

SHOULD EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH BE PERMITTED?

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Stem cell research is a promising project by scientists and deserves full funding by the government instead of banning. As Professor Jeffery Hart argues, experimenting with human stem cells is likely to save many people by discovering solutions to the illnesses that cost precious lives as well as resources thus driving the economy of the state down. Stem cell research functions to safeguard life and is not equal to killing as proponents argue since the embryos used are artificial and thus lifeless since only God and not man can give life.

Every year, countries lose citizens due to health conditions such as diabetes, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's. It is thus justifiable for scientists to embrace any technique that helps address these conditions including using stem cells. God commanded humans in Matthew 5:21 not to kill.¹ Therefore, it is justifiable to safeguard life using stem cells. Scientists and medical practitioners should thus exercise their power to develop new techniques for protecting life as God commands in Proverbs 24:11-12.²

God is the creator of life which begins in the womb. It is thus wrong to refer to organisms generated in other platforms other than the womb as humans. Therefore, using stem cells in research is not equal to killing a fellow human being as opponents imply.³ If human life does not start in the womb, then it is wrong to refer to it as a living being and equals to elevating man to the status of God by implying that humans can also create life.

In conclusion, it is justifiable to use stem cells in research since it opens doors to discover cures to many illnesses that claim lives of valuable citizens daily. It is God's command not to kill

¹ *The Holy Bible, King James Version*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 2009.

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³ Lo, Bernard, and Lindsay Parham. "Ethical issues in stem cell research." *Endocrine reviews* 30, no. 3 (2009): 204-213.

a fellow human being, and it is thus the responsibility of man to save lives through any available means including using stem cells. Further, claiming the use of stem cells in research equals killing is unjustifiable because such embryos do not form in the womb where God, the giver of life, commands it should start.

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