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Prologue

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08-15-2018, 8:02 a.m.:

Good morning. I have been invited to join this Night Watch Facebook page. As instructed I am accessing Night Watch on a used iPad mini 4 I found on craigslist for which I paid cash. I realize the importance of security and secrecy.

I too am concerned with what you call “runaway technology.” I am concerned about human germline genetic modification, that is, the “editing” of genes passed on to descendants. To modify the germline is to affect the nature of human beings for all the generations to come. It is to create a new species that will control the human species we know now.

It is to open Pandora’s box with no idea of what may fly out. No act in human history is more reckless.

I ask: How can we halt research and clinical trials in human germline genetic engineering before humans seize from nature the character of Homo sapiens?

I am looking for people who share my views.

~ AZA USA

08-15-2018, 5:08 p.m.:

Welcome to Night Watch, AZA USA. Night Watch is an underground organization of forty-to-fifty individuals in nineteen countries (so far) opposed to de-personalizing scientific advances.

We do not know each other, we would not recognize each other on the street, and we do not meet. Yet we consider ourselves the engine of a movement to preserve the God-given character of humankind.

As individuals, we disrupt runaway technology quietly and secretly. We work locally. We risk arrest to do what we consider right and just. Several of our members have been imprisoned for doing what is right and just.

I too am troubled by the recent advances in germline genetic modification. It is not possible to restrict gene editing to “responsible” scientists. CRISPR-Cas9 technology makes gene editing so cheap and easy that smart college kids can do it.

Please remember to preserve your anonymity. The personal initials you use need not be your own. However, the three-letter country code you use does need to be your own.

Finally, do not reveal to anybody the existence of this Facebook page. Do not post pictures on this Facebook page. Do not establish any other Facebook account, and do not use this Facebook account for any purpose other than Night Watch. Do not reveal to anybody that you have joined this movement.

I hope you comprehend the importance of your anonymity to all of us.

~ DRC DEU

08-16-2018, 6:40 p.m.:
I comprehend, DRC DEU.
~AZA USA

08-16-2018, 9:51 a.m.:
Hello, AZA USA! I'd say the members of Night Watch all have different concerns. I joined because the government has invaded my privacy. People I don't know are scrutinizing my blood, my DNA, my medical history, my web browsing, and my shopping habits. They are occupying my brain!
God save us from gene editing. Before long the government will dictate what my descendants look like and act like!
--LWG NLD

08-15-2018, 11:37 p.m.:
Three years ago Chinese scientists used CRISPR-Cas9 technology to modify the genome of human embryos. And now in the United States RIM Reproductive Technologies is doing it. It's twenty-first century eugenics.
~ PTN USA

08-16-2018, 1:19 a.m.:
CRISPR-Cas9 technology enables scientists to modify the DNA in every living thing. Permanently. Imagine genetically modified wheat—well, that's not hard to do since we already have GMO wheat—but also GMO grass, GMO bees, GMO fish, GMO cattle. The consequences? New GMO food chains.
Problem is: The substitution of one gene in a genome can trigger the expression of other genes in the genome. We humans don't know all that we are doing when we modify food chains that have evolved over millennia. With genetic engineering we are destabilizing the planetary ecosystem.
~ TRT CAN