

A recent acquaintance, a medical doctor who has chosen to run for U. S. congress, presented this question to me a few days ago. Of course the subject was prompted by the recently exposed activities by Planned Parenthood.

My answer, of course, not being a doctor, was: *“When the female egg contacts the male sperm a DNA can be detected and my belief is, that’s when life begins.”* My friend said that seemed reasonable, but then he asked, *“How should I respond to news media questions regarding a pregnancy resulting from gang rape?”*

“A new spirit is created, but the soul has not developed yet.” I said, *“I understand that a difficult challenge has been presented to a potential mother and to her family.”* Then I said, *“This is not a question that should involve government intervention at any level. It is a family’s decision, but it needs to address the spiritual question, when does eternal destiny become a factor in an undeveloped created spirit?”*

My personal convictions go even further than just being sensitive to the presence of DNA. I firmly believe our Creator, in His infinite wisdom, places specific purposes in every merger of an egg and a sperm. I believe specific natural talents and inclinations to accomplish assigned missions are in each of us at conception. (Read *Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:15 and many others*) Also see: www.skipelmore.com

So, when does authentic life become a factor? When does the eternal destiny of a precious unborn fetus take place? Are those who die at an early stage of development lost? The same question might apply to those who live beyond infancy, but because of mental disability or some other handicap, are incapable of moral discernment, deliberation or violation.

This is more than a theological issue or a subject for speculation. It touches one of the more emotionally and spiritually unsettling experiences in all of creation, the gain or loss of an eternal presence with our Creator.

The view I embrace is that all who survive conception, as well as those so mentally incapacitated that they’re incapable of making an informed choice, are among the elect of our Lord and Creator, chosen for salvation before the world began. The evidence for this view is scant, but significant.

In Romans 1:20, Paul describes recipients of general revelation as being “without excuse.” They can not blame their unbelief on a lack of evidence. There is sufficient revelation of God’s existence in the natural order to establish the moral accountability of all who witness it. Might this also imply that those who are not recipients of general revelation (i. e., infants) who are therefore not yet accountable to God or subject to wrath? In other words, wouldn’t those who die at very early conception or early infancy have an “excuse” in that they neither receive general revelation nor have the capacity to respond to it? Deuteronomy 1:39 tells us that infants have no knowledge of good or evil. Is this also a clue?

Our soul and our spirit are not the same (Hebrews 4:12). Our spirit is considered to be eternal while the brain is a mortal creation, from dust to dust. So, what factor does the spirit provide in determining who we are? Answer --- Everything!!!
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