



"I still think the medical risks are too high. There could be flaws in the screening and children could be born with severe mutations. And on a separate note, it would be too weird raising myself!"

"Well, it wouldn't *be* raising yourself. It would be raising your twin. She would grow up in a completely different environment and time period, and would develop her own interests and aversions. She would be an entirely different, autonomous being."

"Sure, but it may still cause some serious psychological problems. She would be identical to me but 30 years younger. People would expect her to excel at the same things I did. Just imagine the disappointment of her grandparents if she was not recruited to play collegiate basketball as I was. Or what if I develop a genetic disease? I don't want my child to have to live with that sentence looming in her future. In addition, would I be the child's mother or sister? I could never inflict these kinds of problems on my child."

"I can agree that the child may have identity problems, but this is no different from when surrogate mothers are also biological grandmothers. Strange things happen all the time that can cause emotional and identity stress for a child. This idea just needs some getting used to."

"Well, what if it becomes too common? Once you allow singles like me to start cloning, where does it end? It is a very slippery slope. How could you let me clone myself, but not allow people to clone celebrities or even Hitlers? People could even start trying to bring back the dead."

"This could never happen. Just like your daughter would not be you, a cloned Hitler would not turn out to be a tyrannical lunatic, and you cannot bring people back from the dead, just their twins."

"I don't think the rest of uneducated America could grasp that idea. Even now, people are trying to fill the hole left in their hearts from the death of a pet with cloning. They don't understand that it's not *actually* their old dog. There would be too much misuse to ever allow cloning."

"I think a future with cloning would not be a huge problem. It will simply be a last resort for infertile couples or single people who want children with their own genes. This misuse idea is a minute problem. People don't care that there are twins walking around on the planet, so why should they care if there are clones as well?"

"It seems that we have a ways to go to get on the same page."



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Woes of a Philosopher

Ioana Grasu

This world is set on ridding of souls
 Of making us see
 Through scientific eyes.
 Are we not allowed to dream anymore?
 To imagine, to believe?
 According to science,
 Those are outdated concepts.
 Materialism is the truth.
 Spiritualism is a lie.
 Do we really have souls?
 Or are we just machines that merely exist?
 Before, the answer used to be so simple.
 But now, now I am scared.
 Scared of dying
 For science has spoken,
 And we are all destined to become
 Rotting corpses
 Or piles of ashes
 Without any life.
 Then what is the point of creating,
 Of feeling?
 The more I know, the less I believe.
 Curse science, and its confusing concepts.
 What used to seem so basic
 Does not exist anymore.
 In the end
 No one knows the truth,
 So I will continue to imagine,
 To think,
 To exist.
 Maybe the answer will arise
 Among all this confusion.
 Maybe science is right,
 And we are like robots, with a definite existence.
 Or maybe there is something more,
 An unfathomable truth.
 I do not know,
 And I am still frightened.
 Nothing makes sense.