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I trust that the information in this presentation will be helpful in your study of creation science. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of Origins... you're making the television production of this program possible.



-Norma Bixler



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What should a Christian's response be to this and other genetic engineering issues?



Gallery of Horrors

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- Advanced Cell Technology reported in May 1998 they had created a “transgenic” cow-human hybrid embryo.
- A year later, Japanese researchers reported that they had created 27 of these cow-human embryos.
- In 2001 the New Zealand Herald reported the first cloned human-pig embryo.

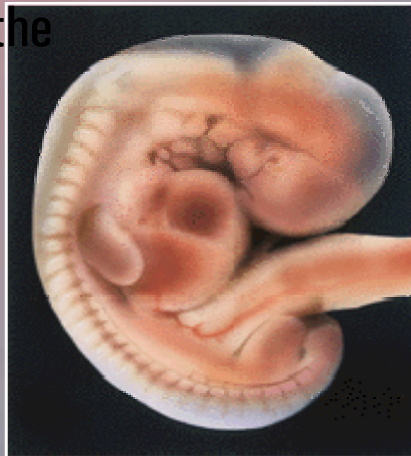


Down The Slippery Slope

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- The saddest report came out of a Virginia lab that reported that they had specifically created human embryos in their lab, for the sole purpose of destroying them in order to harvest the stem cells inside.

*So now we are creating life
for the sole purpose of
destroying it.*



Does the Bible Contain the Answer?

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- YES! The Bible is an eternally applicable source of Truth to which we may always turn. The question is will we actually dissect and probe God's Word in order to discern our responsibility?
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Dolly Changed Everything!

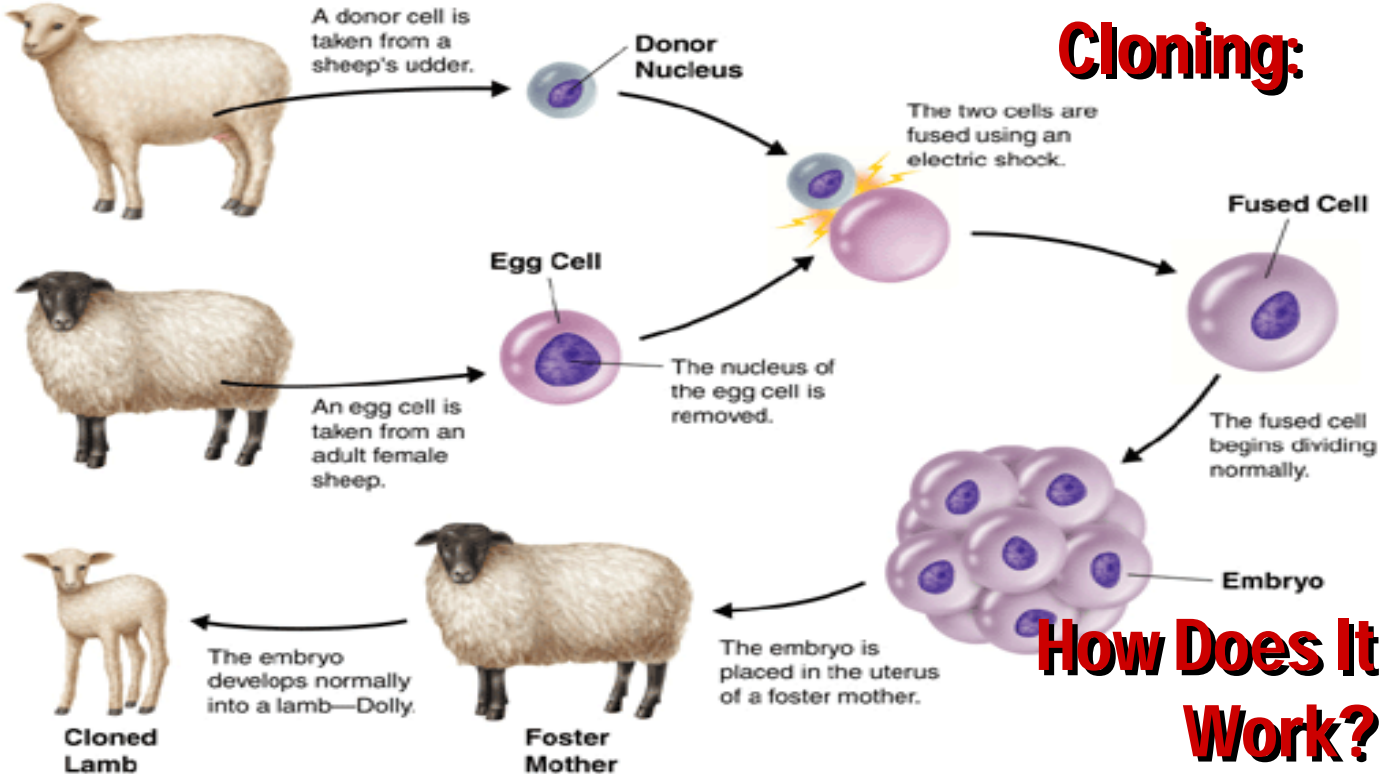
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Ian Wilmut had done the unthinkable.

In 1997 he succeeded in cloning a mammal from an adult cell.



Cloning:



So What Have We Cloned?

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- Sheep 1997
- Mice 1998
- Cattle 1998
- Goats 1999
- Monkeys 2000
- Pigs 2000
- Cats 2002
- Rabbits 2002
- Horses 2003
- Deer 2003
- Mule 2003



What do you get with a human clone?

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- An exact genetic duplicate. Not an exact duplicate! We are more than just a bag of genes.



Should We Do This?

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- 1 Timothy 5:14 states: “I desire, said Paul, that young women marry, bear children and guide the house.” What is the divine order laid down there?
- With cloning you don't need marriage. You don't even need a husband. Cloning goes against God's divinely laid down plan for the family.



Consider What Cloning Allows

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- Homosexual couples could bear children
- Single adults could bear children
- A surrogate parent is needed in most cases to carry the clone to term
- Parents could start selecting traits for their children
- How many mutated children would result?



Tinkering With God's Divine Plan

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- Genesis 16 Abraham & Sarah

God told Sarah "You're going to have a child in your old age." And Sarah laughed. Instead of heeding God's plan, she told Abraham, "You take Hagar and lie with her in order to get the child you want."

- Do you remember what happened to Ishmael? (Genesis 21:14)



How Many Must Die?

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How many humans will die in an effort to produce just one clone?

| Animal | Number of embryos needed to produce one clone |
|---------------|---|
| Sheep | 277 |
| Mouse | 942 |
| Cattle | 10 |
| Goat | 112 |
| Rhesus Monkey | 107 |
| Pig | 110 |
| Cat | 87 |
| Rabbit | 1084 |
| Human | ??? |



What's The Next Question?

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- Would the clone have a soul?
- James 2:26 "the body apart from the spirit (pneuma) is dead." Thus, a body that is living, already has the spirit present.

Therefore we can conclude that if God permits a clone to be delivered, that He will have instilled a soul in it.



Still Endowed By a Creator?

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- Our country declared its independence with these words: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are **created** equal, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
- Do we live in a country that has forgotten God?

Deuteronomy 8:10-14

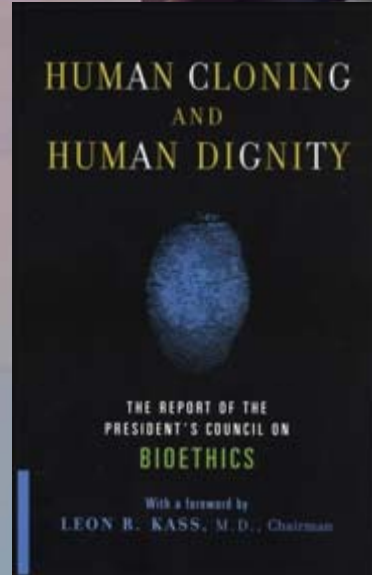


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Embryos Receive a New Definition & Classification

“The Council holds unanimously that cloning-to-reproduce-children is unethical, ought not to be attempted, and should be indefinitely banned by federal law, regardless of who performs the act or whether federal funds are involved.... We hold that the case for treating the early-stage embryo as simply the moral equivalent of all other human cells is simply mistaken” (p. LIV).



We Must Remember ...

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- Genesis 1:26-27 informs us that we were made in the image and likeness of God—the Giver of life as He is described in Acts 17:28.
- We must keep in the forefronts of our minds that if we continue to allow human life to be devalued, we are in essence, reducing the value of God's gift of His only begotten Son.





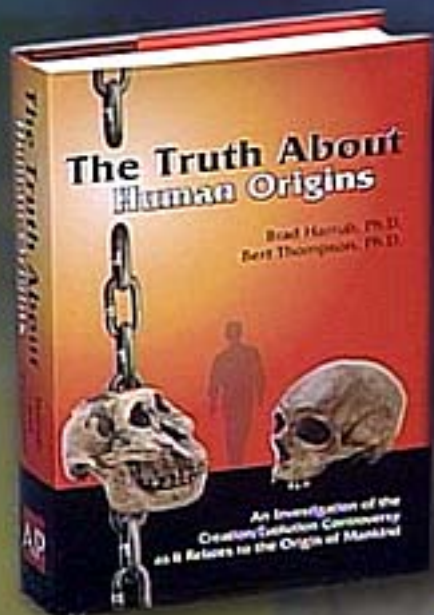
Monarch Butterfly

Miraculous Metamorphosis!

The Monarch butterfly has some amazing abilities that any designer would be proud of! As a caterpillar, it increases its weight 2,700% in 20 days, ingesting only one type of plant, the milkweed, which is poisonous to other animals.

The female butterfly can smell a male butterfly up to 2 miles away. It navigates alone to a never before-seen location over 2,000 miles away.

Random chance processes explaining this unusual creature is beyond the realm of reason.



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