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My own answer to 'had I ever had an abortion?' was 'not yet', for as a possessor of a uterus, one never knew if the contraception would fail. And contracept I did - from the pill in the 1960s, through the devices, and then my husband and I used condoms, until my body released me from ovulating. However as a psychologist, I saw many women whose lives were torn apart, by finding it difficult to get an abortion, and then trying to bring up a child with minimal money. We used to say in the 1960s, that if men could get pregnant, abortiion would be a sacrilege. We now know that those opposed have religious beliefs which revolve around controlling women, and of course gays. The heterosexual patriarchal religions are not kind to either group. Growing up in Sydney, when I was young, my mother said to me 'if ever you get into trouble, come to me'. As a proud adolescent, I metaphorically stamped my foot and exclaimed 'oh Mother!', as I was a 'good girl'. The fact that abortion was illegal, was not even an issue, and as a law abiding person, it didn't ever occur to me to respect this law. It was a well known secret, that with enough money, one could be freed from any accidents. Abortion is still in the law books in NSW and Qld, and the recent nonsense with a 12yr old caught in a legal Gilbert and Sullivan farce, has allowed us to see that it is important that we remove the 1899 thinking from our books.