Bible nowhere tells us precisely what the image of God is; but the image clearly is not a body. In fact, our desire to stem the tide toward "anything goes" will fail. In the case of biotechnology, we face a form of reductionism of humans that is somewhat similar to the "body beautiful" movement, our desire to stem the tide toward "anything goes" will fail. In the case of biotechnology, we face a form of reductionism of humans that is somewhat similar to the "body beautiful" movement.

First, we must educate lay persons, as well as professionals. Unless we form a grass-roots movement, our desire to stem the tide toward "anything goes" will fail. In the case of biotechnology, we face a form of reductionism of humans that is somewhat similar to the "body beautiful" movement.

News From The Field
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First "Internet Sperm Bank Baby" Born
The Washington Post (11/29/98) has announced the birth of the world's first baby conceived with sperm from an Internet sperm bank. The sperm was sent from the U.S. to the U.K. for injection into the womb of a couple from the Netherlands. When the baby was born, the couple were notified by phone. The baby is of normal birth weight and length. The couple had to wait a year after the baby's birth to be notified by phone. The couple had to wait a year after the baby's birth to be notified by phone.

Although the family is in foster care, the wi-fi company will not pay for the couple's legal fees. The couple had to wait a year after the baby's birth to be notified by phone. The couple had to wait a year after the baby's birth to be notified by phone.

Richmond is one of the oldest of a growing number of sperm banks that are being set up throughout the world. The sperm bank is part of a larger organization, the Human Reproductive Management Association (HRMA), which is dedicated to improving the quality of life for infertile couples. The sperm bank operates on a for-profit basis, with patients paying a fee to have their sperm frozen.

Zhen Sheng of Shanghai Second Medical University has published a paper in the journal Human Reproductive Management. The paper describes the use of a new sperm banking technique, which involves freezing sperm at a very low temperature. The sperm bank uses this technique to store sperm for later use, as well as to allow patients to donate sperm anonymously.

Regardless of the source of the sperm and its relationship to the body, each human being is unique and possesses innate human dignity. It is wrong to create a human being according to our liking to tamper with the tree of life indefinitely. A company called Alcove specializes in deep-freezing humans at death for possible revival in the future. The assumption is that human life is too precious to be wasted by simply allowing it to end. However, Scripture teaches that there is more to human life than simply seeking to prolong it by whatever means possible. As Christians, we must challenge the notion that "longer equals better," since it is not clear that the longevity should be pursued regardless of the costs involved.

In speaking to biotech issues, Christians must also challenge the notion that whatever can be done should be done, as well as the notion that scientific breakthroughs will always be good and never for evil.

Implications for the Family
God intended that children result from intimate sexual union and be rearred by both father and a mother. As genetic and reproductive technologies progress, children will increasingly be produced according to the skills of biologists and the personal whims and desires of whoever might wish to become parents.

Children conceived in petri dishes and born with the help of artificial insemination, surrogacy, or other techniques often face formidable obstacles in developing a sense of identity, and children who are cloned might face even greater struggles.

As Dr. Leon Kass has eloquently asked, "The family is rapidly becoming the only institution of human life." Thankfully, the gospel of Jesus Christ contains the answer to the question of the family's destruction." Morality will collapse into biolo-

Where Do We Go From Here?
Someone has said that the storm of cloning, eugenics, and human manipulation will be just the beginning. The issues of human cloning and human manipulation are just the beginning of a much larger and more dangerous problem. The issues of human cloning and human manipulation are just the beginning of a much larger and more dangerous problem.

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