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Subject: First Human Cloned

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Here's a soul-searching question for ya: when does life begin? When the baby leaves the womb? When the sperm cell and the egg combine to form a zygote?

Even more soul-searching: what is life? Is life a newborn baby? Is it an unborn fetus? Or is it something as simple as a bundle of cells?

When you answer these questions, think about this one: does this process, so-called "therapeutic cloning," create life?

Think about this: we all came from an egg and a sperm cell. When those two seemingly insignificant cells combined to form a zygote, you were created. Without that little bundle of cells, you would never have come into being. Essentially, you were a human being at the time of conception. You were a human being who had parents, who had a family, who had a DNA sequence all of his own. You had attached to the side of your mother's uterus (there's a nasty thought to think about (although true)) to be born nine months later. At that time, you had developed into a baby.

With that in mind, how different were you as a baby from that little bundle of cells that was growing ever so larger on a daily basis in your mother's womb? You had a few more organs than you did when you were still in the womb; you could breathe on your own, something you couldn't do while in the womb, but had it not been for that little bundle of cells in your mother's womb, you would not have ever become a baby.

With all of that mind, is a little bundle of cells in a woman's womb any less of a human than a newborn baby?

Now ask yourself, is it right to create a human and destroy it to help another human? What makes that one human any better than the other? Is it the fact that one is more developed than the other? Does THAT make a fully-grown adult more important than a small bundle of cells? The same question from before is raised: is that bundle of cells life?

This same argument can be made for abortion as well as cloning; both are moral issues that deal with the same concept of life: a zygote is as much of a human as a baby.

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