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THAT PRECISE NANOSECOND

Life. According to Dr. Francis Beckwith at the nanosecond of conception, a zygote is formed. A nanosecond is one billionth of a second, but at that precise moment of fertilization a one cell human zygote comes to life. The zygote fulfills the 4 criteria needed to establish biological life: metabolism, growth, reaction to stimuli, and reproduction. Resulting from the union of the female ovum (which contains 23 chromosomes) and the male sperm (23 chromosomes), a tiny new individual, with its own genetic code (46 chromosomes) comes into existence, with a code that is neither his mothers nor his fathers. From this point forward, no new genetic code will be needed or added. In short the genotype is established for the inherited characteristics of an individual human. Which will not change during the course of one's life.

"For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well." (Psalms 139:13-14)

The choreography that takes place in utero that develops a human individual is beyond amazing. I could be described as symbiotic. Consider the aspect of what is referred to as "fetal-maternal microchimerism", wherein during pregnancy the cells from the baby migrate into the bloodstream of the mother and then circle back around to the baby. For forty-one weeks the cells merge backwards and forwards. Even after the child is born, many of these cells remain in the mother's body, leaving a permanent imprint in the mother's tissue, bones and even brain to cite a few. Even if the child doesn't go full term, there still remains the imprint of these cells within the mother.

Studies have shown that the cells circulating while a mother is pregnant between mother and child. So much so that if for example a mother's heart is injured, the fetal cells will rush to the site of injury and will change into cells adequate to help mend the heart. Not unlike stem cells. The baby helps repair the mother, while the mother supplies that which builds the baby.



It is for this very reason that many women who are pregnant find that certain illnesses like RA improve while pregnant. Some studies have shown that cells from a fetus can remain in a mother's brain eighteen years after she gave birth. Some researchers speculate that the extra cells may be the reason why mothers tend to out live the father of the children. Interesting isn't it, and to think there are people that want to believe there wasn't a Divine Designer behind it all.

How could anyone, in light of what has been briefly set forth deny human life begins at the point of conception? At the point of conception a woman has residing in her body the life of another human, the argument of "my body, my choice" becomes invalid. There are no "shades of gray" as some are inclined to assert with respect to the termination of a pregnancy.

Note what is seen in the twenty-first chapter of Exodus and verses twenty-two through twenty-three. *"And if men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she has a miscarriage, yet there is no further injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him; and he shall pay as the judges decide. But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life"* Of note, there is no mention of length of time that the woman may have been pregnant. Only that should the fetus die unnaturally, then it is "life for life". (wbe)

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