

ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION

Organ donation and transplantation is becoming more and more commonplace in our local hospitals. The issue that we must address is whether it is permissible in Scripture for an individual to have human tissue from another person transplanted into his body. Again availability of such treatment does not necessarily prove morality. However, there appears to be no conflict theologically. We read in Genesis 2:22 “And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.” Eve was made completely from tissue derived from another person. (with a different soul.)

Furthermore in the book of Galatians chapter 4 v 15, the Apostle commends the believers in Galatia for their love toward him, saying, “I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.” At that point in history such an operation was not possible, nor is it today, but the principle must be, Paul, under inspiration of the Holy Ghost, would not have commended such an action if it had been contrary to plan and purposes of God. Blood transfusion, which is also accurately described as, blood transplantation, has been accepted for many years, as is kidney, heart and lung transplantation.