

Let's look at some of the philosophical differences to better understand why conflict results.

#### Birth Machine Rules

- Birth is inherently dangerous
- Pain and trauma can be overcome with drugs
- Birth is the doctor's business
- The husband coaches her with behavioral controlling techniques
- The baby is the doctor's reward for his work
- Birth is a mechanical process
- Birth is controlled by the doctor
  
- Birth should occur on a set timetable
- The doctor delivers the baby

#### Natural Childbirth

- Birth is inherently trustworthy
- Pain and trauma can be overcome with supportive people
- Birth is a woman's business
- Her attendant gives her emotional support
- The baby is the mother's reward for her work
- Birth is a natural process
- Birth is a process that controls itself
- Birth ebbs and flows
  
- The mother births the baby

