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Life Newsbytes

Chinese scientists have confirmed that they are the first in the world to alter the DNA of human embryos. Researchers at the Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou modified the gene responsible for thalassaemia while claiming that the engineered embryos were “non-viable.” The technique used had previously been tested on adult stem cells and animal cells only ... Rev. Dr. John Fleming, the eminent pro-life bioethicist, commented: “If you are allowed to experiment on human embryos, there will be many groups of researchers (four already in China) that will not be able to resist the megalomaniacal desire to recreate human beings in what they imagine is in humanity’s best interests and according to their own utopian prejudices.” (*SPUC, 5/5/15*)

The South Africa Medical Association (SAMA), the largest doctor’s association in the country, issued a strong warning in May to their physicians against physician assisted suicide. According to the chairman, Dr. Grootboom, the ethical rules of the Health Professions Council of SA, which all doctors are bound to uphold, forbid the practice. Grootboom warned, even if the practice is legalized in the country, doctors should still not use their skills to kill patients. In his stern warning, he reminded his fellow physicians: “You must remember, ethics take precedence over the laws of the country.” (*CLR Life News, 5/13/15*)

Speaking Up For Life

“The Book of Proverbs offers the best advice the world has ever received on fatherhood. First, seek wisdom from God, not from the man (Proverbs 1:7). Second, learn from what God has taught your own father (2:1; 3:1; 4:1; 5:1; 6:1; 7:1). Third, guard your chastity, whether single or married (chapters 5 and 7). Fourth, actively train and correct your own children (13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17). Above all, confess your sins and receive God’s mercy (28:13) ... The Bible contains much guidance for men, so turn to it regularly. Ask God to help you mature into a role model for the young men in your midst. And while you’re at it, ask Him for what He desires to give you more than any other gift: forgiveness through Jesus Christ for all of your failures as a man.” *Ryan C. MacPherson, associate professor of history at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota*

“Marriage, from a biblical worldview, is the practice of generational faithfulness. It is the union of one man and one woman with all that they uniquely bring into partnership for the benefit of family and community.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org*

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The Lillies of the Field by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Each spring RoxAnne and I have the joy of seeing all the flowers coming up around our home—at least, we think most of them are flowers! RoxAnne, of course, desires that her favorite varieties of flowers, either planted or waiting to be planted, surround us.

While there are relatively few flowers named in the Bible, imagery using flowers is plentiful. Perhaps the most famous flowers are those mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 6:27-34. **“Consider the lilies of the field ...”** Jesus would have us consider not only the beauty of the flowers, but more importantly, the One who arrays them. Jesus refers to Him as our “heavenly Father” who knows our needs (v 32). So flowers can be a good cure for anxiety, not just because they look and smell good, but because they remind us of our heavenly Father and His promises to care for us.

The Bible uses flowers to give us a picture of hope. **“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus”** (Isaiah 35:1). The desolation of the exile of God’s people will give way to the joy of their return to their homeland, just like winter gives way to spring and the blossoming of flowers. The ensuing verses list hopeless situations being reversed—the blind seeing, deaf hearing, lame leaping, and mute speaking. These words have their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus (Matthew 11:4-6).

The Bible uses flowers to remind us of the brevity of life. **“Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not”** (Job 14:1-2). Isaiah offers the same analogy but adds this uplifting point. **“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever”** (Isaiah 40:8).

You and I will one day die, but the truths of Scripture we uphold when it comes to the sacredness of life will never die. That is why it is so important to not only protect and defend God’s gift of life, but also to protect and defend His truth about what gives value to life. If we lose the latter, the former will quickly erode.

That is why you are so important. Thank you for being people who are not only upholding the value of life but are also **“holding fast to the word of Life”** (Philippians 2:16)! You are a picture of what LFL is all about and why we are unique. To those who are anxious because of difficult situations, we can offer not only practical help but also the promises of our heavenly Father to care for them. To those facing seemingly hopeless and impossible problems, we can offer not only hope but also a certain and living hope grounded in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

So as I help RoxAnne plant and transplant flowers, I will not only think of the Bible’s use of their imagery, I will also think of you and be thankful for the partnership we share in holding fast to and holding out the Word of Life.



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