Subject: Re: Cloning/Murder

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So far (or as far as I know) cloning has only been researched for good purposes, such as to regrow body parts and such.

Personally, I don't think killing the embryo at the point it reaches 150 stem cells is any worse than picking a flower or cutting down a tree. Since the cells haven't developed into specific cells yet, I believe that killing the embryo at that point shouldn't be considered murder at all. Sure you are depriving a possible human being of its life, but at that point the human is no more than a bunch of living cells, much like a plant. If we could use those cells for a good purpose, it should at least be taken into serious consideration.

If you needed wood for a fire to keep yourself warm, would you say no to cutting down the tree because you're murdering it? No. If you needed some stem cells to grow into a heart which would become a replacement for a human who has a serious heart complication and would otherwise die...