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Subject: Cloning/Murder

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Quote:A scientist has achieved a world first... by cloning himself.

In a breakthrough certain to provoke an ethical furore, Samuel Wood created embryo copies of himself by placing his skin cells in a woman's egg. The embryos were the first to be made from cells taken from adult humans.

Although all were destroyed in the process, the technique is seen as a vital step in the creation of cloned embryos rich in stem cells, which are "master cells" capable of becoming any type of body tissue.

"We have people creating human beings with the intention of destroying them. That's appalling."

And the Vatican condemned the cloning of human embryos, calling it the "worst type of exploitation of the human being".

So now it has finally happened. Human cloning. Of course we are not talking about a clone grown to full term (although I'm sure that has been done in a secret lab somewhere).

Bear in mind what this guy is doing is:

- \* Fertilize an egg with his DNA and force it to divide

- \* Once it reaches 150 cells, extract stem cells from it and then destroy it

So, this brings up at least these questions with a lot of people:

1. Is this murder?
2. Is it not murder because it's only 150 cells?
3. Is it murder if you kill a clone of yourself?
4. Can a blob of 150 cells have a "soul" ?
5. Would you grow a partial clone of yourself for health reasons (organ transplants)?
6. If they could grow a mindless/souless blob of meat, a partial body that just had organs, would that be okay?

Add your own questions and tell what you think.

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