

ABORTION

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Please read this through to the end.

I have to look at abortion as a biologist - because that is what I am. A new individual is formed when there is a new genetic code. That's just the way it is. That happens at conception. Actually, I have more trouble with trying to figure out if a cutting from a plant produces two bushes which are different individuals.

Arguments about viability are nothing more than excuses and justifications, yet they are not without merit. The problem isn't really about life: The problem is what to do about it.

Personally, I am opposed to abortion because I know one thing and believe a second. First, it is a fact that the fetus, from the point at which the egg is fertilized, is a separate and distinct organism. Second, I believe it is to be God's choice when it comes to who lives and dies. Still I don't blame or find fault with those who have sought an abortion any more than I would find fault with a person who has been taught that the speed limit can be ignored by as much as ten miles an hour.

OK, weird comparison, but the point is that many of our morals and attitudes are taught. If we are taught not to eat meat on Friday or that we must attend church weekly, these become our standards. If we are taught that cheating on a test is ok, then we will feel no remorse. In fact, I know people who believe that stealing is not a crime unless you get caught. No, seriously, I do!

Still, the problem is what to do about it.

Well, we need to recognize a couple things. We live in a Democratic Republic. Put my biological opinion aside, and we still know that religion does not run the government. Careful here. ***Religion does not run the government; People with religion or without religion run the government, and they run it collectively.***

The People will eventually sort this out by coming to agreement over the standard they choose. Right now the standard has been set by the Supreme Court. The last standard setting decision was made by that body and the only way to override that decision is when people, either through their legislators or through an amendment to the constitution advise the Court that the People have made a different choice. If the People choose not to redirect the Court, then the People have chosen to accept the standard it set.

That's just the way it is.