

Abstract

Title: The Human Embryo in the Perspective of Reproductive Medicine. Since when one begins to be a human person?

In this work, we take into account the issues, which in most cases lead many people to resort to the reproductive medicine, which generally is referred to as the infertility problems. But in some techniques, the reproductive medicine loses up to 80% of human embryos. In the minds of many people, the human embryo is seen only as a cluster of cells. However, is it really just a cluster of cells, or is it already a person at an early stage of development? As far as one is already man, is he now also the human being, of whom are in our Western culture related rights, especially the right to life? Could we then say with a clear conscience that with these techniques we are acting ethically?

We dividend our work into six chapters. In the first and second chapter, we will be briefly acquainted with the issues of infertility, of the reproductive medicine techniques, with the development of the human embryo and with handling of the embryos in the course of these techniques. In the third charter, we will present the two major ethical models in our cultural area that have a different point of view on the status of the human embryo. In the fourth chapter, we will look at how to the question of the biginning of human life and of the reproductive medicine are accessing some other cultures. In the fifth chapter, we deal with the question of the human person. In the sixth chapter, we examine whether the human embryo can already be seen not only as a human being but also as a person with the rights, which to the person belongs. In the case of an embryo, it is connected with the right to life.