

# Test-tube fertilization offers no moral problems, prof says

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There are few real moral or ethical problems relating to the test tube baby approach of human reproduction, Dr. H. Tristram Engelhardt told a Great Issues audience Thursday. However, he addressed himself to many moral and ethical problems raised by society.

Engelhardt, professor of medicine at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., spoke to a crowd of about 80 people.

"In vitro fertilization (performed outside the living organism) offers a future step in human self-creation, self-reproduction and self-manufacturing," he said.

The main objective of the process is to allow women to have children who otherwise could not and to allow them to carry the fetus.

Engelhardt said that several guidelines proposed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are ambiguous. "The rights of the donor have been made into a legal issue. Artificial insemination is widely practiced in Texas, so what is the difference between any rights of the sperm donor and the rights of the ovum donor? There are no spelled-out rights for the sperm donor."

Engelhardt said the following are reasons for the necessity of research in the area of in vitro fertilization:

- to develop more effective contraceptives by studying how fertilization occurs;
  - to determine particular causes for infertility by observing fertilization;
  - to deliberately cause malformations in laboratory animals by controlling variables in the embryonic fluid and studying the results of these changes;
  - to study mechanisms causing chromosome abnormalities early in development, and to examine what is normal and what is abnormal in genetics;
  - to examine the revolutionary relationship between human and nonhuman cross-fertilizations.
- Engelhardt said there is the concern of the moral and legal standing of the zygote (union of the male and female gametes). Part of that concern wonders if indeed the zygote is considered a person. He said that abortion is accepted, yet experiments on fetuses are not, even when it is known that they will abort before birth.
- There is also societal concern for possible injury to future genera-



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Dr. H. Tristram Engelhardt, professor of medicine at Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics, told a Great Issues audience Thursday there are no ethical drawbacks to the test-tube fertilization process. Engelhardt gave several reasons that research in the in vitro fertilization (that which is performed outside the mother) should continue.

tions. Who, he asked, would carry the responsibility for speech defects? But, he said this argument doesn't indict the morality of in vitro fertilization because parents are presently allowed to have offspring even when it is known that they are carriers of genetic disease.

He denied that the process involves unnatural, thus immoral, acts. "Already we have set the usual cause of nature aside, and this has been the road to a great deal of human good. Society violates natural pregnancy by contraceptives."

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Gardiner, 48 and the father of three children, does all the shopping for his family and says he can not get a bargain as keenly as any housewife.

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