

Creation of mankind

The sixth question of Fatwa no. 2612

Q 6: Do we understand from breathing the soul into the fetus after four months, that the zygote formed by the union of the male sperm and the female ovum, from which the embryo develops, is without a soul, or what?

A: For each, the sperm and the ovum, is a form of life that suits it. If they are not damaged, they will be prepared to unite with each other, with the Permission and Predestination of Allah. When this happens an embryo is formed, if Allah wills. The embryo will also have a life of its own, which suits it, during which it grows and develops through the known stages.

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When the soul is breathed into it, the embryo will start another life, with the Permission of Allah, the Most Kind, the All-Aware. No matter how much effort mankind exert, even if they are highly skilled physicians, they will never be able to learn all the secrets of pregnancy, its causes, or stages. They will only be able to learn some of its symptoms and conditions within the limits of the knowledge given to them, and through examination and experimentation. Allah (Exalted be He) says (what means): (Allâh knows what every female bears, and by how much the wombs fall short (of their time or number) or exceed. Everything with Him is in (due) proportion.) (All-Knower of the Unseen and the seen, the Most Great, the Most High.) Allah also says: (Verily Allâh, with Him (Alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs.)

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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