# <sup>8</sup>**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 e baby approach of human reproduction, Dr. H. Tristram gelhardt told a Great Issues audience Thursday. However, he ressed himself to many moral and ethical problems raised by

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.

"Invito fertilization (performed outside the living organism) offers future step in human self-creation, self-reproduction and selfanufacturing," 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 Departnt of Health, Education and Welfare are ambiguous. "The rights of the donor have been made into a legal issue. Artificial insemination videly practiced in Texas, so what is the difference between any its of the sperm donor and the rights of the ovum donor? There no spelled-out rights for the sperm donor."

Engelhardt said the following are reasons for the necessity of reearch in the area of invitro fertilization: to develop more effective contraceptives by studying how fer-

ation occurs - to determine particular causes for infertility by observing fertili-

to deliberately cause malformations in laboratory animals by rolling variables in the embryonic fluid and studying the results of these changes;

 to study mechanisms causing chromosome abnormalities early levelopment, and to examine what is normal and what is abnormal n genetics.

- to examine the revolutionary relationship between human and human cross-fertilizations.

ingelhardt said there is the concern of the moral and legal standof the zygote (union of the male and female gametes). Part of that cern wonders if indeed the zygote is considered a person. He said t 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. Tristam 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 invitro 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 invitro 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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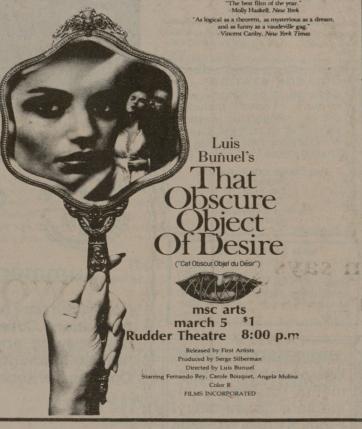
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