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Wisdom Regarding Stem Cell Research

(Psalm 51:6) "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom."

Throughout the last election season there were many political ads incorrectly painting those opposed to 'embryonic' stem cell research as being opposed to stem cell research in all its forms. In almost all cases this was simply not true. We as Christians must discern between adult stem cell research, with its exciting possibilities, and the embryonic form which takes the life of fertilized human embryos.

We must boldly assert that 'adult' stem cell research has already proven its advantages while the ethically compromised 'embryonic' form is held by many scientists to be far inferior. James Sherley, associate professor of biological engineering at MIT, notes: "Adult stem cell research is predicted to beat the pants off human therapeutic cloning [and embryonic stem cell] research when it comes to yielding significant advances in cell medicine. And adult stem cells provide better approaches. These cells that naturally function in the regeneration and repair of adult tissues pose no ethical concerns." As Sherley notes, there are no ethical problems with the use of adult stem cells because such cells can be isolated without the necessity of destroying an embryonic--or any other--human being first.

Past doubts about adult stem cells are daily proving to be mistaken. Recent studies show that many types of adult stem cells are pluripotent, meaning they can develop into different tissue types, and appear to equal the versatility of embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cell research is the scientific form Christians should promote.

ACTION STEPS

Please contact your U.S. Congressman and Senator and ask them to pursue 'adult' stem research and not the unethical 'embryonic' form. Your Congressman and Senator can be reached at: (202) 225-3121 (House Switchboard) and (202) 224-3121 (Senate Switchboard)
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