

IN THIS ISSUE

We will examine the way in which the reproductive revolution is leading to the breakdown of essential social structures and towards social control. The opinions of some of the architects of the culture of death are considered.

Dr Theresa A Deisher distinguishes between ethical adult stem cell therapy and unethical embryonic stem cell therapy.

Dr David Evans puts forward the case against brain stem death. While this remains a really important area of debate, it is to be noted that the Church has made no definitive statements about this issue.

LEGISLATION ON MARRIAGE

We urge all readers to express their views on a petition which is being conducted on the internet nationally. It comes from the Coalition for Marriage and has already been signed by many MP's and the former Archbishop of Canterbury.

It states 'I support the legal definition of marriage, which is the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. I oppose any attempt to redefine it' you are invited to give your name address and Email number The latest count of supporters is 412,000 and growing daily.

It can be found on www.c4m.org.uk. You can also respond to the consultation at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/equal-civil-marriage/consultation-document?view=Binary>

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