

Human Genetic Engineering – A Blessing?

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Single mother of a child suffering from Fanconi anemia – would definitely go the same way as the Nashes, but cannot afford the treatment.

(Daughter needs embryonic stem cells!)

- I would do everything to save the life of my daughter. – Every mother would try to go this way.
- People who are not in such a situation may not understand the decision unless they are in such a situation.
- Safest way for daughter to be healthy again.
- Not a high failure rate (90 % chance of success).
- Survival rate jumps to 85 %. 31 % (alternative adult stem cells) are too less.
- With a sibling, it is 'easier' to survive – more power / double effect. – Daughter also gets new courage to face life (Lebensmut).
- The other 'new' child is also a planned child who will be loved as well.
- Playing God? – Yes, creating a new human life AND saving a life of a young girl.
- When someone has sex, a lot of sperms also die and just one survives and is able to a new life. – Same happens with new method which is necessary for daughter to survive.
- Money problem: try to sell house, car, jewellery, etc. to get the money; try to get money from family members.
- If somebody is able to donate money: Feel free to do so!

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