The Word of the Living and only God, the Creator, tells us at Leviticus 17:11 (The King James Bible) clearly and unmistakably when human life begins.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood"

Thus, the Bible definition of human life is when the presence of blood begins! Until there is blood there is no life. Now a woman's egg has no blood: therefore the egg has no life. Moreover, the man's sperm does not have blood; so again, no life.
However, a short time after the egg and sperm unite, a chemical reaction takes place in which blood begins to form – and the Creator declares that now a human life with an immortal soul and spirit has come into being!

The prominent Merck Manual[1] (Consumer Version 2024) under "Development of the Embryo and Placenta" states: "The heart and major blood vessels develop early, at about 16 days after fertilization.[2] The heart begins to pump fluid and then blood through the blood vessels at about 5 weeks (3 weeks after fertilization)."

Under "Embryology" in another Merck Manual we read: "the heart begins to pump plasma through the vessels on day 20, and on day 21 fetal RBCs (i.e., red blood cells; fnj) appear."

Therefore, the Lord's above definition of "life" given in Leviticus is no more than 5 weeks and perhaps only 21 days. Thus, after 5 weeks at most an abortion is categorically the premeditated, unjustified murder of a completely helpless human being who can neither beg nor pray for mercy.

If guilty, don't foolishly defend the act: simply repent and call on God to forgive you. If one is sincere and will accept the person and shed blood of Christ as payment for their sin, the Lord will in mercy remove the sin "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalms 103:12). Moreover, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). However, "If we maintain that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:10). This simple choice is available for all.

As for those who take money through abortion – "Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person" (Deut. 27:25).

If guilty of either of the above sins, don't let guilt and a bad conscience torment you for the rest of your life. The gospel, the good news, is – anyone can repent and be forgiven. Put your trust in Christ Jesus and receive remission of not only these sins, but for all you have done or all you ever will do. God is Love!

[1] The Merck Manuals (known as the MSD Manuals outside US & Canada) are medical references published by Merck & Co., Inc. since 1899 (named for Merck Group: founded 1668 in Germany). The current print edition of the book, the 20th, was published in 2018. Merck is an American multinational pharmaceutical company headquartered in Rahway, New Jersey. The Merck Manuals cover a wide range of medical topics and are the global standard in medical reference for Doctors, Students and Consumers. Indeed, the online Merck Manuals continue to be a reliable and trusted source for medical information.

[2] So called "Science" overrides God's opinion and instead does not consider the human fetus a baby until 9 weeks after the fertilization of an egg by a sperm (National Cancer Institute Dictionary of Cancer Terms).