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The Mandalorian

Just want to let you know: we have some spoilers for The Mandalorian tv show.

So, my mom and I were talking about how popular Star Wars is, especially since The Mandalorian tv show came out in 2019. Nielsen announced that The Mandalorian was the most watched streaming series. Disney plus has over 60 million subscribers and The Mandalorian is the most popular streaming series on that service. It's popular! How interesting it is that people argue about pro-life and pro-abortion, and then we have this tv show that everybody seems to like, both pro-life and pro-abortion people. And it looks like it has quite a pro-life message.

The Mandalorian is a bounty hunter. He's a complicated character. The creators said they wanted to, "Blur the lines

between good and evil.” It’s not exactly a Jedi-Sith thing where we have this half of the characters are good and this half are bad. For example, quoting “A New Hope,” “Mos Eisley space port, you will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy.” It’s more like real life. You’re going to some of the worst parts of the galaxy.

I find it very interesting that the Mandalorians that rescued the Mandalorian, as a child, were terrorists. In the Clone Wars, another Star Wars tv series, this specific clan of Mandalorians, called Death Watch, was doing acts of terrorism on the planet Mandalor. In some ways, they have very strict rules. Such as, they are forbidden to remove their helmets. Yet, they are still terrorists and don’t seem to care that they are killing people to convey their message. Despite their extreme brutality, they rescued him as a child. He was a foundling. That means he was orphaned and he was adopted by this certain clan of the

Mandalorians. He is only considered a Mandalorian because he swore the Mandalorian creed. As a bounty hunter, he is hunting down people who may or may not deserve to be caught.

The Mandalorian is doing things to get credits (that's money), and those things might not be the most moral. He is handing the bounty over to warlords or gangsters for credits and The Mandalorian doesn't know what they are going to do with the bounty at all. There is this rule in the bounty hunter guild that he works for: he is not supposed to ask questions. So, you can see that he might not be the most pro-life character when we meet him. He is a bounty hunter and that's how he meets baby yoda. Baby yoda is introduced as a "child" with no known parents or family. And it's very interesting to see how when the Mandalorian needs help, he comes to different characters across the show. And they help him to "protect the child." They don't

seem to question “protecting the child.” This seems very pro-life and also...adorable.

So then we have Dr. Pershing. He is in a very interesting moral predicament. His boss, The Client (I found no canon name for him), is explaining the job to The Mandalorian. The Mandalorian is on a mission to turn Baby Yoda in for Baskar. Baskar is a really valuable and rare steel which The Mandalorian wants to improve his armor. Whatever Baskar is left over from making the armor, is used for foundlings.

Dr. Pershing insists on The Mandalorian bringing baby yoda back alive. But then The Client says, “Proof of termination is acceptable.” Dr. Pershing says, “That wasn’t the arrangement.” He wants baby yoda to remain alive. It may be easier for him to do the experiments on him, or he actually valued baby yoda’s life. Later in the show, after The Mandalorian turned baby yoda in to

The Client and Dr. Pershing for payment, The Mandalorian regrets it, comes back and takes baby yoda. When The Mandalorian is rescuing baby yoda, Pershing tells The Mandalorian, "Don't hurt him, he's just a child, if it weren't for me, he'd be dead."

Back when The Mandalorian rescued baby yoda, he seemed to play with him, by sticking his finger out, and it seemed like baby yoda was about to grab it, which I think would make a great poster. But, getting back to the point, this is pro-life. Play and enjoying people. Even the directors' putting that in the show, they wanted that to happen in the show. They made it pro-life. This series has been called, "Disney's Accidental Pro-Life Masterpiece." Disney is not expected to be pro-life. We would expect them to be pro-money. Not pro-truth. When my brother told me that they were making a new Star Wars tv show, called

The Mandalorian, I thought, “Great! I’d love to see it!” But, I really didn’t expect it to be so popular. I thought it would only make one season and that’d be it, just because it wouldn’t make enough money. But, I was wrong, it’s incredibly popular. I’m positive it’s because of baby yoda.

God seems to have used the gifts he has given these writers, directors, and producers to his own glory, even if they don’t realize it. People really do love babies, not just puppies and kittens. Maybe unintentionally, maybe accidentally, but this series is pro-life.

Thank you!