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“Science is constantly trying to make a better food – hybrid corn and hybrid tomatoes, hybrid beef – when the stuff is no good at all. It’s killing the people, and they don’t realize it. Why, in a few more years, it’ll be nothing but just a bunch... like a jellyfish.”

THE JELLYFISH GENERATION

through reasoning, tried to improve on God’s creation. Spiritually, man aspired to produce a more intellectual, aesthetically-pleasing church than that which God ordained as His Church. He incorporated creeds and rituals into worship, concocting a hybrid form of religion and thereby brought spiritual death upon himself.

Nature, also, has long been the focus of man’s intrusive tactics. For thousands of years, farmers have sought ways to improve crops by selecting certain desirable characteristics of

Forty years ago, Brother Branham said that eating these foods could cause cancer, mental troubles, and all kinds of diseases. Today, there are many scientists who will agree.

By definition, a hybrid is the offspring of two life forms that are of different races, varieties, species, or other biological classifications. In God’s perfect Garden, Eden, Eve became the mother of a hybrid child. He was a tiller of the ground, and because he was of the line of Satan, it was in his nature to desire things of beauty.

In Genesis 4, we learn that Cain cultivated the first food crop. “He probably worked all year, toiling, doing everything he could to get the very biggest apples, or the very biggest pumpkins, or whatever he had, and brought it up to the gate,”² at the entrance to the Garden that was forbidden to man and guarded by an Angel with a flaming sword. There he built an altar in the Presence of God and laid his offering upon it. “It was beautiful fruit; something that he’d done, himself.”³

But Cain’s offering was not acceptable to the Almighty. He had grafted his own ideas and philosophies into the Creator’s perfect plan. His worship was perverted and evil in the sight of God, and God turned His back on it.

Like Cain, virtually every succeeding generation has,

one plant and cross-pollinating it with another plant in order to create what he supposes to be a superior product. But it was not until the late 19th century that the study of plant breeding

became a major *scientific* endeavor. Incredible discoveries regarding the heritable properties in living organisms were being made. These factors of heredity were called *genes*, and a process called “genetic improvement” quickly became a twentieth century phenomena.

But in practice, hybridization is not an exact science. It takes many, many tries at cross-pollination before the right combination of inherited features may produce the desired crop. Furthermore, hybrid seed is either sterile, or is unable to reproduce the same quality characteristics in the next generation. There is no life in the perverted seed.

Of course, for seed producers, hybridization generates a financial windfall. Once a farmer has been sold on the idea that he can grow a hardier crop with a higher yield by using the hybrid seed, then the farmer will no longer be able to save seeds from one year in order to plant the next year’s crop. Every year he will be forced back to the seed store, and the profit-hungry seed companies continue to prosper.



JELLYFISH GENERATION *continued...*

Logically, at this point, science should have stopped and asked: “What have we sacrificed in order to produce this mutation? Why should we propagate a substance that we have altered, even weakened nutritionally, and then feed the inferior substance to ourselves, our children, and even our livestock?”

“Hybridizing is such a dangerous and damnable thing till it ruins God’s plan; it ruins the human race.”⁴

In the mid-1950s, another breakthrough was proclaimed when the genetic building code for all organisms was discovered. It is called deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, and in its chemical base can be found all the genetic information necessary for life. Armed with this knowledge, science now had a new, more efficient way to introduce new traits into living organisms, namely, by isolating a gene in one plant and inserting it into another plant, instead of relying on cross-pollination.

By the early 1980s, they had learned to do just that, and much more. The fact that DNA is a genetic building block in *all organisms* makes it possible to break down the basic genetic barriers not only between species, but also between humans, animals, and plants.

By inserting animal genes, and even human genes, into the chromosomes of plants, fish, and other animals, unimaginable *transgenic* life forms are being created, and the potential hazards are deadly. What is more, these gene-altered organisms are then able to pass these genetic changes onto their offspring through heredity.⁵ This is all being accomplished through a process called *genetic engineering* (GE).

Today, virtually every domesticated crop plant species differs greatly from its original, wild form due to human intervention.⁶ Nature, in the form of food and agriculture, is now being re-designed in the laboratory. These designer foods, or as they are more appropriately being called, “Frankenfoods,” after the fictitious, constructed creature of Hollywood fame, can already be found in an estimated two-thirds of the processed foods in U.S. supermarkets. This hidden menu includes products using soybeans, soy oil, corn, potatoes, squash, canola oil, cottonseed oil, papaya, tomatoes, and dairy products as a part of its ingredients. In other words, everything from ketchup and colas to hamburger buns and cake mixes are now, technically speaking, genetically engineered food.

Not many consumers question the nutritional values of the incredible variety of beautiful, ripe produce they are able to purchase at their local grocery store, but, as a result of plant manipulation, you may be getting less than what you expected.

For example: Agricultural producers know that most, if not all, of the beneficial ingredients in vegetables – those containing the majority of the vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients – are bitter to the taste. In other words, they are good for you, but not as marketable as they would be if they tasted

better. So, in the interest of profit, they’ve altered the flavor, and hence the nutrient content of many of our fruits and vegetables.

GE is also being put to use in the animal products market as well. In 1994, the FDA approved the use of a *genetically engineered* copy of a naturally occurring hormone produced by cows. It is called recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH), and when injected into dairy cows, it forces them to produce more milk – as much as 10 to 15 percent more. However, there are side effects. One of the side effects is that the nutritional value of the milk is compromised, and the protein level is decreased.

Another serious problem is that rBGH causes the cows to produce higher levels of a chemical hormone called Insulin-Like Growth Factor, a substance that can pose serious health hazards for the cow – such as a greater need for antibiotics, reduced pregnancy rates, cystic ovaries, uterine disorders and digestive disorders. But, more importantly, it also poses potential health hazards for humans, in the form of breast, prostate, and colon cancer. Although Canada and the European Union have banned the use of this growth hormone, four to five percent of all U.S. dairy cows (up to 500,000 animals) continue to be injected.

“God, my Rock, shelter us today. Oh God, when these poisons are flying everywhere in the name of science and education, shelter us.”¹

There are many non-food-related frontiers where, seemingly, this technology could be used for the benefit of humanity around the world. For instance, Chile is ready to begin exporting the world’s first genetically modified and cloned (another field of biotechnology) tree. From a single seed, millions of plants can be produced that are implanted with a protein that kills pests which now destroy up to 30 percent of Chilean forest. Potentially, these trees could provide an abundant supply of wood

for the entire world (much to the chagrin, I would imagine, of the environmentalists who are crying “Save the trees!”).

But many scientists are saying that gene-splicing, even in non-food applications will inevitably result in unwanted outcomes and “dangerous surprises.” By genetically altering a plant to resist a virus or an insect attack, it can cause the virus to mutate into a new, even more deadly form. And, genetic manipulation can also increase the levels of natural plant toxins by “switching on” genes that are dormant in nature. It might eliminate a particular infestation, but it may also exterminate beneficial attributes at the same time, or spawn something unimaginable.

In the event this experimentation should go dangerously awry, there is no way to recall genetically engineered organisms once they are released. Wind, rain, birds, bees, insects and other pollinators carry genetically altered pollen into adjoining fields, polluting the DNA of conventional (clean) crops. Even though seed breeders, shippers and other handlers say that they try to keep biotech grains segregated, it is virtually impossible to do so. Some contamination is certain to occur along the way, if not in the fields, then certainly in the grain elevators or shipping containers. Two billion bushels of genetically engineered corn were shipped from the U.S. this year, and millions of tons of other biotech grains.

“It’s got to where the entire human race is being destroyed by their own achievement, by trying to take something that God made good and turn it around, and make it some other way – their own way. Leave it the way God made it!”

In the past, seed companies have *not* been able to successfully *hybridize* the major crops that sustain three-quarters of the world’s poor: rice, wheat, sorghum and soybeans. But, a few years ago, a company named Delta & Pine Land Co. (a seed producer) in partnership with the US Department of Agriculture obtained a patent on a technique that will *genetically* disable a seed’s capacity to germinate when planted again. The crops being targeted with this technology are rice, wheat, sorghum, and soybeans – the Second and Third World markets that represent an estimated 1.4 billion farmers worldwide. It is not difficult to project that a few years down the road the global production and use of these GE grains will be completely controlled by the government and/or private corporations – a monopoly on food.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Agriculture, and even the Environmental Protection Agency have all proclaimed that the proteins being introduced to plants

through biotechnology have been thoroughly tested and are completely safe. Various scientific organizations from around the world, including the American Medical Association, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and the World Health Organization have also concluded that biotech crops pose no hazards for humans.

Should that make anyone feel safe? We don’t think so!

Many good reasons for using biotechnology are cited: Environmental and economic benefits, improved flavor of many foods, increased shelf life of produce, increased resistance to insects and viruses in plants. Some contend that biotechnology can cure world hunger!

But here is the truth:

“These weaknesses, from interbreeding of the foods that we are eating for life, is weakening the body, which causes cancer, mental troubles, and all kinds of diseases. All kinds of disease is setting in upon the human body because of its weakness. Scientifically destroying themselves, getting away from God’s plan.”⁸

This article is not meant as a warning, and we most certainly are not suggesting that you change your eating habits, or limit yourself to foods grown from natural seeds. For the majority of people, that would simply not be possible.

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Warming the Hearts of Many

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and if that is true, then we believe these three are worthy of an entire book.

In the October, 2001 issue of *Believers News*, we related to you news we had received from Brother Roberto Murillo of Mexico, regarding much needed stoves. He described the desperate situation that existed in several mountainous areas where weeks of steady rain had made it impossible for the people to find and dry a sufficient amount of firewood to prepare food. We immediately sent Brother Roberto the funds to purchase three propane-operated stoves, and within a few days they were installed in the homes of pastors and being shared by all the believers in the area.

As you can tell from these photos, a small stove is an incredibly luxurious addition to these sisters’ humble kitchens. What a difference it will make to them and their families, as well as to the saints living nearby. Now they will be able to prepare hot meals without the need to gather wood, and regardless of the weather.

Thank you for your financial gifts, which have helped to add this small measure of comfort to the lives of many.





And, if you'll notice, Brother Branham's words regarding the scientific modifying of our foods were not given as a warning, but as **facts** that serve as mileposts of the end times. We should take notice of what is happening around us, and of how Satan's deceptive practices have gained him an even greater stranglehold on the people than he had forty years ago! Is this the jellyfish generation that Brother Branham spoke of as a sign of the times? It certainly appears to fit the description.

These new biological specimens that are being fashioned by combining the borrowed genes of plants and animals are all just a part of the growing perverseness being manufactured in the scientific garden of Satan's Eden.

This technology may be appalling in concept and freakish in purpose, but we, as believers have nothing to fear from its harvest. We have access to a powerful weapon that is a proven defense against any threatening substances that we may partake of, whether by necessity or by accident, and that weapon is **prayer**.

Here are the operating instructions:

"If you eat it, say: 'Lord Jesus, You prepared the food for me. Now, with faith, I sanctify this food to the strength of our bodies.'

Then eat it, for in all we do, it is by faith."

Prayer is the answer. Through prayer, sanctify your food and beverages; sanctify any food supplements that you may

consume; sanctify your medications before you take them; teach your children to sanctify their food in prayer.

Don't hybrid your faith by mixing prayer with fears, doubts, or frustrations. Believe with all of your heart that God is watching over you, for He has promised to care for His own:

"We feel that by the promise of God we have assembled under the wings of the Almighty, that He, as a hen would cover her chickens, would protect us from all that we are desiring Him to protect us from. That He would hover over us, and nourish us, and would give us today our daily bread, both physically and spiritually, that we might have the sustaining strength of body to walk about upon the earth, and the sustaining Power of the Holy Spirit to bring the Word of God to a hungry people."¹⁰ □

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INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME. MATTHEW 25:40

The clothing drive for Peru is winding down, and it has surpassed in volume any clothing project we've sponsored in the past. More than two tons of excellent quality garments – many of them brand new – are being readied for shipping,

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and we are hoping to have them in the hands of the believers by September.

There are a few last minute items we would like to be able to add to our barrels of clothing, and once again we are asking for your help.

There is a need among the believers in many areas of the world for **non-prescription** reading glasses, the variety that can be found in your local drug store. They come in a variety of strengths, from mild to strong magnification, and to most folks over 40 years of age they can be a real blessing. But these simple glasses are a luxury item that some simply can't afford. Even though they have the ability to read, many believers are hindered in their study of the Word because they cannot physically see the text on the page.

If you have an extra pair of **non-prescription** reading glasses that you would like to donate to a worthy cause, we'll see to it that they are placed into the grateful hands of a saint in Latin America.

**Place them in a well-padded mailer and send them to us at:
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