

**ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**  
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**Abortion and Choice**

Adler, Nancy E., and Henry P. David, Brenda N. Major, Susan H. Roth, Nancy Felipe Russo, and Gail E. Wyatt. "Psychological Factors in Abortion: A Review." In *American Psychologist*, Volume 47, Number 10, October 1992, pp 1194-1204.

Noting that the psychological research is increasingly involved in abortion debates, this article outlines the involvement of the American Psychological Association in research on the effects of abortion and concludes that abortion is best understood within a context of normal stress and coping rather than as psychopathological.

Baird, Robert M., and Stuart E. Rosenbaum, editors. *The Ethics of Abortion: Pro-Life vs. Pro-Choice, Revised Edition*. New York: Prometheus Books, 1993.

With the various articles on, among others, abortion and feminism, abortion and Christianity, and abortion and moral philosophy, etc., this book might be good as an introductory text to the various issues in abortion debates. It includes articles by Daniel C. Maguire "A Catholic Theologian at an Abortion Clinic" (he came to a sympathetic understanding of abortion as involving complex dynamics), Stanley Hauerwas "Why Abortion is a Religious Issue" (he is against abortion for the most part), and Mary Anne Warren "On the Moral and Legal Status of Women."

Blanchard, Dallas A. *The Anti-Abortion Movement and the Rise of the Religious Right; From Polite to Fiery Protest*. New York: Twayne Publishers, 1994.

By applying social movement theory, the author outlines the development and dynamics of the anti-abortion movement in the United States – how and why the movement arose, philosophies behind various positions, and the inner workings of the movement itself. He also addresses the political nature of abortion terminology along with ideology and motivation. With some historical review of the abortion rights campaign in the 1970s, this book outlines the major anti-abortion organizations along with their sources of support.

Blanchard, Dallas A. and Terry J. Prewitt. *Religious Violence and Abortion; The Gideon Project*. Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1993.

On Christmas Eve, 1984, four people were involved in arson and bombing of three abortion clinics in Pensacola, claiming a Christmas present for Jesus. Presenting this event and the subsequent trial in its cultural context, the authors attempt to understand the dynamics of an extreme faction of a social movement. They raise the serious questions about the moral and legal responsibility of the ideologists of a social movement and analyze the relationship of religious fundamentalism to the anti-abortion movement. Combining the insights of social movement theory and sociology of religion, the authors concentrate on the ideology of the movement and the change in moral and political climate created by the Reagan administration in the 1980s. They conclude that there exists a cultural conflict between those who favor choice and those who do not. The two groups, while using the same language, attach entirely different symbolic meanings to words and behavior, and therefore speak different languages. Thus the abortion debate is a “failure to communicate” between contrasting and conflicting worldviews in which the same words have dramatically different meanings. They also conclude that those most likely to be attracted to violence in the anti-abortion movement should provide clues to the social types who are likely to be attracted to violence in any social movement.

Boonin, David. *A Defense of Abortion*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

Boonin provides comprehensive and detailed philosophical arguments for the moral permissibility of abortion. He effectively refutes arguments against abortion and develops the good-Samaritan approach in support of abortion as moral. A high level ethical philosophy work and very useful for those concerned with the debate.

Byrnes, Timothy A., and Mary C. Seegers, editors. *The Catholic Church and the Politics of Abortion; A View from the States*. Boulder: Westview Press, 1992.

As a study on religion and politics, this book analyzes the efforts of the Catholic Church (as a powerful religious institution actively involved in the “pro-life” movement) to shape political policy on the issue of abortion. The authors claim that this book might be the first to gauge the influence of a religious group on abortion policy at the state level by exploring the effects of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services (7/3/1989) in which the Supreme Court was willing to accept more aggressive regulation of abortion by individual states.

Callahan, Sidney. "Abortion and the Sexual Agenda." In *Moral Issues and Christian Response*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, edited by Paul T. Jersild and Dale A. Johnson. Forth Worth: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 1988, 1983, 1976, 1971, pp 361-373.

A self-identified pro-life feminist, this author discusses the abortion issue by critiquing pro-choice feminists and by exploring the issue of morality in terms of responsibility and human life.

Carmen, Arlene, and Howard Moody. *Abortion Counseling and Social Change, From Illegal Act to Medical Practice; The Story of the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion*. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1973.

This book chronicles and interprets the history of the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion for what it can teach us about attitudes, institutions and legal reform.

Colker, Ruth. *Abortion & Dialogue: Pro-Choice, Pro-Life and American Law*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1992. [KF 3771 C65 1992]

Colker is a professor of law writing about abortion law. She begins her book by considering feminism and theology and the qualms with some of the arguments advanced on both sides of the abortion debate.

Cottrell, Jack W. "Abortion and the Mosaic Law." In *Christianity Today*, Volume XVII, Number 12, March 1973, pp 6-9.

At what point is the fetus to be considered a human being? This is the question addressed by the author from an Evangelical Christian perspective. Using biblical references (Prime Testament) as the framework, he discusses the value of the life of both the fetus and the mother.

Coward, Harold G., and Julius J. Lipner and Katherine K. Young. *Hindu Ethics; Purity, Abortion and Euthanasia*. New York: State University of New York Press, 1989.

The authors of this book ask how Hinduism addresses three ethical issues of significance today: purity, abortion and euthanasia – along with the relevance of such thought on medical and social ethics and human rights.

Dixon-Mueller, Ruth. *Population Policy & Women's Rights; Transforming Reproductive Choice*. Connecticut and London: Praeger, 1993.

This book explores the politics of feminism and birth control and the politics of feminism and population at the global level. She writes that there is an urgent need to 1) recognize that population growth at the global level is a problem that must be solved, 2) articulate a set of feminist principles on which a responsive population reproductive policy could be based, 3) build alliances with human rights advocates, development specialists, government planners, legislators, population and family planning communities in the policy-making process, and 4) work to extend to all women the full range of sexual and reproductive health and rights to which they are entitled.

Dombrowski, Daniel A. & Robert Deleate. *A Brief Liberal Catholic Defense of Abortion*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2000.

Densely written philosophical work laying out a short and concise defense of abortion, using theological and moral arguments from within the Catholic tradition. The authors begin with Augustine's and Aquinas' ideas in moral theology and employ them to construct a liberal argument for the morality of abortion.

Feldman, David M. *Birth Control in Jewish Law; Marital Relations, Contraception, and Abortion as Set Forth in the Classic Texts of Jewish Law*. New Jersey and Jerusalem: Jason Aronson, Inc., 1998. Originally published by New York University Press, 1968.

This book examines abortion as it relates to the questions of feticide and homicide, the fetus' legal status, the Septuagint, Sabbath Laws, Catholic Doctrine, and theories of ensoulment in Judaism.

Ferraro, Barbara and Patricia Hussey with Jane O'Reilly. *No Turning Back: Two Nuns' Battle over Women's Right to Choose*. NY: Poseidon Press, 1990.

This book tells the story of two Roman Catholic women religious who signed the Catholic Statement on Pluralism and Abortion that was published in the New York Times October 7, 1984. In spite of Vatican harassment, these two women refused to retract their signatures and both ultimately left their religious communities.

Fortune, Marie M. *Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for the Rest of Us*. NY: Continuum, 1995.

Marie Fortune proposes a model of Christian sexual ethics that is open, inclusive, incarnational and emphasizes stewardship of sexuality and discernment in decision-making. She offers five guidelines for intimate, sexual relationships based upon notions of love and doing the least harm.

Gordon, Linda. *The Moral Property of Women; A History of Birth Control Politics in America*. Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2002.

Birth control, when seen not as given by God nor nature but as women's "moral property," can then be interpreted as is all property and rights, as the object of political conflict. This book attempts to place the contemporary issues of reproduction control in a 200-year historical context (including the legalization of birth control in the context of developments between the sexes and the changing social and economic organization of society), showing the interconnections between contraception history and the histories of women and of sexuality. In other words, this book is about birth control, sexuality and women: women as subjects, as trying to create the conditions of their lives, and about social movements for birth control, sexual freedom, and feminism.

Gorman, Michael J. *Abortion and the Early Church; Christian, Jewish & Pagan Attitudes in the Greco-Roman World*. Illinois: Inter-Varsity Press, 1982.

The author of this book hopes to reflect on the practices of the early church as insight for Christians today. The book examines abortion in the ancient world, pagan world and Jewish world before exploring Christian thought on abortion in the first five centuries.

Gorney, Cynthia. *Articles of Faith: A Frontline History of the Abortion Wars*. NY: Simon & Schuster, 1998.

Gorney's book traces the abortion debate and legal evolution in Missouri as well as in the national arena. She reports the efforts of pro-choice advocates and the struggles with pro-life activism, protests and contentious Supreme Court appointments. Very readable history of the abortion debate from the late 1960's to 1997.

Gudorf, Christine E. "If You Want a Seamless Garment, Use a Single Piece of Same Cloth." In *Cross Currents, Volume 34, Number 4, Winter 1984-5*, pp. 473-491.

Gudorf indicates and analyzes inconsistencies in the Roman Catholic Church's moral teaching on abortion by comparing the application of "respect for innocent life" in the teachings about war versus those about abortion. She then considers the problem of abortion as indicative of the victimization of women and cautions against solutions that reinforce their victimization.

Hadley, Janet. *Abortion: Between Freedom and Necessity*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1996.

A survey of the international political and legal status and debates regarding abortion. Hadley adopts a feminist stance in arguing the need for safe, legal and accessible abortion throughout the world.

Harrison, Beverly Wildung. *Our Right to Choose: Toward a New Ethic of Abortion*. Boston: Beacon, 1983.

An older book now, but a classic in terms of articulating what is at stake theologically and ethically in the abortion debate. It would be very difficult to find a better resource on the theological dimension of abortion than the chapter in this book entitled "The Theologies Behind the Moral Debate on Abortion." This book is authored by a respected feminist theologian and is readable and accessible for those without extensive theological background.

Harrison, Beverly Wildung. "Our Right to Choose; The Morality of Procreative Choice." In *Women's Consciousness, Women's Conscience; A Reader in Feminist Ethics*. Edited by Barbara Hilbert Andolsen, Christine E. Gudorf, and Mary D. Pellauer. Minneapolis, Chicago, and New York: A Seabury Book, Winston Press, 1985, pp 101-120.

In this article, Dr. Harrison explores the basic moral arguments for "procreative choice," the moral dimensions of pro-choice political claims, and ideological pitfalls in feminist political argument in order to further the collective task of revisioning the morality of choice.

Hoshiko, Sumi. *Our Choices: Women's Personal Decisions about Abortion*. NY: The Haworth Press, 1993.

A collection of stories of women's experiences of unwanted pregnancy and abortion, based upon interviews conducted by the author with women who had abortions under a variety of circumstances, including some before abortion was legally available. The introduction provides a concise summary of the contemporary abortion debate.

Hunt, Mary E. and Frances Kissling. "The New York Times Ad: A Case Study in Religious Feminism" *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Volume 3, Number 1, 1987 pp.

Although written in the 1980s, this essay remains current in its examination particularly of Roman Catholic positions on abortion. Responding to "A Catholic Statement on Pluralism and Abortion" printed in the New York Times, Hunt and Kissling evaluate the specific political environment within the American Catholic church that makes open discussion of abortion and pluralism difficult, especially for women. Their analysis is helpful in thinking about all church bureaucracies in relation to controversial issues.

Hurst, Jane. *The History of Abortion in the Catholic Church; The Untold Story*. Washington, DC: Catholics for a Free Choice, 1989.

This book explores the changing views of both historical and contemporary theologians. Besides having references to theologians including Augustine and Tertullian and to significant Roman Catholic documents including papal encyclicals, this book could be a useful resource for theological interpretations of papal infallibility, penance, hominization (as related to animation and ensoulment), and resurrection.

Jacoby, Kerry N. *Souls, Bodies, Spirits: The Drive to Abolish Abortion since 1973*. Westport, CT: Praeger, 1998.

The author of this book is a political science professor in Indiana and is clearly not pro-choice. However, the book is of interest because of its interesting exploration of the inter-relationship of religious groups to abortion opposition. She considers the dynamics and motivations of those religious persons and subgroups that are motivated to violence and murder as part of opposition to abortion while other groups, also religiously oriented eschew such approaches.

Joffe, Carole. *Doctors of Conscience: The Struggle to Provide Abortion Before Roe v. Wade*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1995.

Joffe presents the stories of physicians involved in providing abortion services to women both before and after the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. The stories of fear and secretiveness of abortions before 1973 provide an intriguing counterpoint to the discussion of the issues and dangers faced by physicians providing services since legalization.

Kapparis, Konstantinos. *Abortion in the Ancient World*. London: Duckworth, 2002.

This book explores, in depth, the methods, attitudes and debates on abortion in the ancient Greco-Roman world.

Luker, Kristin. *Abortion and the Politics of Motherhood*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1984.

With the supposition that our understanding of moral choices is illuminated by an examination of the social setting, the author of this book analyzes how technological and social changes have combined to create a new moral agenda in politics, which helps to explain how people decide to participate in movements that are based on moral issues. This book presents an historical overview of medicine and morality in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, briefly addressing positions from ancient Greece and Roman Empire. She outlines the origins of the first “Right-to-Life” movement, which was comprised almost entirely of physicians concerned with the advancement of their professional goals. The author also explores why the opposing positions in the abortion debate are held with such fervor and why the legal status of abortion has become such a divisive one in American society.

Like Blanchard and Prewitt, Luker concludes that the two sides in the abortion debate share almost no common premises and very little common language.

Maguire, Daniel C. *Sacred Choices: The Right to Contraception and Abortion in Ten World Religions*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press, 2001. [HQ 767.2 M34 2001]

A small and accessible comparison of views of sexual pleasure, family planning and abortion in ten world religions: Roman Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese Taoism & Confucianism, Judaism, Islam, Christian Protestantism and Native religions. Maguire argues for the presence of pro-choice positions within these traditions while highlighting the creative insights offered by each religion.

Maloy, Kate and Maggie Jones Patterson. *Birth or Abortion? Private Struggles in a Political World*. Cambridge, MA: Perseus Publishing, 1992.

Maloy and Patterson richly illustrate their examination of the difficulties of reproductive decision-making in unwanted pregnancy with women's stories gathered from their own research interviews. The book includes accounts from the 1940's through the 1990's and includes historical and legal changes. The main focus is on how women faced with unwanted pregnancies have approached their decision and the ways in which the factors women consider in such a choice are omitted from public and political debates on abortion.

Mason, Carol. *Killing for Life; The Apocalyptic Narrative of Pro-Life Politics*. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2002.

*Killing for Life* considers how apocalyptic narrative is a "productive power" in the pro-life movement. By providing the cultural contexts for pro-life violence, the author attempts to document illegal and legal strategies against abortion providers as being undergirded by apocalyptic and millennial themes.

Mollenkott, Virginia Ramey. "Reproductive Choice: Basic to Justice for Women." In *Christian Scholar's Review*, Volume XVII, Number 3, 1988, pp 286-293.

Writing from a Christian Evangelical feminist perspective, the author advocates a pro-choice perspective, one that does not remove a woman's reproductive moral agency.

Rubin, Eva R. *The Abortion Controversy: A Documentary History*. Westport, CT: Greenport Press, 1994.

This is an edited collection of historical documents in the history of the abortion issue in the United States. It includes legal decisions, government reports, political party statements, position statements. The inclusion of historical documents from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries is of interest.

Runkle, Anna. *In Good Conscience: A Practical, Emotional and Spiritual Guide to Deciding Whether to Have an Abortion*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1998.

This is a very practical guide for a woman who is facing an unwanted pregnancy. There are extensive write-in section for the reader to consider all aspects of the decision. It provides factual and accurate information about abortion, state laws and restrictions as well as sections of addressing what to do if abortion is chosen or if continuing pregnancy is chosen.

Shannon, Thomas A., and Allan B. Wolter. "Reflections on the Moral Status of the Pre-Embryo." In *Theological Studies*, Volume 51 (December), 1990, pp 603-626.

This paper explores contemporary scientific and moral perspectives from a Catholic perspective on the human embryo, conception, singleness, and ensoulment in order to 1) attempt to defuse polar thinking about abortion, 2) present a theory which recognizes the right of every "potential mother" to a meaningful life and a healthy personality development, but which "condemns irresponsible destruction of fetal life" (p. 603). This article might be helpful to use in dialogue with Jane Hurst's "The History of Abortion: The Untold Story."

Shrage, Laurie. *Abortion and Social Responsibility: Depolarizing the Debate*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

This book is part of an Oxford University Press series in feminist philosophy. Shrage's attempt to find some common ground in the extremely polarized abortion debate is rooted in her analysis of problematic aspects of the Roe v. Wade decision. She argues for a strengthening and revision of the Roe v. Wade decision to eliminate both the problems of discriminatory abortion availability (less availability of services for the poor, the young and those in rural areas) and decreasing public support for abortion rights. Her analysis of the rhetorical strategies employed on both sides of the abortion debate is especially well done and provides extensive examples of such rhetoric.

Silber, Kathleen and Phyllis Speedlin. *Dear Birthmother: Thank You for Our Baby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Revised*. Texas: Corona Publishing Company, 1991, 1982.

It appears that the primary author of this book is one of the "initiators" of open adoption, where birth mothers stay in contact with the adoptive family. This book explores some of the myths in adoption, details the evolution of open adoption (versus traditional adoption), and includes letters between birth mothers and adoptive families. The authors advocate open adoption accompanied by comprehensive counseling and educational and support services.

Solinger, Rickie. *Abortion Wars: A Half-Century of Struggle 1950-2000*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.

This book contains a series of essays on abortion rights, activism and the debates about abortion in the United States from 1950-2000, providing a chronology of abortion politics and abortion history, addressing issues of power, legality, the rise of violence, and the role of morality. An especially strong selection of essays, topics include: physicians and the politics of providing abortion services, gender issues in debate on abortion, ethical issues of selective abortion, disabilities and now-routine reproductive technologies such as amniocentesis.

With a goal of dispelling myths (including the myth that there were no abortions prior to Roe vs. Wade), this book intentionally includes forms of activism and other social movements to see how the abortion issue has interacted with other social concerns including civil and reproductive rights.

Stott, John R. W. "Reverence for Human Life – A Guide for Doctors and Others." In *Christianity Today*, Volume XVI, Number 18, June 1972, pp 8-12.

The author frames his anti-abortion stance in his biblically based framework of "respect for life."

Tribe, Laurence H. *The Clash of Absolutes*. New York and London: W. W. Norton & Company, 1990.

By critically examining "pro-choice" and "pro-life" arguments and trying to find common ground between the positions, this book challenges the position that abortion policy involves the inevitability of permanent conflict. This book traces the historical roots of 1) abortion through the laws passed from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onward, 2) the role of the medical profession, 3) the Roman Catholic Church's position, and 4) the role of poverty, race and population concerns. It explores the implications of competing constitutional theories for the question of abortion and how judicial responses to abortion affect other key constitutional rights including the right to raise our children privately and as seen fit and the right to choose those with whom we share our lives. The author wants to explore the extent to which our Constitution limits the competing rights and interests of women and "unborn" children, and the role judges "should" play in umpiring these political struggles.

Weddington, Sarah. *A Question of Choice*. NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1992.

Written by one of the attorneys for "Jane Roe" who argued the case before the U.S. Supreme Court, this book describes the preparation and argument of that case. Includes her concerns for other women's rights issues and with protecting the legal right to abortion in the US.

Wenz, Peter S. *Abortion Rights as Religious Freedom*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1992.

This text focuses on the legal aspects of the Roe v. Wade decision and constitutional law. Wenz emphasizes the separation of church and state in his argument for abortion rights as religious freedom.

Wilson-Kastner, Patricia, and Beatrice Blair, and Paul D. Simmons. "Abortion: A Pro-Choice Perspective." In *Moral Issues and Christian Response, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, edited by Paul T. Jersild and Dale A. Johnson. Forth Worth: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 1988, 1983, 1976, 1971, pp 352-361.

The authors of this chapter survey the scholarly literature on abortion, focusing on what has been said (and what has not been said) about Biblical and traditional attitudes toward abortion.

### **Biology and Reproductive/Sexual Health Issues**

Alan Guttmacher Institute. *Readings on Induced Abortions: Volume 1 Politics and Policies*. NY: Alan Guttmacher Institute, 2000. [HQ 767 .5 .U5 R43 2000]

This volume contains collected articles from the journal Family Planning Perspectives, 1974-1999. Sections include abortion activism and its strategies; ethical issues including later abortion, when personhood begins and legal standing of the fetus; and electoral politics and the abortion debate.

Green, Ronald M. *Religion and Sexual Health: Ethical, Theological and Clinical Perspectives*. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1992.

An edited collection of essays covering topics in sexual ethics and clinical issues, including: clergy sexual abuse, religious belief influences on sexual health and adjustment, problems of patriarchal family structures. Contributors include clergypersons, historians, ethicists and psychologists.

Hatcher, Robert A. et al. *Contraceptive Technology*, 17<sup>th</sup> revised edition. New York, NY: Ardent Media, Inc., 1998.

This book is the primary text for health care clinicians (physicians, advanced practice nurses and physicians' assistants) providing family planning, abortion and sexually transmitted disease care. Comprehensively outlines the risks, benefits, side effects, contraindications, potential complications and processes for all birth control methods (including natural family planning and the lactation-amenorrhea methods) and medical and surgical abortion. Extensive patient education information is included, with sections on prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases.

Pinon, Ramon, Jr. *Biology of Human Reproduction*. Sausalito, CA: University Science Books, 2002.

A comprehensive and scientifically up-to-date college level introduction to human reproductive biology. In addition to the anatomy and physiology of reproduction, the text includes chapters on infertility and reproductive technology, human embryo research, and artificial control of fertility.

### **Body Theology and Theological Anthropology**

Dean, Mary James and Mary Louise Cullen. "Women's Body: Spiritual Needs and Theological Presence." In *Women in Travail and Transition; A New Pastoral Care*, edited by Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991, pp 86-108.

This chapter might be useful to those developing a theology of body. It looks at the transition that women experience during menstruation, birth, menopause, and gynecologic diseases along with the historical and cultural aspects of women's roles and identity with reproduction. It also examines the pastoral care needs of women where their primary identification is with body and its reproduction functions.

Kopas, Jane. *Sacred Identity: Exploring Theology of the Person*. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1994.

This book is a comprehensive overview of Christian views of human nature and relationship with the creator, intended as a text for college students. She adopts the lens of human identity for consideration of community, power, spirituality and of cultural and ecological solidarity.

McFarland, Ian A. *Difference and Identity: A Theological Anthropology*. Cleveland OH: The Pilgrim Press.

McFarland proposes a theological anthropology that appreciates difference and relationship, rejecting the marginalizing tendencies of much theological anthropology based upon shared human characteristics. He uses the doctrine of the Trinity to examine relationships as the nature of personhood. He provides a useful alternative framework for considering human nature and ethical questions.

Nelson, James B. *Between Two Gardens: Reflections on Sexuality and Religious Experience*. NY: The Pilgrim Press, 1983.

Nelson approaches to sexual ethics in this book examines what sexuality can say about faith, theology, scriptures and religious tradition. Topics addressed include: men's liberation, singleness, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish interpretations of sexuality, theologies of the family and Protestant attitudes toward abortion.

Nelson, James B. *Body Theology*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992.

Nelson's book is a classic in theology and ethics of the body, sexuality and reproduction. His chapters "Doing Body Theology" and "Sources for Body Theology: Homosexuality as a Test Case" are particularly helpful resources for methodological examples in theologizing in these contested realms. The book includes chapters addressing body theology and ethic in relation to: reproductive choice and technology, sexuality and spirituality, and HIV/AIDS.

Nelson, James B. *Embodiment: An Approach to Sexual and Christian Theology*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing, 1978.

A very significant contribution to the field of theological ethics and sexuality. Addresses the problems with traditional Christian sexual ethics and dualism. Discusses the morality of sexual variations, meanings of marriage and fidelity, and the church as sexual community, among other critical topics.

Sheppard, Phyllis I. *Fleshing the Theory: A Critical Analysis of Select Theories of the Body in Light of African American Women's Experiences*. Doctoral Dissertation. Chicago: The Chicago Theological Seminary, June, 1997.

Perhaps for those interested in developing theologies of body, this doctoral dissertation systematically analyzes bodily experiences from African American women's perspectives that take into account the intrapsychic experience of the bodied self. Drawing on Augustine and personality and psychoanalytic theories, she explores the body as related to rape, social location, dualism, oppositional thinking, and the racialized experience of sexism.

Washbourn, Penelope. "Becoming Woman: Menstruation as Spiritual Experience" In *Womanspirit Rising; A Feminist Reader in Religion*, edited by Carol P. Christ and Judith Plaskow. San Francisco: Harper & Row Publications, 1979, pp 246-258.

This chapter might be useful to those developing a theology of body.

### **Denominational Resources**

Ellingsen, Mark. "The Church and Abortion: Signs of Consensus." In *Christian Century*, Volume 107, Issue 1, 1990, pp 12-15.

This article explores various church documents – both Protestant and Catholic – to show that mediation between opposing viewpoints of abortion might be possible. The documents point to a diversity of viewpoints. The article concludes that a relational-activist perspective might be the solution to long-term social consensus.

Melton, J. Gordon. *The Churches Speak on: Abortion; Official Statements from Religious Bodies and Ecumenical Organizations*. (Gary L. Ward, contributing editor.) Detroit: Gale Research, Inc., 1989.

After a brief introduction to the historical context of the contemporary abortion debate, this book includes the formal statements issued by churches and other religious bodies, as of 1989.

Stallsworth, Paul T., editor. *The Church and Abortion; In Search of New Ground for Response*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.

The essays in this book emerged from a 1992 United Methodist Church conference on abortion, and they articulate theological positions and ministry proposals for responding to abortion. Although arising from a United Methodist Church context, the essays appear ecumenical in their reflections on a baptismal-congregational standpoint, the writings of early Christian texts on abortion, and ministerial possibilities.

Stone, Ronald H. *Reformed Faith and Politics*. Washington, DC: University Press of America, 1983.

“Essays prepared for the Advisory Council on Church and Society of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA and the Council on Theology and Culture of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.” These essays cover a variety of topics germane to the relationships of theology and politics and public policy. Issues include: reformed theology and its relation to liberation theology, separation of church and state, the relationship of faith to pluralism, and more.

### **Feminist and Womanist Biblical Interpretation**

Bach, Alice, editor. *The Pleasure of Her Text; Feminist Readings of Biblical and Historical Texts*. Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1990.

The readings in this book are attempting to show the diversity in feminist thought, methodologies and use of language. Note: there is no index, and the chapter titles do not include any references to abortion and the like.

Boyarin, Daniel. *Carnal Israel: Reading Sex in Talmudic Culture*. Berkeley, Los Angeles and Oxford: University of California Press, 1993.

The author proposes to account for the practice of Augustine and others who characterize the Jews as carnal, and to reassert the Patristic notion that what divides Christians from rabbinic Jews is the discourse of the body and of sexuality in the two cultural formations. He explores the consequences of that difference for the construction of gender and other aspects of social life in the Judaism of the Rabbis who produced the talmudic literature. Note: the index and chapter titles include no references to abortion and birth control.

Brock, Rita Nakashima. *Journeys by Heart; A Christology of Erotic Power*. New York: Crossroad, 1988.

This book looks at relationality in the gospel narratives of exorcism and healing.

Exum, J. Cheryl. *Fragmented Women: Feminist (Sub)versions of Biblical Narratives*. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1993.

An example of feminist biblical interpretation using psychoanalytic literary theory to create new interpretations of texts concerning gender, sexuality and motherhood in the Hebrew bible.

LaCocque, Andre. *The Feminine Unconventional: Four Subversive Figures in Israel's Tradition*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press

LaCocque provides an example of Hebrew biblical interpretation that makes women central as models to follow, in spite of the unconventional boldness. The book is based on a series of lectures given by LaCocque on stories of Susanna, Judith, Esther and Ruth.

Ostriker, Alicia Suskin. *The Nakedness of the Fathers: Biblical Visions and Revisions*. New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1994.

A lyrical interpretation of Hebrew scripture stories from a feminist stance.

Pardes, Ilana. *Countertraditions in the Bible: A Feminist Approach*. Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 1992

This book provides an example of feminist biblical interpretation applied to the Hebrew Scriptures. Pardes examines a variety of Hebrew scriptural texts for the female voices and perspectives that have largely been ignored, providing an example of ways to mine the biblical texts for women's stories.

Schüssler Fiorenza, Elizabeth. "In Search of Women's Heritage." In *Weaving the Visions; New Patterns in Feminist Spirituality*, edited by Judith Plaskow and Carol P. Christ. San Francisco: Harper & Row Publishers, 1989, pp 29-38.

This chapter looks at women's roles in the gospels. She reconstructs early Christian heritage as women's history while discussing the hermeneutical, textual and historical implications in doing so (i.e. Sitz im Leben).

Streete, Gail Corrington. *The Strange Woman: Power and Sex in the Bible*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997.

A comprehensive overview of women's sexuality in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Streete examines the ways in which charges of adultery were applied to independent female behavior.

Trible, Phyllis. *God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1978.

This book identifies the power of metaphor (including wombs, passages, eros) in the interpretation of scripture. It also explores sexist presuppositions and methods in the study of scripture, addressing the significance of language – how stylistic and rhetorical features of the Hebrew language illuminate interpretations.

Trible, Phyllis. *Texts of Terror; Literary-Feminist Readings in Biblical Narratives*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984.

Viewing this book as a companion to her book *God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality*, the author applies a feminist literary critical methodology to the subject matter of female and male in the Hebrew scriptures. Note: the index and chapter titles do not include references to abortion, contraception, and reproduction.

Weems, Renita J. *Just a Sister Away: A Womanist Vision of Women's Relationships in the Bible*. San Diego, CA: LuraMedia, 1988.

Renita Weems takes nine biblical stories of relationships between women and considers them from a womanist perspective. Each chapter concludes with "Questions for Thought," provided for the reader's reflection on the implications of the given story for her life and relationships within families, churches and wider society. Specifically addressed are reflections on biblical stories of stigmatized childlessness, surrogate motherhood, pregnancy before marriage, domestic violence, competition between women, women's faithfulness and divorce.

### **Feminist and Womanist Theology and Ethics**

Brown, Joanne Carlson, and Carole R. Bohn, editors. *Christianity, Patriarchy, and Abuse; A Feminist Critique*. Ohio: The Pilgrim Press, 1989.

Considered a classic in feminist theory, the contributors to this book take on the question of whether or not Christianity is so mired in patriarchy to be useful. Looking at the specific contexts of violence against women, sexual violence, child sexual abuse, etc., the contributors examine Christology, patriarchy, and the bible. Note: Dr. Mary Hunt has a reference to abortion on page 90 – how she came to use the phrase "theological pornography" in previous work.

Porter, Elisabeth. *Feminist Perspectives on Ethics*. NY: Pearson Educational Limited, 1999.

This small and accessible book begins with a concise summary of the central features of feminist ethics. The remainder of the book's chapters consider feminist ethical approaches to the particularities of intimate relationships, career, sexual politics, abortion and reproductive choices, using cases studies to illustrate ideas. This text is part of a feminist perspectives series and does not include religious or theological perspectives..

Ruether, Rosemary Radford. *Disputed Questions: On Being a Christian (Journeys in Faith series, edited by Robert A. Raines)*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1982.

The task of this book is to document historical views of women within their socioeconomic and legal context of the actual status of women.

Ruether, Rosemary Radford. *Sexism and God-Talk; Toward a Feminist Theology*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1993, 1983.

*Sexism and God-Talk* is a textbook of feminist theological reflections on structures. In this book, Ruether explores a variety of classical traditions to see how this dualistic split of reality informs gendered constructions of God. To begin to develop a feminist understanding and reconstruction of God/ess, Ruether examines antipatriarchal uses of God language to determine that 1) feminist theology needs to reject the dualism of spirit and nature, and 2) that liberating encounter with God/ess is always an encounter "with our authentic selves resurrected from underneath the alienated self..." (p. 71).

Ruether, Rosemary Radford. *Womanguides; Readings toward a Feminist Theology*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1996, 1985.

This book could be useful to those constructing theologies of creation since it addresses creation of humanity and of male and female in ancient documents.

Ruether, Rosemary and Eleanor McLaughlin, editors. *Women of Spirit; Female Leadership in the Jewish and Christian Traditions*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1979.

The contributors to this volume explore the roots of women as religious leaders, as theological images, as holy women, and as martyrs within early Christian communities, in the late Patristic age, within Medieval Christianity and the Counter Reformation, in Antebellum America, and from various traditions including Quaker, 17<sup>th</sup> century Mysticism, and Roman Catholic. Note: the index does not include references to abortion, contraception, nor reproduction.

Tanner, Kathryn. "Social Theory Concerning the 'New Social Movements' and the Practice of Feminist Theology." In *Horizons in Feminist Theology; Identity, Tradition, and Norms*, edited by Rebecca S. Chopp and Sheila Greeve Davaney. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997, pp 179-197.

Social theory (Marxism and Poststructuralism) offer a political understanding of how culture works. For the author, culture is the site of political struggle in the modern west. Note: The book overall explores feminist identity, gender, and embodiment, tradition and norms, and female subjectivity – and their influence on theology. The index has no references to abortion.

Townes, Emilie M. *In a Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality as Sacred Witness*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995.

This book addresses womanist spirituality as social witness, as developing from an historical, individual and communal reflection on African American faith, as deriving from struggle and determination, and as seeking justice, worship, and compassion. She presents a methodology in which autobiographies, speeches, novels, poems, sermons, testimonies, songs and oral histories are analyzed for their socio-ethical significance for the African American community.

### **Internet Resources (not exhaustive)**

Adoption (see also infertility sites):

The Cradle: <http://www.cradle.org/>

Contraception and Abortion:

Alan Guttmacher Institute: <http://www.guttmacher.org>

Contraceptive Research and Development Program: <http://www.conrad.org>

Decision-Making on Abortion: <http://www.prochoice.org>

National Abortion Rights Action League: <http://www.naral.org>

Population Council: <http://www.popcouncil.org>

Planned Parenthood Federation of America: <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/>

Princeton University Office of Population Research: <http://opr.princeton.edu/ec/>

Infertility and Pregnancy Loss Support:

Bereaved Parents of the USA: <http://bereavedparents.org>

Compassionate Friends: <http://www.compassionatefriends.org>

RESOLVE (The National Infertility Association): <http://www.resolve.org>

SHARE Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support: <http://www.nationalshareoffice.com>

Religion and Reproductive Choice (See also the SIECUS site):

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice: <http://www.rcrc.org>

## Sex Education:

American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists:

<http://www.AASECT.org>

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the US (SIECUS):

<Http://www.siecus.org>

## Legal Issues

Bush, John C., and William Harold Tiemann. *The Right to Silence; Privileged Clergy Communication and the Law*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1983.

This book addresses the issue of law and confidentiality as it relates to clergy/parishioner communication. It outlines 1) statutes related to the right to silence, 2) ethical considerations, 3) definitions, 4) guidance and suggestions to clergy, 5) historical background and precedence, 6) Jewish, Free-Church, Reformed Church, and Anglican perspectives, and 7) remaining unresolved issues.

Eskridge, Jr., William N., and Nan D. Hunter. *Sexuality, Gender, and the Law*. New York: The Foundation Press, Inc., 1997.

Leonard, Arthur S. *Sexuality and the Law; An Encyclopedia of Major Legal Cases*. American Law and Society Series, edited by John W. Johnson. New York: Garland Publishing, 1993.

Rubenstein, William B. *Lesbians, Gay Men, and the Law*. (A New Press "Law in Context" Series.) New York: The New Press, 1993.

This book includes an interesting array of legal discourse and personal essays on issues of lesbian and gay parenting, non-marital forms of relationship recognition, domestic partnership and adoption, reproduction technology and surrogacy.

## Pastoral Care

Dean, Mary James and Mary Louise Cullen. "Women's Body: Spiritual Needs and Theological Presence." In *Women in Travail and Transition; A New Pastoral Care*, edited by Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991, pp 86-108.

This chapter might be useful to those developing a theology of body. It looks at the transition that women experience during menstruation, birth, menopause, and gynecologic diseases along with the historical and cultural aspects of women's roles and identity with reproduction. It also examines the pastoral care needs of women where their primary identification is with body and its reproduction functions.

Fitchett, George. *Assessing Spiritual Needs; A Guide for Caregivers*. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1993.

With the goal of improving the effectiveness of pastoral care, this book develops a model for spiritual assessment and reviews several models by providing a framework for evaluating them.

Fortune, Marie. *Sexual Violence; The Unmentionable Sin – An Ethical and Pastoral Perspective*. Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 1983.

The author not only explores the religious and social roots of sexual violence but the consequences of such violence. She develops strategies toward more effective responses from a pastoral perspective.

Friedman, Rabbi Dayle A., editor. *Jewish Pastoral Care; A Practical Handbook from Traditional and Contemporary Sources*. Vermont: Jewish Lights Production, 2001.

This book offers a “spiritual presence to people in need, pain or transition.” Sections of the book include Theology of Jewish Pastoral Care, Pastoral Response to Suffering, Skills and Techniques, Jewish Spiritual Assessment, Addiction, Domestic Violence, and Grief and Bereavement. Note: there are no references to abortion, contraception, or reproduction in the index or chapter headings.

Gilligan, Carol. *In a Different Voice; Psychological Theory and Women’s Development*. Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1993, 1982.

In this book, Dr. Gilligan recorded modes of thinking about relationships from the perspective of women’s experiences. She also attempted to associate these modes of thinking with male and female voices in psychological and literary texts. Basically, Dr. Gilligan reframes psychological theory on women’s identity and moral development by adding a new line of interpretation, based on the experiences of females as centering on the struggle for connection. Subsequently, she developed the notion of the ideal of care as based on the activity of relationship, of seeing and responding with need, taking care of the world by sustaining the web of connection so that no one is left alone.

Hancock Ragsdale, Katherine, editor. *Boundary Wars; Intimacy and Distance in Healing Relationships*. Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 1996.

Issues of boundaries in counseling and psychotherapy are surveyed in this volume. The various authors explore ethical concerns, legal issues, sexual boundaries and exploitation, interpersonal boundaries, power, intimacy and distance, autonomy, privacy, relatedness, and the experience of the sacred. Note: the index includes no references to abortion, contraception, or reproduction.

Liebert, Elizabeth. "Season and Stages: Models and Metaphors of Human Development." In *In Her Own Time; Women and Developmental Issues in Pastoral Care*, edited by Jeanne Stevenson Moessner. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000, pp 19-45.

This chapter might be helpful for those wanting to tackle the task of constructing a theological anthropology and/or "God." This chapter explores different yet complementary meanings of the word "development," which informs our understanding of human nature in general and of women's development in particular. After looking at life span development and structural development, the author discusses the implications for our relationship with God.

Lydon, John, and Christine Dunkel-Schetter, Catherine L. Cohan, and Tamarha Pierce. "Pregnancy Decision Making as a Significant Life Event: A Commitment Approach." In *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, Volume 71, Number 1, July 1996, pp 141-151.

57 women were interviewed three times: 1) during a clinic visit for a pregnancy test, 2) two days after finding out the results were positive, and 3) one month later. The researchers explored the meaning of the pregnancy as "commitment" and how that meaning influenced decisions regarding smoking and abortion and with feelings about the abortion itself.

Major, Brenda. "Psychological Implications of Abortion – Highly Charged and Rife with Misleading Research." In *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, Volume 168, Number 10, May 2003, pp 1257-1258.

This article explores the necessity for policy making on abortion be based on sound scientific research, free from ideological bias.

Major, Brenda, Catherine Cozzarelli, Anne Marie Sciacchiatano, M. Lynne Cooper, Maria Testa, and Pallas M. Mueller. "Perceived Social Support, Self-Efficacy, and Adjustment to Abortion." In *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, Volume 59, Number 3, September, 1990, pp 452-463.

This research project assessed women's perceptions of social support after having a first trimester abortion. They measured depression, mood, physical complaints, and anticipation of negative consequences. Perceived social support enhanced coping.

Mueller, Pallas, and Brenda Major. "Self-Blame, Self-Efficacy, and Adjustment to Abortion." In *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, Volume 57, Number 6, December, 1989, pp 1059-1068.

In this research study, 283 women were randomly assigned to one of three counseling interventions prior to their abortion to assess theories of adjustment to a major life event. The implications for therapeutic interventions and public policy to help people cope with such events were discussed.

Neuger, Christie Cozad. "The Challenge of Abortion." In *Pastoral Care and Social Conflict: Essays in Honor of Charles V. Gerkin*, edited by Pamela D. Couture and Rodney J. Hunter. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995, pp 125-140.

In response to pastoral theology's lack of response to the issue of abortion, the author examines the legal, medical and moral history and context of abortion. Given the complexity of the issue, she proposes an evolving ethical perspective, which is built on responsiveness and responsibility instead of one built on rights and duties.

Ranney Rzepka, Jane. "Counseling the Abortion Patient: A Pastoral Perspective." In *Pastoral Psychology*, Volume 28, Number 3, Spring 1980, pp 168-180.

Seeing an unplanned pregnancy as an opportunity for a minister to offer pastoral abortion counseling, the author examines abortion procedures, situational factors and emotions associated with problem pregnancies.

Stevenson-Moessner, Jeanne, editor. *Through the Eyes of Women; Insights for Pastoral Care*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1996.

This book would be useful for ministers in training. There are at least three chapters that might help towards the development of pastoral care and constructive theologies:

Chapter 2 by Carolyn Stahl Bohler, pp 27-49: "Female Friendly Pastoral Care."

Chapter 13 by S. Amelia Stinson-Wesley, pp 222-239: "Daughters of Tamar: Pastoral Care for Survivors of Rape." This chapter addresses definitions and consequences of rape and sexual assault including rape trauma syndrome. It also offers possible responses to survivors in terms of acknowledging the spiritual crisis that might be a result of rape.

Chapter 17 by Brita L. Gill-Austern, pp 304-321: "Love Understood as Self-Sacrifice and Denial: What Does it Do to Women?" This chapter addresses the psychological, cultural and theological issues that motivate self-sacrifice and reinforce this behavior. Similar to the work of Carol Gilligan and to those from the Stone Center, this chapter looks at women's identity as essentially defined in connectivity and relation.

Wimberly, Edward P. *Using Scripture in Pastoral Counseling*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994.

With a concern for people who come to counseling from Bible-rich traditions and who use Bible stories as a basic means of bringing meaning to their lives, Dr. Wimberly presents a model for using scripture in pastoral counseling. He presents a series of steps for identifying peoples' historical stories and mythologies and for discerning stories for current living. Note: There was no reference that I could find on application to someone seeking counseling regarding an abortion decision.

Woodruff, C. Roy. "Pastoral Considerations on Abortion and Sterilization." In *Pastoral Psychology*, Volume 24, Number 228, Fall 1975, pp 40-51.

Taking a non-rigid perspective, the author explores the ethical, psychological, and physical factors associated with sterilization in both men and women, and reviews four counseling approaches with persons considering abortion.

### **Ritual for Women's Lives**

Adelman, Penina. *Miriam's Well: Rituals for Jewish Women Around the Year*. NY: Biblio Press.

This book shares a number of rituals created by a group of Jewish women in Boston, organized around celebrating the new moon as a group. The author draws on Torah and other resources. The book is not comprehensive in terms of covering all possible occasions for ritualizing, but the rituals provided could be adapted to specific needs.

Gottlieb, Lynn. *She Who Dwells Within: A Feminist Vision of Renewed Judaism*. HarperSanFrancisco, 1995.

Gottlieb presents a melange of scripture, storytelling, ritual texts and mythic inspirations as a model of contemporary and inclusive Judaism. About one-fourth of the book includes resources for ritual and prayer ceremonies for milestones of women's lives.

Orenstein, Rabbi Debra. *Lifecycles: Jewish Women in Life Passages and Personal Milestones*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1994.

A comprehensive resource, including personal accounts as well as rituals and prayers, for Jewish ceremonies to mark the range of events in women's lives. This includes: birth, death, menopause, healing after abortion (attending carefully to the multiple reactions that may accompany difference circumstances), marriage and same-sex union, divorce, coming out and milestones in parenting and childhood/adolescence. Includes a helpful afterword on how to create rituals.

Winter, Miriam Therese. *WomanWisdom: A Feminist Lectionary and Psalter Women of the Hebrew Scriptures: Part One*. NY: Crossroad, 1991.

This resource is the first volume of a set presenting biblical passages, psalms and prayers based on women of the Hebrew Bible for use in liturgy and ritual.

Winter, Miriam Therese. *WomanWitness: A Feminist Lectionary and Psalter, Women of the Hebrew Scriptures: Part Two*. NY: Crossroad, 1992.

This resource is the second volume of a set presenting biblical passages, psalms and prayers based on women of the Hebrew Bible for use in liturgy and ritual.

Winter, Miriam Therese. *WomanWord: A Feminist Lectionary and Psalter, Women of the New Testament*. NY: Crossroad, 1995. [BS 2445 W55 1995]

This resource is the second volume of a set presenting biblical passages, psalms and prayers based on New Testament women, for use in liturgy and ritual.

### Sexual Ethics

Gudorf, Christine E. *Body, Sex and Pleasure: Reconstructing Christian Sexual Ethics*. Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 1994.

Gudorf offers a very significant contribution to the development of Christian sexual ethic, arguing for a starting point in which sexual pleasure is viewed as a pre-moral good. She proposes a Christian sexual ethics that moves beyond gender and body-spirit dualisms and does justice to the meaning of the Incarnation.

Harrison, Beverly Wildung. "Toward a Just Social Order." In *Moral Issues and Christian Response, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, edited by Paul T. Jersild and Dale A. Johnson. Fort Worth: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 1988, 1983, 1976, 1971, pp 51-59.

The chapter included on the section entitled "Perspectives on Sexuality" rethinks our assumptions and understanding of human sexuality, sexual ethics, and social policy.

Hunt, Mary E., Patricia Beattie Jung, and Radhika Balakrishnan eds. *Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives From the World's Religions*. Trenton, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2001.

This collection of essays by an international and multi-religious panel of authors investigates sex and sexuality issues around the world. The contributions focus on sexual practices, restrictions, and women's ways of dealing with the challenges posed by the world's religions and cultures in the face of complex and lively understandings of women's different approaches to sex and sexuality.

Janet Jakobsen & Ann Pellegrini. *Love the Sin: Sexual Regulation and the Limits of Religious Tolerance*. NYC: New York Univ. Press, 2003.

A new book, Jakobsen and Pellegrini are particularly interested in identifying the political stakes in keeping sex and sexuality so heavily regulated and normalized in American society. This is a book written for a popular audience, and makes plain some of the concepts in sexual ethics, feminism, and queer theory that, while helpful in their critiques of dominant ideologies, can often be difficult to digest.

Jordan, Mark D. *The Ethics of Sex*. Oxford and Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.

An excellent well-written introduction to issues in Christian sexual ethics that begins with the historical and scriptural issues involved before turning to an important effort to reconceptualize Christian sexual morality from marginalized, non-heterosexist perspectives.

Lawrence, Raymond J. "Bench Marks for a New Sexual Ethics." In *Moral Issues and Christian Response, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, edited by Paul T. Jersild and Dale A. Johnson. Forth Worth: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 1988, 1983, 1976, 1971, pp 59-66.

Along with a discussion on the political dimensions of sexual ethics, the author outlines the Platonic history of body as devalued and soul as elevated.

Monti, Joseph. *Arguing About Sex: The Rhetoric of Christian Sexual Morality*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press. [BT 708 .M64 1995]

This and comprehensive book addresses the questions of sexual ethics in Christianity using an analysis of the rhetorical strategies and the ethical principles involved. The author views the Church as dysfunctional in its discourse on sexual morality, and he wants to offer guidance for present debates to help Christian denominations articulate a coherent sexual ethic that is both faithful and contemporary. Monti proposes a helpful contemporary and inclusive construction of Christian sexual ethics. The book discusses abortion and the complexity of moral decision-making, but that is not its primary focus. He concludes that the question of fetal life remains central but can't be resolved at levels of moral and ethical argument. Thus, "our public and legal policies on abortion must finally be resolved in a generally liberal manner." Intended by the author as a moral theology resource for university and seminary students.

Nelson, James B. and Sandra P. Longfellow. *Sexuality and the Sacred: Sources for Theological Reflection*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1994.

A comprehensive collection of readings in Christian sexual ethics by writers including Audre Lorde, Lisa Cahill, Carter Heyward, J. Michael Clark, William Countryman, and many others.

### **Theology and Sexuality**

Rogers, Eugene F. *Theology and Sexuality: Classic and Contemporary Readings*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.

A wide-ranging compendium of contemporary and historical selections addressing theology and sexuality. Little content on abortion and reproductive choice per se, but provides the theological background that undergirds much of the current debate: views of the body, sexuality, marriage, procreation, scriptural "imperatives" and ecclesial authority.

Stuart, Elizabeth, and Adrian Thatcher, editors. *Christian Perspectives on Sexuality and Gender*. Herefordshire and Michigan: Gracewing Fowler Wright Books and Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1996.

The chapters in this book include, among others, Sexuality and the Christian Tradition, Sexuality and Gender, Power and Relation, Sexuality and Marriage, Sexuality and Spirituality, Lesbian and Gay Sexuality, Sexuality and Violence, etc. Note: the index includes no references to abortion, birth control, contraception, and reproduction.

Vardy, Peter. *The Puzzle of Sex*. Armonk NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1998.

An introduction to sexuality and sexual ethics in light of Christian theological and Western philosophical traditions. Concisely summarized the tradition while arguing for a change in Christian sexual ethics. Topics cover historical developments, natural, psychological perspectives and current issues like cybersex, marriage, homosexuality and adultery and divorce. Vardy teaches at London University's Heythrop College and the book strongly emphasizes the British context and perspective, especially in its consideration of contemporary issues.

### **World Religions and Choice**

Keown, Damien, editor. *Buddhism and Abortion*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1999.

This is an introductory book addressing ethical issues raised by abortion from various traditions of Buddhist thought. While the first two parts of the book focus on abortion and Buddhism in Thailand and in Japan, the third part of the book addresses textual issues and normative positions in an attempt to formulate a Buddhist response to abortion.

Maguire, Daniel C. *Sacred Choices; The Right to Contraception and Abortion in Ten World Religions*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001.

The goal of this book is to change international discourse on abortion by showing that the right to an abortion is solidly grounded in ten major traditions including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Protestant and Catholic perspectives. The book also takes a look at global population and family planning concerns.

Parrinder, Geoffrey. *Sex in the World's Religions*. New York and Great Britain: Oxford University Press, 1980.

This book is an exploration of various religions and their perspectives on sex. Note: the abortion references are quite brief, but include Roman Catholic condemnation of abortion, the Eastern Church Basil of Cesarea's rules on abortion, "traditional Africa's" taboos on abortion in those communities where children are needed and loved, and the like. The 1996 book *Sexual Morality in the World's Religions* by the same author appears to be an updated version of this book, and also includes very brief references to abortion (including a slightly more in-depth portrait of the Baha'i stance on contraception and abortion).

Solomon, Lewis D. *Jewish Tradition, Sexuality and Procreation*. New York and Oxford: University Press of America, Inc., 2002.

This book offers a wide spectrum of viewpoints on sexuality and procreation from various forms of Judaism (from Orthodox to Reconstructionist). It covers topics including genetic testing, genetic engineering, abortion and selective pregnancy reduction, embryonic stem cell research, and assisted reproductive technologies. The author offers what he calls non-legalistic guidelines based on the thoughts of modern Jewish commentators, the Jewish tradition, and the perspective of Spiritual Judaism.

Young, William A. *The World's Religions: Worldviews and Contemporary Issues*. Englewood Cliffs NJ: Prentice Hall, 1995.

This textbook is designed for undergraduates in introductory courses in religion. Among such texts it is one of the best. Using a comparative framework that asks questions of each major world religious tradition, Young manages to give a sense of what is important in each religious tradition to its practitioners. A good introductory scheme in a comparative mode.