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met or just did; instead it promotes their most probable natural fate, which is to perish. (Of 500,000 ova present in a pair of ovaries at birth, most degenerate, about 500 or 0.1 percent are ovulated, and perhaps 5 or 0.001 percent are fertilized, of which fewer than half survive until birth.) Where gametes, parents, siblings and society have conflicts of interest, fateful decisions are influenced by moral opinions of individuals, sects or authorities. But derivation of such opinions from inappropriate terminology and incorrect and perhaps irrelevant embryological fact seems less likely to lead to wise judgment than consideration of relevant facts and predictable consequences at the social, personal and physiological as well as microanatomical level.

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### Dr. Ramsey replies:

I certainly do not want "moral pronouncements" to tide me over any mistakes of fact. Nor do I seek "a congenial way to dodge the old question whether each twin has half a soul," etc. I would neither put the question in any such fashion nor try to intervene upon the facts with a moral concept or proposal.

I suggested that, to rebut proof of the origin of the unique human individual from genotype, segmentation is as good a point as any and better than most in the continuum of life this side of resurrection. This was to say that we have a fellow human being, having claims like our own, *not earlier than* the time when it has been irreversibly settled whether there will be one, or two or more individuals launched into existence from cleavage of the genotype. Nothing in this moral judgment stands or falls by the facts, or seeks to discharge the facts. Indeed, correct information as to the facts are needed even to know how to use the proposed moral concept. I can only thank Dr. Böving for the additional information he has given me concerning twinning.

It is as if someone proposed that viability or quickening is the time after which we should count another congener to be present with us—before that pre-human fetal life—and mistook the time of viability or of quickening. This would be a significant mistake, but not one shattering to the moral concepts that were proposed.

For the rest, Dr. Böving combines

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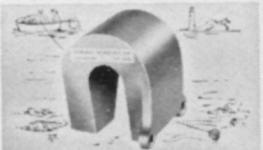


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etymology with the relevant physiology in which he is expert. The derivation of terms is, of course, often suggestive of meanings. In the present instance, this lends support to the identification of conception with implantation, with the result that "contraception" is neatly defined as any "pregnancy-preventing measures applied any time before implantation." My own suggestion was a parallel one: that contraception be defined as any pregnancy-preventing measures applied any time before segmentation would occur; abortion or the destruction of a human life (justifiably or not) as any pregnancy-preventing or interrupting measures applied after such time. These are inherently different pairs of concepts; and Dr. Böving instructs me that they are not as nearly coincident in time as I had thought.

There can be no objection to Dr. Böving's etymological convention and certainly none to his physiology—provided it is first established that there is no other context than the one in which by our statements we are attempting to say something about the woman. There may also be contexts in which our discourse should undertake to predicate something about the unborn or germinating life. I suggest that segmentation is a proper characterization of the germinating life, while implantation is a proper characterization of a time in the life of the woman.

One can, if he wishes, subscribe to only one of these universes of discourse. He can, if he wishes, always and for every purpose distinguish contraception from abortion by statements that say something about developments in the course of the woman's life. In the case of either convention it holds true, of course, that whether contraception or abortion is a proper procedure is another question. Still the question of how abortion is to be characterized as an act done to the unborn life cannot even be raised by means of statements arising solely from apt descriptions of something in the course of the woman's life. One way to avoid letting that question be raised is by the meta-ethical decision or by an etymological decision that we shall mean by the terms we use only to make statements concerning a state of affairs in the woman's life. Then that other possible patient of medical care comes not decisively into view.

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