

“Let’s start at the very beginning, a very good place to start. When you read you begin with A-B-C. When you sing you begin with Do-Re-Mi...” – Julie Andrews as Maria von Trapp in Sound of Music

Everyone has a beginning. The question is when does life begin, when does a person become a person? As the song goes, the beginning is a good place to start. Life begins at conception during a process known as fertilization. Before this moment, there are only two people, a man and a woman, each with their own unique genetic code. At conception, a new life has begun. Although the mother and her child are joined together, and the child depends on her, they remain two separate people. The baby will continue to develop and one day reach its full potential.

Only a few days after conception, the unborn baby is the size of a poppy seed. The circulatory system begins to form, and the heart will start to flicker. Next, the unborn baby will develop a nose, mouth, ears, intestines, and a brain. Before the mother knows she is pregnant, her unborn child is bigger than a kidney bean with a beating heart, brain waves, and nerve cells. By ten weeks the most important development will be complete.

Abortion advocates like to claim that the unborn baby is just a blob of tissue. This is an attempt to dehumanize it. But the pro-life generation knows better. This baby is not a thing that can be removed or exterminated. It is living. Its life has already begun. As a living person, it should not be confused with an unwanted guest like a flea on a dog or lice on a preschooler. While the flea and lice are living, they are not human. As a human, the unborn baby should be afforded the same basic human rights as the born. The most important right is the right to life.

According to “The Scientific Consensus on When a Human’s Life Begins,” 96% of Biologists surveyed supported the fertilization view – that human life begins at fertilization. At this point, the unborn baby will have either a Y or X chromosome. This means at the beginning of its life a baby is either a boy or a girl. We are obligated to share this information with the world so others can make the right choice, so others can have not only a beginning, but a middle and natural end.

Everyone has a beginning, a moment in time their life began. People start new things all the time. Whether you are starting school, getting married, or having your first child, there is a clear beginning to the student, spouse, and parent. Chocolate milk becomes chocolate milk after chocolate syrup is mixed with milk. The President officially became President when he was sworn in. A graduate becomes a graduate upon graduation. If you want to know when a person becomes a person, well, the beginning is a good place to start.