

Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Harvesting - A Unique Declaration

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Preface

This is a revised excerpt from the Ebook, “Abortion: How (and Why) Abortion Resides in the Weakest Form of Human Thought and Valuation” (pages 41-45). This comes rather late in the discussion, so some statements here refer back to previous points in the Ebook. I will insert a few comments in [brackets] in an attempt to clarify a previously made point. I hope this excerpt will create a desire to read the full work. It is free at Website in the Author Bio.

Embryonic Stem Cell Endeavors

There are several ways to approach this subject. But since I have been approaching abortion from the three world views, it seems reasonable to continue this path. Let's first examine the Naturalistic view, then the Biblical Theological view, and then the Humanistic view. But first, what are “Embryonic Stem Cell Endeavors”?

Stem cells are extracted from human embryos in the hope that those cells may one day be used to cure various maladies in other human beings. As of this writing, the cells are being used for research and experimentation in the hope of finding those cures. There is only a five day window in the development of the embryo when this harvest can occur. Presently, embryonic stem cells taken for this research require the death of the embryo. If embryonic stem cell research one day results in cures for other humans, then a full scale cultivating and harvesting of embryos will ensue.

The Naturalistic View

[In pages 8-28, I established that Naturalists/Evolutionists are adamantly pro-life. The following assertions flow from that demonstrated conclusion.] The Naturalist is for the life of the human embryo over any present, malady-ridden human. Beneficial mutations arise randomly, and the new life of any species has always been the engine that drives evolution. But, even more importantly, we are aware of our impending doom (our sun is dying) and any one of these embryos might possess the needed genius to save our species - and world - from this coming fate. Currently, stem cell research is just research and a relatively few embryos have been killed. But even this loss is totally unacceptable to the Naturalist, as our next Einstein may already be strewn in some lab somewhere.

Now let me ask you a question. When a species **consumes** those of its own species, what is this called? I was going to give you a moment to think of the answer, but you already know it. And, you are right. It is cannibalism. Therapies coming from embryonic stem cell harvesting will be a sophisticated form of cannibalism.

I hear the protests even now. *“What kind of radical lunacy is that? Cannibalism? Cannibalism is the **eating** of the flesh of ones own species! Nobody **is eating** an embryo! They will enter sick bodies by injection, or implant, or pills or some way other than **eating**. And besides that, eating is **for nutrition** - and the embryos will be consumed for **medicinal purposes**! These embryos will be used to heal people from all kinds of horrific diseases. Do you want to let these people suffer and die? And what if it is **your mom** or **dad** that can be cured? What if it is **your child**? What if it is **you**? You will change your tone real quick. And what if”* I know this person is still ... a bit upset, but I am temporarily cutting him/her off in an attempt to tone things down a bit.

Embryonic stem cell therapies will be the consumption of one genetically complete (and unique) human life form - by another genetically complete (and unique) human life form. Any

biologist, researcher, or doctor who denies this physical reality has left the realm of science - and opted for some kind of metaphysical speculation. And, to state what is now obvious to you, an embryo **is human flesh**. It is nothing else ... and it cannot become anything else. It's just very young and small - and is unable to defend itself.

As far as “*eating*” an embryo, from the embryo’s point of view, whether injected into the receiving body, or chewed up by the recipient - this is a distinction without a difference. The embryo’s life is ended - consumed by a member of its own species. And the receiving body does not care **how** the needed materials come into it. So, this is **at least** “*a sophisticated form of cannibalism.*” But, the more I think about it, this is probably just plain old cannibalism with a high tech twist.

Concerning the objection that makes a distinction between “*nutrition versus medicine,*” our body uses food often to heal and repair itself – so, foods are **medicinal** in that sense. Our body uses any consumed material in whatever way is most advantageous to itself.

And if it is my mom or dad, or child (or me) who would be cured by this cannibalism, what does that have to do with anything? Does personal need supplant fact? Well, it might for the Humanist, but never for the Naturalist/Evolutionist or Biblical Theist.

If we were harvesting the embryonic stem cells of a pig, cow or chicken for consumption, I am not sure the Naturalist would be automatically alarmed about this. After all, many of us eat those animals all the time. We would simply be sustaining ourselves, at their expense, in another way. That is just part of survival of the fittest. But there is no scenario where the Naturalist countenances a species growing and consuming *its own preborn*. Even **the desire** to do such a thing sounds deafening alarms in all true Naturalists. This concern dovetails directly back to the current inadequacies of viable materials on the causes of extinction in species. Surely the desire, and practice, of the cannibalization of one’s preborn population would be a part of self-extinction science. Maybe the dinosaurs started eating their own eggs.

But, I hear some say, “*Ah! But these research embryos are frozen “extras” destined for the dump. They are not designated to grow up. And if cures are found, the embryos grown for harvest would be grown **only for that purpose** - none of them ever intended, or allowed, to develop past that five-day window.*” This is not the speech of the Naturalist for many reasons – some of which I have already shared. But, this whole test tube embryo thing introduces ... well, read on.

The Test Tube – Untapped Promise?

The ability to make “*test tube*” embryos opens a whole new world ... for the thinking, non-cannibalistic Evolutionist. Rather than growing embryos **for harvest** ... why not grow them *for birth and unique adulthood*? With current technologies, the “*test tube*” could be modified to imitate *a real womb*. Maybe a “*rubberized womb*” ... with a simulated heartbeat – and programming that imitates a mother’s daily range of activity. But here is the best part. The fluids around the developing preborn, plus all nutrients going through a fabricated umbilical cord *could be absolutely free of all pollutants!* No crack babies, alcohol damaged babies, tobacco damaged babies, or junk food damaged babies. These newborns would have no impurities *other than what was present in the first two original cells!* What *an enhancement* to evolutionary development! Many women might even choose to forego the entire pregnancy ordeal and bear their children in this manner. No more vaginal deliveries, and the only C-sections would be those performed on the rubberized womb.

So what makes more sense scientifically? Cannibalize the coming generation for a current, malady-ridden, older one, or to bring all embryos to fruition as they may hold the beneficial mutations we desperately need? For the Naturalist/Evolutionist, the answer is evident.

The Biblical Theist View

Before the advent of artificial insemination, egg fertilization only occurred in the womb at the discretion of the Creator. But even in the “test tube,” man cannot *make* the egg fertile or *make* the egg grow into an embryo. These “test tube” embryos are not life *created* by humans. They are simply the result of humans *manipulating* human life. *Manipulating* life does not translate into **creator rights** over life. Let's step back a second and consider this from another angle. If medical people manipulate my life through gene therapies, or adult stem cell therapies, they never assert they have some kind of creator rights over me. Similarly, had they implanted me as an embryo into my mother's womb in one of their clinics, they would not assert some kind of “creator rights” over me. Embryos that have been manipulated *into life* are not reduced to fodder for cannibalization or the garbage dump. These “throw away” embryos are as human as you and I. Whoever manipulates these humans into life are responsible for that one's well being. The manipulator becomes a surrogate parent.

Man will always be subject to the decrees, standards and judgments of the Creator of life. The Author of the Bible claims to be that Creator, and there is no indication He ever intends on losing, delegating, or otherwise relinquishing this position of sole dominion. The “*spark*” that makes something alive - the “*magic*” that causes innately inorganic elements to come to life - will always rest with Him. I believe the “*life element*” (as I call it) will always elude man. He will never figure it out, replicate it, or bottle it. “*See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me. It is I who put to death and give life ...*” (Deut 32:39).

So, here is how I believe this works out. Once alive, no human can act against the life of another human unless that human is guilty of a capital offense. And even in that instance, due process is given. The embryo is fully - and only - human life. The Author of life levies charges against humans who unrighteously assault other humans. These attacks on embryos are a premeditated killing ... with an additional charge of cannibalism. “*All unrighteousness is sin*” (1 Jn 5:17).

The Bible maintains that human life is the most important “object” in our observable physical universe. When this life is over, I would not want to stand before our Creator as an advocate for, or researcher of, these embryonic stem cell endeavors. If I had to choose between being a lying, adulterous, murdering drunk - or being an embryonic stem cell research advocate or participant - I would choose to be the lying, adulterous, murdering drunk. The eternal punishment will be less severe.

The Humanistic View

It is only here that embryonic stem cell endeavors have a home. Because the embryo has been declared nonhuman, or subhuman, then anything can be done with this blob of protoplasm. The life of the embryo can be experimented with, removed, or given to another human. After all, an embryo is only the size of this period. (Your eye just skipped it).

For the Humanist, any consideration contrary to the embryo's life ... *trumps* that life. For example, *the curiosity of researchers* trump the embryo's life. *The cries for cures* trump the embryo's life. *Economic gains for a State* (i.e., California) trump the embryo's life. Politicians, who smell *the gain of votes*, trump the embryo's life. **Any grounds** which the Humanist envisions as some kind of gain for somebody - other than the embryo - *trump the embryo's life*. The unscientific declaration that “*the preborn is not human life*,” fosters all kinds of predictable atrocities. As subhuman living tissue, they can be flushed down the stool, cannibalized, dissected - anything the Humanist desires. With science gone and Biblical Theism gone, the sole authority for valuation is someone's *opinion* - grounded in nothing. The “*substance*” of Humanism ... is thin air.

[When abortion on demand was legalized, many pro-lifers warned of a “slippery slope” with human life being devalued in all kinds of ways. Some predicted euthanasia. Some may have even

predicted the starving to death of those in a “vegetative state.” But, I doubt any of them envisioned cannibalism of the preborn after only a few decades of abortion practice.]

This Article’s an excerpt from Robin’s definitive work on Abortion.
You will learn why Evolutionists are adamant pro-lifers - and only Humanists entertain abortion thinking.

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