

# WHY I AM A PERSON



**Medical Science** details how animals and every living creature are reproduced. The distinguishing features of each species are determined by the **DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)** also known as the "blueprint".

Human **DNA** consists of about three (3) billion bases, and more than ninety-nine (99) percent of those bases are the same in all people. Once a sperm fertilizes an ova (egg cell), the result is a cell called the zygote, which possesses half the **DNA** of each of its two parents. **DNA** is organized into long structures called chromosomes. *[The human complement of forty-six (46) diploid chromosome counts is formed by each parent contributing twenty-three (23) chromosomes.]* The zygote will begin to divide to produce a multicellular organism. The result of this process is an embryo.

The Carnegie Institute<sup>2</sup> founded in 1902 has chronologic pictures of human embryo development from fertilization to the entire nine-month cycle ending in the birth of the human child. The pictures speak for themselves. *If a human being is not a person from the beginning of its existence then when does it become one?*

One does not have to be a medical doctor to know once a human female gets pregnant, given appropriate time, she delivers another human being "after her own kind". Government does not determine who is a human being nor who is a person.

The woman's body is designed to carry a baby inside it to provide nourishment and protection during the formative period until birth. The baby's body begins when the male sperm and the female ova (egg) unite forming a distinct **DNA** with a different genetic composition than either the mother or the father. This new person is unique meaning there has never been or ever will be another person like them. I am a human being therefore **I am a person**.

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