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Unwanted Babies  
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ARE WE RETURNING TO THE AGE OF BARBARISM ?

"A test designed to check on the health of unborn babies is becoming a death sentence for unborn baby girls", writes Judy Byrne in Titbits of March 8th, 1980.

Describing the test, he further writes that it involves drawing off a sample of the fluid surrounding the baby in the womb. From it, doctors can tell whether the unborn baby has any disease. But an analysis of the fluid also can tell whether the baby will be a boy or a girl.

Now there is a growing evidence that women who knew that they will have a girl are choosing abortions so that they can try again for boy.

The test called 'amniocentesis' is a sophisticated one. It is done at US medical centres like Yale, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Hopkins Hospital, University Hospital in Washington besides top teaching hospitals in like Guy's in London.

Why are baby girls less wanted? No clear reasons are known but it is thought that the idea of 'son and heir' must still have a stronger hold in people's minds than it is thought. Some people feel that the earlier sexual maturity we are seeing now means that bringing up teenaged boy would be less of a headache than a girl the same age.

About similar situation had existed in Arabia some fifteen hundred years ago during the Jahiliyya - the age of ignorance prior to the advent of Islam. On birth of a baby girl, the father would promptly take her out to the desert and bury her alive. Why was this done? Because she was considered shameful to exist and a liability to the family. So tragic and inhuman was this strange episode that Almighty Allah chose to perpetuate its memory in the annals of history and allow a call for justice on the Day of Judgement. This subject in the holy Qura'n is mentioned in these words: "And when the one buried alive is asked 'For what sin she was killed' (Sura Takwir v.8-9)

Are the people in the so called civilized countries of the West returning going back to the barbaric age by ruthlessly ending the lives of the poor baby girls to be borne in this present world? Is it not even more tragic that this is allowed to take place quietly without enough voice of protest in the Western media? What are the champions of Human Rights doing in this connection?