

Compiled Messages[Download](#)[Close](#)**Message no. 218**Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Thursday, April 28, 2005 12:59pm**Subject: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

I know the proper place to post this is closed since we had this discussion about stem cell research already. But I was watching the KCAL-9 news (even though I don't really particularly like their news team...I have other preferences for my news...lest I digress...) this afternoon, and there was a new health report that stem cells have actually helped a blind woman (among others who have had this surgery) see again. From what I got from the news report, scientists would take the stem cells from the cornea of an embryo, and those cells would be used to replace and mesh with the cornea of the blind person. After a few weeks, and some biological bandaids are placed over the eye, it takes a couple more weeks....and then the blind shalt be healed!

Quite an amazing story, if you ask me. I think it's wonderful that we're finding a way to cure blindness with stem cells, so this seems like another step ahead for this kind of research....and now we shall leave this up to debate, so speak your mind!

-JDH

Message no. 219[Branch from no. 218]Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Thursday, April 28, 2005 6:32pm**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

wow that's pretty amazing. i was wondering when the blind were gonna get some attention.

Message no. 220[Branch from no. 218]Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Thursday, April 28, 2005 11:25pm**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

I think it's great that science is able to help people overcome thier physical disabilities, but remember, the majority of those who oppose stem cell research aren't opposed to it because it helps people, but because they believe it exploits the victims of legalized murders, and that such exploitation may lead to increased frequency of and callousness toward those murders.

-Jonathan

Message no. 221[Branch from no. 220]Posted by **Emily Quintana** on Friday, April 29, 2005 11:03am**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

Someone isn't going to go out and get an abortion because the stem cells of the fetus are going to help cure someones illness. Women get abortions for their own reasons. Do you think that we should refrain from trying to find cures in this matter and accept the "fate" of an illness, when abortions are going to happen any ways? Legalized murders is a harsh and false thing to call an abortion. Please don't take offense to my comments, I just strongly disagree with your post.

Message no. 222[Branch from no. 221]Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Friday, April 29, 2005 3:13pm**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

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Message no. 223[Branch from no. 221]Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 1:48pm**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

"Legalized murders is a harsh and false thing to call an abortion."
That is where we disagree. At what point do you believe that any human receives the right-to-life that makes destroying one a murder?

"Someone isn't going to go out and get an abortion because the stem cells of the fetus are going to help cure someones illness. Women get abortions for their own reasons."

This is not what I'm arguing against. What I'm saying is this (and this is a quote from a recent email I sent):

I would say that most people who oppose stem-cell research oppose it not because dead embryos are being used for research. They oppose it because

of what that dead embryo represents. They oppose it because to them it represents the exploitation of the body of the victim of a legalized, routine murder. Here's an analogy. (This analogy assumes that the reader believes that stealing is wrong.):

Let's say that you lived in a country that legalized bank robbery (as bizarre as that sounds), and that people still put money into the banks (as even more bizarre as that sounds). As a side note, in this country for as long as anyone could remember, bank robbery had been considered wrong, for whatever reason. So, a friend of yours robs a bank with his newfound liberty and decides to give the money to you. Now, you have a choice. You could undoubtedly do a great deal of good with that money, and the person giving it to you is doing a good thing by giving it away. So, if you really believed that bank-robbery (effectively stealing from other people) was wrong, would you accept that money? You're not doing the "wrong deed", but you're benefitting from someone who has. You're taking advantage of the wrong someone else has done. Those who oppose embryonic stem cell research are in the same position. By accepting it, they would not be doing the "wrong deed", but they would be benefitting from someone who did. They would be taking advantage of the wrong someone else has done. I believe that that is the primary reason that embryonic stem cell research on aborted embryos that would have been aborted anyway is still opposed. (I hope all that made sense. :-)

"Do you think that we should refrain from trying to find cures in this matter and accept the "fate" of an illness, when abortions are going to happen any ways?"

Simply put, I do believe that it is wrong to take advantage of the wrong-doing of others in that this goes beyond making the best of a situation caused by someone else's actions that are mutually agreed upon as wrong to effectively justifying the wrong of the abortions because they can be used to benefit other humans.

In addition, we could very well be focusing the same resources on other forms of stem-cell research that do not have the moral implications of embryonic stem-cell research, such as the adult stem-cell-research that I linked to in my original Discussion Post 2 post.

-Jonathan

Message no. 224[Branch from no. 223]
Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 8:51pm
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Dude you gotta condense your posts, I got things to do.

Message no. 225[Branch from no. 224]
Posted by **Sandra Spears** on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 9:21pm
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

interesting.... go get em science....

Message no. 226[Branch from no. 225]
Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 7:24am
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Ok I finally read it. Analogies are great and everything, but comparing the embryos to money robbed from a bank is a huuuuge stretch. I don't think this issue can ever be resolved because you're not going to convince people that this is not murder if they think it is, or that it IS murder if they think it's not. I can understand why people think it IS murder, because they see these late-term abortions and they're basically staring at a dead baby. I think it's awfully hard to call it a baby though when it can't survive on its own (breathing, etc.), even though it looks just like one, but that's just my opinion. However, I am opposed to the late-term abortions, and that probably makes me a hypocrite because you are, in a way, killing the same thing at 5 weeks that you're killing at 6 months or whatever the cutoff is. I just like to believe that it's NOT the same thing at both stages.

But if we do achieve medical breakthroughs with embryonic stem cells, those who think it was wrong to use the embryos don't get to benefit from said breakthroughs, k? Is that fair? I think it'll be interesting to see what a paraplegic who's opposed to this (assuming such a paraplegic exists) will say if/when offered the chance to walk again.

Message no. 227[Branch from no. 226]Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 3:06pm**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

Okay. Okay....

...okay, yeah. Not to sound mean, and I'll refrain from using any strong language, but where in the heck do you come off comparing embryos to bank robbery? I agree with my buddy, Nick, here that if we do gain medical...benefits, as it were, then what about those who would take advantage of these medical breakthroughs? Or, if such research and operations become outlawed, then that pretty much dashes any hopes and dreams of getting better.

C'mon now buddy, put yourself on that other side of the picture; using Nick's brilliant analogy again: say some kind of horrific accident occurs, and that causes you to go blind, si? Doctors have tried traditional methods, but they can't do anything about it, and the eyes just get worse and worse. Are you telling me that you wouldn't even consider trying this kind of new eye surgery that could save your eyesight? What about people who have Alzheimer's...or going off further, ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), or Lou Gehrig's Disease? Those are debilitating diseases, especially that last one. If you have ever seen "Pride of the Yankees" or any other various movies about the great Lou Gehrig, you know how chilling his farewell speech was. If you get a chance to listen to the speech, just think about how he must have felt when he found out. It only took two years for this incurable disease to take his life in his sleep.

Maybe stem cell research won't be able to solve something like ALS, but we can at least try. Just think about the lives that could possibly be saved. While the price of this research is grand...I think the reward is so much grander. That's my two pennies... (and I wanted to make this longer, but not too long)

Message no. 228[Branch from no. 227]Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Sunday, May 8, 2005 12:38am**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

You guys bring up some good points, and have caused me to think a lot about what I believe on this. Personally, I believe that embryonic stem cell research as a whole is immoral, not in itself, but because of the destruction of unborn life behind it. For myself, I would draw the line as follows: I will continue to oppose the furtherance of embryonic stem cell research and the abortions and other destructions of life that it condones. I will not voluntarily allow myself to be treated with stem cells from a destroyed embryo, whether it was going to be aborted or not. I will, however, be willing to allow utilization of knowledge gained by this practice, insofar as my personal treatment does not directly involve the destruction of a human embryo. I still do not agree with those who promote future stem cell research, but I can see the argument for those who, while opposing it, are willing to use the biproduct (stem cells) of something they were unable to prevent (an abortion) to save human life. However, at this point, I, personally, would not do so. It is, admittedly, a complex consideration, given that the embryos were "going to be destroyed anyway."

However, let me clear up one apparent misunderstanding - I do not believe that my moral values should shift based on my physical circumstances. Do I sometimes allow the "foggier" ones to? Yes, but much to my dismay, and it is something that I continue to strive to rectify, as I believe that morals are not man's creation, but God's. But rest assured, those things that I am certain are immoral (e.g. cursing / denying God, murder, fornication, adultery, etc.) are things I would sooner die than do if faced with the choice. If you have trouble believing that anyone would die rather than "give up" his moral values, check out Foxe's Book of Martyrs, or take a look at the Christians who are still persecuted and even killed for their belief's in Sudan or China. Often all they have to do is say that they deny their faith - just their beliefs - and they would be freed, but they don't. For many people, morals are not just a wishy-washy, fair-weather standard; they are of transcendent importance; obedience to God through His moral law is more important to them than physical life itself.

-Jonathan

Message no. 233[Branch from no. 228]Posted by **Emily Quintana** on Sunday, May 8, 2005 6:35pm**Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...**

Johnathan, things aren't always clearly cut like that. Things are constantly changing. You could never write the knowledge of God, it never ends. I am a very spiritual person despite the fact that I disagree with you. Wouldn't God want us to protect the life we were blessed with. Is it just that you believe stricly what the Bible says. God goes beyond that. We all have God within us, we are his children. I believe that we are given

knowledge inside of us besides just from a book. The knowledge within myself says that if I have something wrong with me to fix it. You seem like you are open minded but set with what you believe, even though it is the overall collective views of others that you believe. God never said to not use stem cells from aborted embryos.

Message no. 234[Branch from no. 233]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 11:32am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

"Johnathan, things aren't always clearly cut like that. Things are constantly changing. You could never write the knowledge of God, it never ends."

God tells us that He chooses to reveal Himself to us in various ways. One of those ways is through the Bible. It doesn't tell us everything about Him, but what it does tell us is true. You said that things are constantly changing - the Bible tells us that God is "the same yesterday, today, and forever" - God transcends time. I don't believe that our feelings and experiences invalidate God's written revelation to us.

"I believe that we are given knowledge inside of us besides just from a book." Absolutely - the Bible clearly tells us that God's law is written on our hearts.

"Wouldn't God want us to protect the life we were blessed with." Absolutely, but that includes protection of the lives of those who cannot protect themselves. In this case, the "unborn."

"God never said to not use stem cells from aborted embryos."

No, but he did say

"For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13)

and

"Do not murder"

Message no. 229[Branch from no. 226]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Sunday, May 8, 2005 12:48am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

"I think it'll be interesting to see what a paraplegic who's opposed to this (assuming such a paraplegic exists) will say if/when offered the chance to walk again."

And it would be interesting to see what a person in desperate financial need would say when you offered him legally stolen bank money too.

"But if we do achieve medical breakthroughs with embryonic stem cells, those who think it was wrong to use the embryos don't get to benefit from said breakthroughs, k? Is that fair?"

Hmm...ok, deal. In the meantime, could you please re-allocate (to the more productive adult stem cell research) the tax money that all of us (who will now not benefit from embryonic stem cell research) have been forced by the rest of you to pay? ;-)

-Jonathan

Message no. 231[Branch from no. 229]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Sunday, May 8, 2005 11:29am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

yeah I've got nothing further to say.

Message no. 235[Branch from no. 231]

Posted by **Suheilah Abdalla** on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 10:16pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Would you be more agreeable to a non-human-living-organism's embryo being used?

Message no. 236[Branch from no. 235]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Friday, May 13, 2005 10:42am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Are you asking me or Nicholas?

Message no. 237[Branch from no. 236]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Friday, May 13, 2005 3:53pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

you dude, i'm not the one with the problem with using embryos.

Message no. 239[Branch from no. 235]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Friday, May 13, 2005 8:10pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

On a moral ground, yes. I see nothing wrong with utilizing animals for research. I'll admit, I would be quite uncomfortable knowing that animal cells were going to be injected into my head, but I don't see any moral problem with it at this point.

Message no. 241[Branch from no. 239]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Friday, May 13, 2005 8:31pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

cuz humans aren't animals or anything...wait...

Message no. 242[Branch from no. 241]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Friday, May 13, 2005 9:08pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Hehe, did you read my looooong post on consciousness and right-to-life? :-)

Message no. 245[Branch from no. 242]

Posted by **Suheilah Abdalla** on Sunday, May 15, 2005 11:37pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Interesting. How do you feel about animal rights activism?

I saw this bumper sticker, it read:

"Animals are people with fur coats." :)

Message no. 249[Branch from no. 245]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 7:58pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Genesis 1:26 -

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"

People with fur coats? God makes a distinction...I'll follow His lead.

-Jonathan

Message no. 250[Branch from no. 249]

Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 1:42am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

WHAT?!?!?

...are we still on this? How long has this been going on now?!? (can you tell I'm pissed, to say the least? ...and yea, I guess I'm gonna continue this Pandora's Box of emotions)

But doesn't the Bible also say (Jesus says this, in fact)....

Matthew 10:28 -

" And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

So...yeah. I liked what Ems said about God going beyond anything. This goes beyond the body...this delves into the soul. Personally, I think it's better to just have a soul than to just have a body...erm...without a soul, that is. Remember that "Simpsons" episode where Bart sells his soul for five bucks to Milhouse? (Only to have Milhouse sell Bart's soul for ALF Pogs!?) Without his soul, Bart appeared to be lifeless, and something was definitely *missing* inside of him. He couldn't go through the Quik-E-Mart door, Santa's Little Helper barked at him, and even Marge said something when she hugged Bart and commented that something was missing.

Just because we're "killing embryos" doesn't mean we are taking away their most important thing, their soul.

takes a huffed bow Thank you. >=\

-JDH

Message no. 251[Branch from no. 250]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 7:16am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Are we seriously quoting the bible and the SIMPSONS in this argument??

Message no. 252[Branch from no. 251]

Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 5:57pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Hey Nick...I had to make my point at least a little bit interesting, and I just went with it. I thought I could have gone by without using a Simpsons reference, but it was seriously the first thing that popped into my head.

sigh ...oh, bloody 'ell. I don't think we're ever going to see eye-to-eye on this topic, but I want to hear (and I totally deserve) any kind of rebuttals that may come my way, agreeable or *disagreeable*.

Message no. 253[Branch from no. 250]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Saturday, May 21, 2005 12:33am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Matthew 10:28 -

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

When Jesus was saying this, he was doing it to encourage His disciples to not be afraid of those who would persecute and even kill them for delivering the message of salvation through faith. He was NOT telling His disciples that murder was now acceptable. God's teachings are clear throughout the Bible that murder is wrong.

Believe it or not, I'm not really afraid for the "souls" of those who are never born...the ones in danger are those who advocate and participate in the killings.

-Jonathan

Message no. 254[Branch from no. 250]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Saturday, May 21, 2005 12:35am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

"...are we still on this? How long has this been going on now?!? (can you tell I'm pissed, to say the least? ...and yea, I guess I'm gonna continue this Pandora's Box of emotions)"

If you want it to stop, just stop posting. I have no intention of monologuing.

-Jonathan

Message no. 255[Branch from no. 254]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Saturday, May 21, 2005 10:30am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

if murder is wrong, how do you explain all those holy wars?

Message no. 256[Branch from no. 255]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Sunday, May 22, 2005 3:11pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Are you referring to the God-ordered wars of the Bible, or the Crusades?

Message no. 272[Branch from no. 256]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Monday, May 23, 2005 12:06am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

whichever

Message no. 296[Branch from no. 272]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:42pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Since you don't seem to care which one, and since they're fundamentally different, I'm going to assume that you're not asking because you truly want the answer, but because you just want to argue with me. In that

case, the other things I have to spend my time on will come first.

-Jonathan

Message no. 297[Branch from no. 296]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:50pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

obviously 2nd to checking this message board.

Message no. 298[Branch from no. 297]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Friday, May 27, 2005 9:54am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Checking the message board is part of my homework for this class.

Replying to questions is optional.

Message no. 299[Branch from no. 298]

Posted by **Cathryn Hill** on Friday, May 27, 2005 10:37pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

exactly!! I'm sorry, but if you guys aren't going to write about anything worthwhile could you please stop...this is getting old.

Message no. 300[Branch from no. 299]

Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Saturday, May 28, 2005 2:15am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Thank you, Cat!

Besides, this may all be a moot point, anyway, since President Bush vows to veto any form of stem cell research that may come his way.

Back to the whole "murder" thing, this piqued something in my brain the other day, and it made me think of the question about *when does life actually begin?* Funny how people use the terms "life and death" together like they're opposites, but they're not. Birth is the opposite of death. Ergo, I'm of the belief that life begins when we are losing all that warm water that surrounds us, get slapped in the butt, and cry our little eyes out. Life begins when we are born. So, if we are never born, then how do we consciously live?

What I'm saying is how could it be murder when nothing has been born yet, and therefore, it's technically not a life we're killing? Technically. Besides, it would be tragic if every single aborted embryo was just simply put to waste. Granted, you could stop stem cell research, but that doesn't mean abortions will cease to exist! Those are still going to happen, folks. Besides, could you imagine the extreme overpopulation in this land if abortions were completely outlawed? That's pretty much all I have to offer for now.

Now, pick up your swords, boys...

-JDH

Message no. 301[Branch from no. 300]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Saturday, May 28, 2005 11:00am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Cathryn it's not like anyone else is posting anything, so who cares.

Yeah I agree with you Jason, but that's the point of contention. Pro-lifers think that life begins at conception, so you can't argue with them because there's no common ground. I think that if it can't breathe or eat on its own, it's not technically life; the mom is breathing and eating for it. You might as well call a tumor a life. What I don't understand is, why is abortion legal while it's a double-murder if you kill a pregnant woman. That doesn't make any sense. Either outlaw abortion or make it a single murder.

Message no. 302[Branch from no. 301]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Saturday, May 28, 2005 11:46am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

"Pro-lifers think that life begins at conception, so you can't argue with them because there's no common ground. I think that if it can't breathe or eat on its own, it's not technically life; the mom is breathing and eating for it. You might as well call a tumor a life."

Incidentally, I gave my analysis of when "right-to-life" occurs in my discussion post #2 reply discussing consciousness.

"What I don't understand is, why is abortion legal while it's a double-murder if you kill a pregnant woman. That doesn't make any sense. Either outlaw abortion or make it a single murder."

Exactly. The right of an embryo to live is acknowledged in the cases in which the mother wants it to live. Why are we letting another human's preferences affect our opinion on an individual's right to live?

-Jonathan

Message no. 303[Branch from no. 302]
Posted by **Jonathan Geer** on Monday, May 30, 2005 9:07am
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Jason, The President is not veto-ing stem cell research in a way to make it illegal. Private Organizations, Companies, and studies will still be allowed. The President's opinion in a news conference said he did not wish to fund this because he felt that in time we would start to breed lives for this very purpose, to kill and use for science. People in our country also get mad at the president when we run such huge deficits, why add to it by having the government fund such and expensive study? If the government was to fund it, we will in turn really be the ones funding it because our taxes will have to go up.

Message no. 306[Branch from no. 303]
Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 9:06am
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

why add to the debt?? that's a ridiculous reason dude, c'mon. he's adding to the debt every day anyway. we should "add to the debt" to SAVE LIVES.

Message no. 307[Branch from no. 306]
Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 1:30pm
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

i find it disturbing that not once in this entire "continuation" has anyone actually said something about the SOURCE of the embryos, and how it could/would effect them.

if we look in nature, generally speaking, we can see the intense instincts of female species when it comes to birth and offspring. for the most part, they are having their babies, and nobody is getting the way of them!

how is that any different than women, and why should it be?

it boggles my mind how women seem to be willing to throw away the lives of their children, when we are naturally driven to not only have them, but protect them with our entire being.

of course, not all women are the same. some of us don't even want kids, and hey that's just fine, but when we start getting pregnant and then say, "you know what, i just don't think i want you anymore" and then decide to shove utencils through the skulls of our unborn, or give our unborn to science, this makes me raise my finger and wonder, "what the hell is going on?"

first, the problem is not abortion, regardless of wether or not we want to accept he definition, it is the termination of pregnancy. that's it! to me, terminating a pregnancy that we could very well go through with, isn't okay.

why are we destroying that?
and why aren't we seeking the right to terminate that pregnancy from the person it will matter from in the end? the fetus.

we can preserve life, by terminating it in its early stages, in essence this is the potential of stemcell activity.

however, why is it that we pick and choose who gets to be saved and who doesn't?

do the people who have been living have seniority over those who haven't?

thats just flat out ridiculous, and against the first amendment.

"...the right to LIFE..."

secondly, the trauma women endure from abortion is so intense, that many of them never heal from their decisions. how is it that we can view women as laboratories for producing cells? and when did our nation become so selfish that the beginning of life can be viewed as "terminated" the moment conception takes place?

and all for the benefit of others?

it is a double edged sword.

that is why i believe death shouldn't be tampered with.

let it be what it is.

in the end, the woman who could see after she was given the embryotic cells, will die.

in the end, parkinson's will still kill people.

in the end, alzheimer's disease will still cause memory loss. and even if it is regained, that person will still die!

the statistics for death are just incredible; one out of every one person does!

i think we should stop avoiding the inevitable.

however, i am for the healing of great pain. i am for the hope in finding cures to diseases. i am for the continuation of life, when it seems as though there is no more possibility. and i am for the ending of life, when it comes about. but i am not for the diciphering of who should stay and who shouldn't.

also, an incredible woman who is against stemcell research and IS a quadriplegic, Joni Erickson Tata.

Message no. 308[Branch from no. 307]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 2:57pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

"i find it disturbing that not once in this entire 'continuation' has anyone actually said something about the SOURCE of the embryos, and how it could/would effect them."

I was hoping that someone would bring this angle up. I personally know very few, if any, women whom I know have had an abortion, so I feel hardly qualified to make arguments along that line. You make some great points, and I admire your stand. Do you mind if I save a copy of your post to use points from along with my one on consciousness in the future?

-Jonathan

Message no. 311[Branch from no. 308]

Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 7:07pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

no way, go for it!
the more people know, the better.
and, if you didn't look up Joni, you really should because she is soooo flipping amazing. she makes music and art with her mouth!
its so awesome.

Message no. 312[Branch from no. 311]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 9:11pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

that post gave me a brain aneurism, so i lack the capacity to respond.

Message no. 313[Branch from no. 312]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 9:15pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

dollars to donuts this is the longest thread ever on webCT

Message no. 314[Branch from no. 313]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 9:16pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

I guess if we're gonna die anyway, I'll just go walk into oncoming traffic.

Message no. 318[Branch from no. 314]

Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Friday, June 3, 2005 5:40pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

well now that would just be silly now wouldn't it.

Message no. 319[Branch from no. 314]

Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Friday, June 3, 2005 5:46pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

p.s.
you just used the false analogy fallacy.

baj!

Message no. 315[Branch from no. 307]

Posted by **Suheilah Abdalla** on Thursday, June 2, 2005 11:16pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

apparently the idea of using embryos that grow in the uterus is controversial.

hah!

what happens to all the embryos created in test-tubes? are those to be thrown away? and the woman who chooses to preserve her eggs for future use? does she get to discard her eggs while the fertilization of one of them could save someones life?

Priscella said:

"we can preserve life, by terminating it in its early stages, in essence this is the potential of stemcell activity.

however, why is it that we pick and choose who gets to be saved and who doesn't?

do the people who have been living have seniority over those who haven't?

thats just flat out ridiculous, and against the first amendment.

"...the right to LIFE..." "

poignant!

irony has many facets.

perhaps abortion should be outlawed in totality. but until that happens, it is senseless to discard cells that just might improve the quality of someones life.

Message no. 321[Branch from no. 315]

Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Friday, June 3, 2005 5:53pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

In message 315 on Thursday, June 2, 2005 11:16pm, Suheilah Abdalla writes:

>it is senseless to discard cells that just might improve the quality of someones life.

i concur.

Message no. 322[Branch from no. 321]

Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Saturday, June 4, 2005 1:34am

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

I also also concur.

Until then, tell those women who don't want babies to close their legs, already! (or at least use protection, even though condoms are only 97% effective...it says so on the box, guys!)

This is just one of those double-edged swords where we can and will agree to disagree. In the meantime, at the very least, I am more aware about looking at other's points of views. It's easy for a guy like me to forget to think about how this could affect everyone, ya know? Not just the sick, but the would-be mamas. =/ My only hope is that this controversy can come to some kind of resolve soon, or maybe there simply won't be all these unnecessary pregnancies happening. Southern California is already crammed enough, for crissakes. (I could go on and on and on about overcrowding, but that would be going way off-topic, and I'm already digressing, as it is!)

-> JDH

Message no. 323[Branch from no. 322]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Saturday, June 4, 2005 12:59pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

yeaaaah jason, tell 'em. you know what's fascinating is the way some of these pregnant women go "it just ... happened!" when you're talkin to 'em about their baby. and then you ask 'em "well did you guys use a condom?" and they go "nooo.." brilliant.

Message no. 325[Branch from no. 323]

Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Saturday, June 4, 2005 2:56pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

RIDICULOUS!!!!!!!!!!

why don't you tell those horny guys to keep their junk in their friggin pants??

pregnancy does happen... and im most certainly not excusing it, but it DOES happen

because of irresponsibility on BOTH parts. (majority of the time)

women aren't the only ones who need to keep their legs, or anything attached to them for that matter, to themselves.

Message no. 331[Branch from no. 325]

Posted by **Cathryn Hill** on Sunday, June 5, 2005 11:06pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

You go girl!!!!!!!!!!

Message no. 327[Branch from no. 322]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Saturday, June 4, 2005 3:48pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

"(I could go on and on and on about overcrowding, but that would be going way off-topic, and I'm already digressing, as it is!)"

If you think we're overcrowding the U.S., or even Southern California, hop on Interstate 10 and drive east for about ten hours. :-)

-Jonathan

Message no. 326[Branch from no. 315]

Posted by **Jonathan Dautrich** on Saturday, June 4, 2005 3:46pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

"perhaps abortion should be outlawed in totality. but until that happens, it is senseless to discard cells that just might improve the quality of someones life."

I concur as well...they should be used to improve the life of the life they were designed to sustain - that of the embryo - that of the person they have the potential to become.

-Jonathan

Message no. 328[Branch from no. 326]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Sunday, June 5, 2005 8:58pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

no Priscella, it's not ridiculous, women have the ultimate say in what happens. if anything, they should be MORE responsible for the use of birth control because they're the ones having the baby. tell the guys to keep their junk in their pants?? we're not talking about rape victims, it's not like the girl just looked away and turned back around and she was pregnant.

Message no. 329[Branch from no. 328]

Posted by **Nicholas Williams** on Sunday, June 5, 2005 9:00pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

you know what, why don't we just call birth control murder. i'm sick of this debate, it's ludicrous.

Message no. 330[Branch from no. 328]

Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Sunday, June 5, 2005 10:05pm

Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Okay... **with the exception of rape victims**, it is both the male and the female.

Guys, keep your hormones to yourselves! Maybe this will teach us something about keeping our pants on? Or at least use some kind of protection. Then again, how many people actually follow through on this and do it? Most unwanted pregnancies happen because people don't have the foresight to use protection, at least. I don't mind it so much that guys can't keep their tools inside their shed, or that ladies can't close their shutters . . . but that guys won't give their "Little General" a shield, or ladies wouldn't tell their boyfriends/lovers/affairs to remember/boy-toys to put one on??!?

. . . Guys, condoms are 97% effective, but that's a whole lot better than zero percent, si?

. . . and ladies, "well, my clothes flew off from the wind, and this random guy had his fly down, and he happened to trip on top of me, and then he got stuck" is NOT a good excuse, either.

. . . and to end on a lighter note . . .

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Oh gosh...I can't resist making a comment here. I know what you mean!!!

Driving four hours east on I-10 makes me the most spoiled person ever, in terms of "traffic." Have you seen what Phoenix people call . . . traffic? Wowzers, going 30 on

the 17 freeway down there is considered heavy traffic, or heavy congestion! :-p

Until Thursday...
JDH

Message no. 332[Branch from no. 328]
Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Monday, June 6, 2005 2:57am
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

how can you say that women should be MORE responsible in helping create a life?
without men, we couldn't have them.
end of story.
the responsibility should be split in half, probably because you need one man and one
woman to create another one, wether it be xx or xy.
regardless of wether or not we have the ultimate say in what happens to our bodies,
that shouldn't lessen the importance of men keeping their hormones in control, as well
as women.
and i wasn't talking about rape victims either.
im talking about men being irresponsible when it comes to sex JUST AS MUCH as
women.
im pretty sure you and i can agree on the obvious, and that is the fact that men and
women are both responsible for the creation and termination of life.

and to not admit that, or to say that women should be held MORE responsible with birth
control is more ludacris than this whole debate x's 5001.

Message no. 333[Branch from no. 332]
Posted by **Jason Hernandez** on Monday, June 6, 2005 3:14am
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

Now...I didn't say women are more responsible, nor did I say men are more responsible.
I simply tried to...get my points across that both parties are responsible, and men and
women need to learn to curb their hormones, or at least direct them elsewhere (and I
know that sounds really dirty right now, but I'm trying to get something across).

As a man; yes, it can be hard...and while it can be hard to control, it's our responsibility
to keep it to ourselves...

...just like it's the female's responsibility to keep herself to...well...herself!

I know I'm quoting the Bible yet again, but it does say that a child was borne from a man
AND a woman, si? Not two men or two women: one of each.

As for the obvious, you're right...we do agree that both parties are responsible for life,
PERIOD.

Now, what ARE you doing up at this insane hour?

Message no. 336[Branch from no. 333]
Posted by **Priscella Jaen** on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 10:49am
Subject: Re: Follow-up on stem cell research...

that was in response to Nick.
