



HUMAN?



Seamus: 4 days after birth



Nicholas: 3 months after birth

Harald: 2 weeks after birth, born 12 weeks premature



unborn baby: 20 weeks after conception



unborn baby: 8 weeks after conception





HOW DO THESE BABIES DIFFER?

SIZE: The babies vary in size depending upon their age and genetic endowment. Nicholas is larger than Seamus and much larger than the unborn baby who has lived 8 weeks in the womb. ***All of us began as a tiny fertilized human egg cell.***

LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT: Nicholas, 3 months after birth, is more developed physically and mentally than the unborn baby at 20 weeks. But he is less developed than a teenager or an adult. ***Is he less human?***

ENVIRONMENT: Harald left his mother's womb prematurely at 26 weeks after conception. ***Was he more human a minute after birth than a minute before birth?***

DEGREE OF DEPENDENCY: The unborn babies depend entirely on their mothers. Does that make them less human than Harald, Seamus and Nicholas? ***May we kill those dependent on us?***

SAFETY: Seamus, Nicholas and Harald are protected by law. ***The unborn babies have no legal protection.***

WHAT DO THESE BABIES HAVE IN COMMON?

They all have mothers and fathers. Medical science tells us that each began at conception already whole and distinct and already growing toward adulthood. ***All are members of the human family.***

THINK ABOUT IT!

The differences between these babies are not a standard for determining humanity. As the unborn and born babies are all human, it is wrong to choose to kill any of them by abortion. ***It is our duty to defend and care for innocent unborn children.***

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