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people who are not mythical. This is Charles Dickens, and this appeared in the London Daily News, March 16th, 1846, when Senator Tyson and both...and I both were tykes in elementary school. Though every other man who wields a pen should turn himself into a commentator on the scriptures, not all their united efforts could persuade me that executions are a Christian law. If any text appeared to justify the claim, I would reject that limited appeal and rest upon the character of the Redeemer and the great scheme of his religion. I would like to quote from St. Augustine, some say Augustin. He had a number of Epistles. This is from 152nd and the 153rd. Some heretics had slaughtered some Christians, so St. Augustine was making this appeal to the powers that be. We do not wish to have the sufferings of the servants of God avenged by the infliction of precisely similar injuries in the way of retaliation. Not, of course, that we object to the removal from these wicked men of the liberty to perpetrate further crimes, but our desire is rather that justice be satisfied without the taking of their lives or the maiming of their bodies in any particular, and that by such coercive measures as may be in accordance with the laws, they may be drawn away from their insane frenzie to the quietness of men in their sound judgment, or compelled to give up mischievous violence and betake themselves to some useful labor. That's St. Augustine, who was also against the death penalty. Maybe he will be discredited by my colleague, "Baron" Tyson, with some obscure writing he may be able to present. The early church felt so strongly against the death penalty that Emperor Julian, who was known as the apostate, disqualified Christians from holding certain administrative posts, because "their law forbade them to use the sword against offenders worthy of capital punishment". The Pope is late, the early Christian church was so opposed to capital punishment, there were positions they could not be given in government, even when they were given others. Now I have a comment, if I have time. I will wait until the next time that I sp...oh, here it is. "The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ, who are unconditionally pro-life, who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil."