

The Christian View of Cloning

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duplicate of a certain creature using Cloning is the ability to produce an exact creature of the same species to produce one of its cells and the ovum of another the womb of a surrogate mother an "embryo". This is then implanted into .resulting in a "clone", or an exact replica
lamb, Dolly, produced by The details of the procedure are as follows, using the :scientists as an illustration
.A cell was taken from the ribs of a Finnish sheep
a copy of all the genes that pass down all the traits and This cell bears Finnish sheep to its offspring. This cell is scientifically characteristics of the .treated
cell multiplies producing other cells that are similar to it. This process This .then halted temporarily is
An ovum is taken from the Scottish sheep
.is kept alive in a solution and is scientifically treated The ovum
.this ovum is removed The nucleus of
with the ovum. The ovum An electrical jolt is used to get the cell to unite acquires all the (from which the nucleus has been extracted) thus
taken. It inherited characteristics of the mammal from which the cell was .sheep then produces an offspring that has all the traits of the Finnish
.This cell grows and multiplies
.surrogate mother It is implanted in the womb of a
characteristics of the Finnish The ewe gives birth to a lamb bearing all the .sheep

Second: Is it Possible to Clone Humans?

research in this It is theoretically and scientifically possible to clone humans and as we read of in area has actually begun. Instead of being science fiction such about a millionaire who or in the Ruffin's novel Brave New World, Huxley's book The Children of or in the film Image In His wants his son to be his clone entitled clones of Hitler, the world is now endeavoring to which tells of multiple Brazil reality. We don't know whether these efforts will make this science fiction a .ready for anything succeed but we have to be

Third: What is Problem We Anticipate?

Some people imagine that the success of science in producing human clones casts doubt on the existence of the Creator, and this alarms some religious leader. The truth is that science explores the finite and of the contrast to religion which is concerned with ---- in addition to tangible in temporal matters ---- theological and doctrinal matters which material and That is, what is beyond nature, beyond time, and .**metaphysical** we call **There is no contradiction between religion and sound** .death beyond .**science**
attempts to As science .**On the contrary, sound science confirms faith** discover the laws of the universe and of nature, man and inherited characteristics, it realizes that behind all this is a great Creator, the Architect of the universe, the Giver of life, and so bows down in awe. As *I was* " :said when he discovered the natural laws of the universe Newton

"disporting himself on the shore of an immense ffb ocean like a child more I learn about the universe, the more said:" The Einstein also There are many secrets of life and existence that we are "ignorant I feel .discovering gradually of the universe All that scientists can do is to submit absolutely to the laws and to follow them in awe in order to discover more new laws and phenomena. Thus, when they learned about the laws governing the gravitation, speed, and time, they were able to go to the moon. ,planets have to invent new laws or to challenge the existent laws. They did not astronauts went on the spaceship "Challenger", there was When the seven to its exploding, burning and destroying all its a small defect that led did not adhere to the laws of the universe passengers. That was because it .Architect which have been put by the Great reactions, its Above all, no matter how much we learn about the cell, its Life emanates .we cannot "create" a live cell ,divisions, its attributes live and move and in Whom we" Jn. 1:4), and) "in Whom is life" from God existence, the Giver of being" Acts 17: 28). God is the origin of have our .life and its Creator :which might succeed raise many issues These attempts to clone humans **Can these efforts really succeed in producing an exact a human being using one of his cells with an ovum replica of been removed without the need from which the nucleus has ?for a sperm result in a defective human or one Is this "clone" going to ?who is prone to rapid aging this not a way of doing away with reproduction? There Is it will be enough to take ;will be no need for a man .bank "reproductive seeds" from him and preserve them in a What about the personality of this cloned human? Will he resemble the person he was cloned from physically only, different intellectual and religious and will he then take ?paths this case? There will be no need for What about the family in preserved cell, an ovum one for it will be enough to have a ,and a borrowed womb to produce a child without father !mother, or family It will be .There will certainly be confusion in relationships possible for a woman to ask for the clone of her dead implanted into her womb or that of a borrowed mother to be .or hired womb about the instincts of a mother, of a father, in such What /cases about the natural balance between genders. States What males than females, or vice- might prefer to produce more .versa mother's traits, whereas we The child will possess only his sanctified are accustomed to the child being the fruit of a marriage between a man and a woman, both of whom pass .characteristics to their child on their**

Fourth: Does Cloning Have Possible Advantages?

With respect to humans, scientists might be able to treat diseases by producing animal cells that can be of use to man, or by producing organs .valves or

cattle, With respect to animals, scientists might produce better species of for instance, that might have milk that has a high protein content which would be good for children. Cloning could be used to produce a unique meat, of milk products, of wool, or it could be used to propagate kind of .species endangered
resist As for plants, scientists might be able to produce types that can .drought, salt, and pests

:Conclusion

cloning a human A Korean professor has stated that scientists might succeed in started to clone a within ten years. Some American scientists in Oregon have .monkey, which is a mammal
make it the We are now waiting to see what man will do with knowledge. Will he means of human growth and development or will he make it a means of ?destruction and distortion
to bear the God has created man to be free; it is up to him to make a choice and for his good consequences of this choice. He has granted him a brain to be used .but if he misuses it, it could result in evil and devastation
to industrial The discovery of nuclear energy helped produce electricity which led Nobel !development, but man misused it to destroy Hiroshima and Nagasaki
destroy discovered dynamite to be used in road construction, but man used it to himself. The Internet also was intended for the dissemination of useful !information, but man abused it and placed harmful films on it
watch out and see what you are doing to yourself and to others! ,O Man .serve mankind, not destroy it Science must

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