

Planting Seeds...

Jesus told the parable of the farmer who went out to sow seeds. Some seeds fell on rocky ground and they didn't produce fruit.

Today, if someone spreads grass seed and some falls on the sidewalk, they are obviously not going to implant. That's just common sense.

Similarly, if the uterus lacks the thickness and nutrients to promote life, then implantation is less likely to occur.

"A discerning [person] keeps wisdom in view..."
- Proverbs 17:24

Truth...

There are certain things we just want to believe are true. However, that doesn't make them true.

There are others things we don't want to believe, but that doesn't make them false.⁷ We encourage you to build your life on truth, not on the counsel of those who want to believe something that isn't true.

The Scriptures teach "...if you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it?..." Proverbs 24:11-12

Sources:

⁶In Vitro Fertilization Studies 5mm Figure, A. Glissant, J. de Mouzon, and R. Frydman, "Ultrasound Study of the Endometrium During In Vitro Fertilization Cycles." *Fertil.Steril.* 44 (1985):786-90

⁷ Adapted from *Does the Birth Control Pill Cause Abortions?* By Randy Alcom, 8th Edition, revised 2007, Eternal Perspective Ministries, www.epm.org

Notes: a) For further study, see www.28DaysOnThePill.com

b) Watch video online: <http://vimeo.com/12090300>



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Do Birth Control Pills Cause **ABORTIONS?**



Be informed before you consent to using the pill. Your values are important. Weigh the risks and consider alternatives. Evaluate what your doctor believes compared to what you believe. Look at the medical evidence.

Since the 1980's all birth control pills are "low dose," because the high dose pills' side effects included heart attack and stroke.

Sources:

¹ Danforth's Obstetrics and Gynecology, 7th Edition, (Philadelphia, J.P. Lippincott Co. 1994), 626.

² The Physician's Desk Reference, 2009 Edition

³ Planned Parenthood.

⁴ The Physician's Desk Reference, 2009 Edition

⁵ Drs. W. Larimore and J. Stanford, "Post-fertilization Effects of Oral Contraceptives and Their Relationship to Informed Consent," *Archives of Family Medicine*, 2000:9:133, <http://archfami.ama.assn.org/org/issues/v9n2/rfull/fac9006.html>

How All Birth Control Pills Work

Do you know how today's birth control pills work?

All birth control pills available in the United States have three mechanisms^{1,2}:

- 1) The pill inhibits ovulation (i.e., reducing the likelihood of a woman producing an egg [ova].
- 2) The pill thickens cervical mucus. This makes it more difficult for sperm to travel through the cervix and into the uterus to reach an egg.
- 3) The pill changes the lining of the uterus. This makes it more difficult for a newly conceived human being to implant in the uterus.

The pill is **designed** so that when the first two mechanisms fail, the third mechanism decreases the likelihood of implantation. When the fetus does not implant, the little fetus is expelled. In other words, the newly created person is aborted.

If all three mechanisms fail, the result is pregnancy (statistically 8 out of every 100 women on the pill become pregnant³).

The Evidence

For many reasons, a person might question whether an abortion can be caused by the pill. In fact, ironically, those in favor of abortion often accept the fact that the three mechanisms as stated are true.

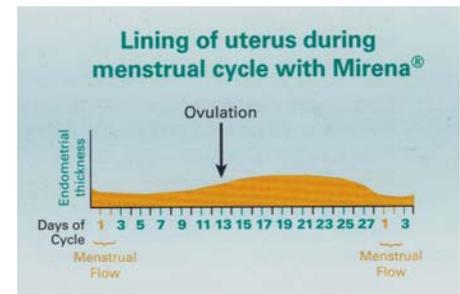
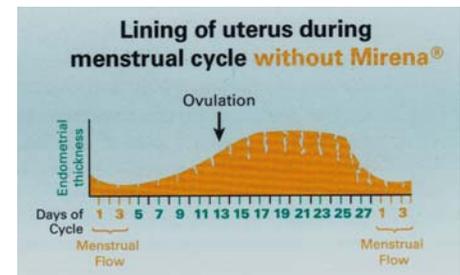
Documented information about the pill can be found in the *Physician's Desk Reference* (PDR)⁴ which is the drug manual used in the United States by medical personnel. The information in the PDR is provided by the drug manufacturers themselves.

For example, the entry in the PDR for the Ortho-Cept 21 pill, states, that it causes ***"changes in the endometrium which reduces the likelihood of implantation."*** (The endometrium is the lining of the uterus.) An informed person can look up the pill that they are using, and read the evidence.

Specifically, studies confirm that when a person is **on the pill**, the lining of the uterus is 1.1mm thick, as compared to 5mm-13mm thick for a person **not** on the pill during ovulation.^{5, 6}

Below is a visual comparison of the difference. The first diagram shows the normal thickness during ovulation.

The second diagram shows the thickness of the uterus when levonorgestrel is used. Levonorgestrel is a common artificial hormone used by pill manufacturers.



Which environment looks more receptive to the implantation of a newly created human being?