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علمى وتحقيق مجلّه فقداسلاي

In the final analysis, people are free to do whatever they want. It is God Himself who created them capable to access good or evil. A day will come when everyone will be accountable before Him. Cloning has been fortold in the Koran with a warning not to confuse it with creation. "... Or assign they unto God partners who created the like of His creation so that the creation (which they made and His creation) seemed alike to them? Say: God is the Creator of all things and He is the One, the Almighty."

ALWAYS VALUE THESE THREE THINGS:

- I. Naseehat: Good Advice.
- 2. Ehsaan: Good deeds done to others.
- 3. Death: Remembering it at all times.

ALWAYS LOOK AFTER THESE THREE THINGS:

- I. Your Parents.
- 2. Your Teacher.
- 3. The Laws of the Almighty (to obey them).

ALWAYS BELIEVE IN THESE THREE THINGS:

- 1. Almighty Allah,
- 2. His Prophet (Sallallahu. Alayhi. Wasallam).
- 3. The day of judgment and resurrection (Qiyaamat and Akhirah).

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Roman Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales echoed similar sentiments by stating that "every person has a right to have two biological parent."

One can never think of any ethical justification for human cloning. If used for the purpose of genetic screening, zygotes of a particular gender could be eliminated without the "inconvenience" of abortion. It is conceivable that some radical groups may initiate programs to breed super warriors or perhaps individuals with sub-normal intelligence and exceptional physical strength to exploit them in hard labour. Clones may be "farmed" to provide spare body parts for the parent clone. Beside being unethical, this venue poses serious legal concerns. The clone who is a complete human being may not be willing to act as a donor.

God created humans from a body and a soul. The claim that cloned humans may be born without souls is not a valid one. Cloned or not, a human being is the creation of God. As such, every human being must have a soul. The confusion that exits in many people's minds is the mixing between creating and cloning. When Dr. Ian Wilmut succeeded in cloning Dolly, he was referred to as the "creator." A reputable magazine reported under the heading "Man Creates Life": "Not since God took Adam's rib and fashioned a helpmate for him has anything so fantastic occurred."

Cloning is not creation. It is an attempt at making a duplicate copy of the original created being. Even the methods used in propagating a clone are copied from the sole creator of all things, the Almighty God. Neither Wilmut nor any other brilliant scientist can create life. A soul can never be cloned because no one knows its nature other than God. "They will ask you concerning the soul. Say: The soul comes by command of my Lord, and of knowledge you have been granted but little." Koran 17:85

Those who claim that humans can create life should start from scratch. The magnificence of God's creation is not only in the final product but in the starting cells. To that effect one reads in the Koran: "We created you. If only you would believe. Have you seen that which you emit? Do you create it or is it Us who are the Creator." 56: 57-59

Human cloning, if and when it will happen, should never be a source of insecurity for those who believe in God as the sole Creator of all things. It is clear that human cloning is a repugnant violation of scores of divine institutions, not the least of which is the family institution as we all know it. However, cloning is not the only such violation. A baby born out of wedlock, is an innocent human being. But the act that brought it to this world is a violation of the divine will.

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Cloning Is Not Creating New Life

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The year is 2020. You open your morning newspaper and you come across this news item: "A wealthy couple who no longer can bear children, successfully cloned their only child who was about to be taken off life support." In another section of the newspaper, or say newsdisc because papers may become obsolete by then, you read: "Scientists have cloned millions of transgenic cows possessing human genes. Their hearts, livers and kidneys are to be used as organ transplants in humans." So far you may be emotionally neutral until you come across the following: "Intelligence agencies are investigating reports of a cloning camp for super warriors", "Males may become endangered: Lesbians could elect to have a child by adult DNA cloning rather than by artificial insemination."

Cloning is quickly becoming a hot topic both in academic circles and among lay people. Since the birth of the cloned sheep Dolly in 1997 and the tens of successful cloning reports, people have been asking questions: "Is cloning moral?" "Do clones have souls?" "Is it a violation of God's will?"

Before answering these questions, it should be clarified that cloning is a generic term that refers to a wide range of scientific research. Some of this research is moral and seems to have a number of potentially positive results. Through certain types of cloning experiments farmers could possibly produce superb crops and could enhance the production of farm animals. Cloning of transgenic animals can help produce human hormones or proteins in the milk of such animals: These materials can be separated from the milk and used to heal humans.

On the other hand, human adult and embryo cloning will, in my opinion, have adverse effects on humanity. Individuals as well as groups are justified in expressing concerns about its morality. In a recent poll conducted by CNN, 89% of American adults felt that cloning humans was morally unacceptable. Richard Nicholson of the British Bulletin of Medical Ethics said that cloning research may well be "sowing the seeds of our destruction."

The governments of some countries, like Britain for example, have banned human cloning. The Church of Scotland passed a motion in 1997 reaffirming its "belief in the basic dignity and uniqueness of each human being under God." A powerful statement was recently made by the Supreme Council of Islamic Jurisprudence in Saudi Arabia declaring cloning of human beings as a prohibited act of evil. The

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