## Subject: Re: I need some good Conservative/Republican types Posted by NeoSaber on Tue, 08 Nov 2005 00:09:00 GMT

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Anything further than that is religious belief? A newly conceived zygote is a living organism with a distinct genetic code. That's biology, not religion. It's philosophy and religion that clouds the issue by saying "when does sentience begin?". Science says physical life begins at conception, religions are all over the map on where life begins.

I hold to that in part because of identical twins, triplets, etc. Despite that the zygote divided from one into two, or more, it's physical existence, its genetic identity, still began when that egg got fertilized by that sperm. Not before and not after.

When a person becomes brain dead, their body dies too as there is nothing left to tell it to keep functioning (yes, I know, unless artificial means are used to force the body to continue). Before we can detect brain activity in a fetus, its body is very much alive and growing.