

Ban: President Bush Wednesday asked the Senate to approve a total ban on human cloning that would outlaw the duplication of human beings and of cells that could be used for research and treatment of diseases.

Bush is right on clone ban

It is shocking that rational people seriously would consider using human life in medical research. All people everywhere should be appalled by these "Frankenstein" experiments using human beings.

There is no benefit that can rationalize or justify the sacrificing of human life. President Bush is right in committing to a total ban on all human cloning.

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There's room for debate

Aren't there two parts to the discussion of stem-cell research?

One is cloning human embryos and the other is using frozen embryos that are volunteered by donors and that would eventually be destroyed.

It seems like most people assume that if one wants to ban human cloning then one must also eliminate both of the above.

I think all three are separable issues.

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* Cloning is 'culture of death'

President Bush should be commended for calling for a ban on the intrinsic evil of human cloning ("Bush:

No human cloning," News, Thursday).

Proponents of cloning say they support it only for "therapeutic" reasons, meaning that stem cells can be harvested from embryos, thus giving researchers the possibility to develop a cure for certain diseases.

But they fail to realize the fundamental moral principle, rooted in the natural and divine law, that one cannot commit an evil so that good might come from it.

In this case, the evil is the cloning itself and the subsequent harvesting of the stem cells, which causes the death of the living human embryo. The good, of course, is the intention of developing a cure for fatal diseases.

Sadly, human cloning is just one of a multitude of wrongs that some people consider to be morally neutral or even good. And in order to fully protect the common good, our leaders in government must adhere to the moral law by outlawing the evils of abortion, contraception, euthanasia, assisted-suicide, pornography, embryonic stem cell research, unnatural sexual activity, and in-vitro fertilization.

Otherwise, the culture of death will continue to plague our world.

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