underlying engineering principles with human-engineered machines, they're astonishingly complex, as these researchers attest: 'While belonging to the nanoscale, protein machines are so complex that tracing even a small fraction of their cycle requires weeks of calculations on super-computers.'

Human-engineered machines are increasingly directed by computers via machine-specific languages. A Canadian university recently reported: 'Living organisms are made up of billions of nanomachines and nanostructures that communicate to create higher-order entities able to do many essential things, such as moving, thinking, surviving and reproducing.' The principal investigator added: 'The key to life's emergence relies on the development of molecular languages—also called signaling mechanisms— which ensure that all molecules in living organisms are working

together to achieve specific tasks.'

The biological languages they uncovered operate by the same principles as human-engineered control languages and can be reverse-engineered. These researchers discovered that 'mathematical equations could well describe both languages' and could be used by humans 'to design and engineer a programmable antibody sensor that allows the detection of antibodies over different ranges of concentration.'

Indeed, the workmanship of creatures is astounding. It's plainly recognizable in their features' functionality and complex engineering. The truth of Romans 1:18-20 is overwhelmingly confirmed by scientific discoveries. People living today are increasingly 'without excuse' (1:20) when they deny their Creator." *Randy J. Guliuzza, P.E., M.D., Acts & Facts, Nov/Dec 2023, p. 5*

## Fifth Circuit Rules to Protect Emergency Rooms

"The pro-life Alliance Defending Freedom, representing the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, alongside the state of Texas, argued *State of Texas v. Becerra* in court. The ADF asked the court to keep in place a lower court ruling halting the Biden administration from employing the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) to force doctors to provide elective abortions in emergency rooms. The appeals court unanimously agreed.

The ADF 's statement goes on to point out, 'In its decision in *State of Texas v. Becerra*, the court held that the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act does not require emergency room physicians to provide abortions. Instead, EMTALA prevents hospitals from refusing to treat patients who are unable to pay for emergency services—requiring hospitals to stabilize both pregnant women and unborn children in emergencies.'

The appeals court panel concluded, 'EMTALA does not mandate any specific type of medical treatment, let alone abortion. We agree with the district court that EMTALA does not provide an

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unqualified right for the pregnant mother to abort her child especially when EMTALA imposes equal stabilization obligations.’

Thus, the Biden administration’s attempt to expand the scope of EMTALA failed. ‘Hospitals—especially emergency rooms—are tasked with preserving life. The 5th Circuit correctly ruled that the federal government has no business transforming them into abortion clinics,’ said ADF Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives Ryan Bangert, who argued before the court. ‘Doctors shouldn’t be forced to break the Hippocratic Oath, and they shouldn’t have to choose between violating their deeply held beliefs or facing stiff financial penalties and being barred from the Medicare program. Emergency room physicians can, and do, treat life-threatening conditions such as ectopic pregnancies. But elective abortion is not life-saving care—it ends the life of the unborn child—and the government has no authority to force doctors to perform these dangerous procedures. We are pleased that the courts are allowing emergency rooms to fulfill their primary function—saving lives.’ *Dave Andrusko, NRL News Today, 1/3/2024*

### Trisomy 18

“Kate Cox and her husband were happy to learn they were pregnant with their third child—and then devastated to learn that the baby was diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a genetic disorder caused when a person has three copies of chromosome 18 instead of the usual two. This is certainly a challenging diagnosis that would shake any parent. Is there anything scarier than hearing your child has a serious medical condition that could threaten their life and cause suffering? Alongside the grief and pain, new parents have to ask themselves what comes next. How can we help our child? What can we do to ensure she receives the medical care that she needs?

There are medical interventions that can give babies with Trisomy 18 a better chance at life. Heart surgery, for instance, can give them a much higher chance to survive and go home with their parents. Tragically, Cox opted instead to sue her home state of Texas in order to get permission for a Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) abortion procedure. In a D&E abortion, the abortionist rips the preborn baby apart limb from torso, and finally crushing the baby's head. The Texas Supreme Court rightly denied that request, but Cox said she left the state to obtain the lethal procedure anyway.

This tragic case reveals a disturbing undercurrent in our culture—a deep-seated, quiet

prejudice against children with disabilities. Many harbor a sinister belief that it is somehow more humane to destroy these precious lives (often in brutal fashion) and deny them the chance to breathe, grow, and contribute to the world than to let them live and potentially experience suffering.

The insidious notion that they are ‘better off aborted’ reflects a shocking disregard for the inherent value of every human being, irrespective of their physical or cognitive differences. It also reveals an ignorance of the horrific process of abortion itself, which not only kills a human being, but has the potential to harm the mother as well. In a world where technological advancements allow us to glimpse into the womb with unprecedented clarity, we must face the truth that all human life is valuable, regardless of medical challenges or diagnoses.

Over the years, I've corresponded with hundreds of parents who, against all odds, refused to succumb to the pressure of killing their babies whose lives were deemed medically challenging. Some told stories of babies initially diagnosed with conditions such as Trisomy 18, only to be born perfectly healthy. Others told me about children who lived for precious minutes or hours and passed away in their mothers' arms. Still others had stories of children who—against dire predictions—now thrive as toddlers and teens with a medical condition. All paint a compelling picture of human resilience and the boundless potential of every child.

Media coverage of the Kate Cox case has also given the impression that if a mother carries a baby with Trisomy 18, her life would necessarily be at serious risk. That is not true (and even if it were, Texas has exceptions in its protections for preborn life for medical emergencies where the mother's life is at risk).

We face a crossroads when it comes to prenatal diagnoses. The tendency to view abortion as a ‘solution’ to challenges posed by medical conditions reflects a dangerous mindset that, if left unchecked, takes us down a path of eugenic discrimination and mass death. We have been taught that suffering is something to fear, yet not a single human being on this planet is free from suffering. We do what we can to avoid unnecessary suffering, but murder is not a treatment.

A society founded upon decency and virtue does not resort to euthanasia for the sick or disabled. It extends love, treats people with dignity, and offers essential care for as long as they naturally live. These are the principles of basic human rights described by both the Declaration of Independence, the foundation of American liberty, and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It demonstrates our commitment to a world where the strong do not dominate the weak but rather embrace and support them.

The fundamental right of every child to be born and live is a core principle that should unite us all. It underscores the intrinsic value of each individual, irrespective of their physical or cognitive challenges.”

*Lila Rose, President of Live Action, 1/13/2024*