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ANIMAL-HUMAN EMBRYO RESEARCH IS APPROVED

January 18, 2007 The Times Online reported: "Experiments to create Britain's first embryos that combine human and animal material will begin within months after a government watchdog gave its approval yesterday to two research teams to carry out the controversial work.

Scientists at King's College London, and the University of Newcastle will inject human DNA into empty eggs from cows to create embryos known as cytoplasmic hybrids, which are 99.9 per cent human in genetic terms.

The experiments are intended to provide insights into diseases such as Parkinson's and spinal muscular atrophy by producing stem cells containing genetic defects that contribute to these conditions..."

7-YEAR PLAN ALIGNS U.S. WITH EUROPE'S ECONOMY

January 16, 2008 WorldNetDaily reported: "Six U.S. senators and 49 House members are advisers for a group working toward a Transatlantic Common Market between the U.S. and the European Union by 2015."...

The plan – currently being implemented by the Bush administration with the formation of the Transatlantic Economic Council in April 2007 – appears to be following a plan written in 1939 by a world-government advocate who sought to create a Transatlantic Union as an international governing body.

An economist from the World Bank has argued in print that the formation of the Transatlantic Common Market is designed to follow the blueprint of Jean Monnet, a key intellectual architect of the European Union, recognizing that economic integration must inevitably lead to political integration."..."



US, NEW POLISH GOVERNMENT TO MOVE FORWARD ON MISSILE DEFENSE

January 15, 2008 The Voice of America reported: "When Poland's current leaders were running for office last year, they made some negative comments about the missile defense system that Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell says were "not helpful." Now, after two months in office and an analysis of the plan, Poland's defense minister came to the Pentagon for what Morrell calls a "frank but productive" meeting with Defense Secretary Robert Gates..."

Morrell says U.S. officials will work to address Poland's concerns, but he would not say what those concerns are. At a separate news conference, the Polish Defense Minister, Bogdan Klich, said it is a matter of finding what he called "the right balance between the costs and the benefits" of the installation. Last week, Minister Klich was quoted as saying Poland wants to enhance its air defenses, perhaps with Patriot missiles. Morrell noted that the United States already provides Poland with considerable defense aid.

"They are the biggest beneficiary within Europe of defense aid," he said. "Nearly three quarters of a billion dollars, under the Bush Administration, has been provided to the Polish military in military aid. That far exceeds any other country in Europe..."

The United States wants to build a missile site in Poland and a special radar installation in the Czech Republic as part of a European shield against medium range missiles that Iran is developing. But Russia sees the system as a potential threat to its security and has tried to convince all the countries involved not to build it."..."

ISLAMIC JESUS' HITS IRANIAN MOVIE SCREENS

January 14, 2008 Breitbart.com reported: "A director who shares the ideas of Iran's hardline president has produced what he says is the first film giving an Islamic view of Jesus Christ, in a bid to show the "common ground" between Muslims and Christians.

Nader Talebzadeh sees his movie, "Jesus, the Spirit of God," as an Islamic answer to Western productions like Mel Gibson's 2004 blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ," which he praised as admirable but quite simply "wrong"...

The director is also keen to emphasise the links between Jesus and one of the most important figures in Shiite Islam, the Imam Mahdi, said to have disappeared 12 centuries ago but whose "return" to earth has been a key tenet of the Ahmadinejad presidency."..."

The bulk of "Jesus, the Spirit of God", which won an award at the 2007 Religion Today Film Festival in Italy, faithfully follows the traditional tale of Jesus as recounted in the New Testament Gospels, a narrative reproduced in the Koran and accepted by Muslims.

But in Talebzadeh's movie, God saves Jesus, depicted as a fair-complexioned man with long hair and a beard, from crucifixion and takes him straight to heaven.

"It is frankly said in the Koran that the person who was crucified was not Jesus" but Judas, one of the 12 Apostles and the one the Bible holds betrayed Jesus to the Romans, he said. In his film, it is Judas who is crucified."..."

BUBONIC, PNEUMONIC PLAGUE RE-EMERGING WORLDWIDE

January 16, 2008 Xinhuanet.com reported: "The disease that devastated medieval Europe is re-emerging worldwide and poses a growing but overlooked threat, researchers cautioned Tuesday. While it has only killed some 100 to 200 people annually over the past 20 years, the plague has shown up in new countries in recent decades and is now shifting into Africa, Michael Begon, an ecologist at the University of Liverpool and colleagues said.

A bacterium known as *Yersinia pestis* causes bubonic plague, known in medieval times as the Black Death when it was spread by infected fleas, and the more dangerous pneumonic plague, spread from one person to another through coughing or sneezing.

"Although the number of human cases of plague is relatively low, it would be a mistake to overlook its threat to humanity, because of the disease's inherent communicability, rapid spread, rapid clinical course, and high mortality if left untreated," they wrote in the journal *Public Library of Science* journal *PloS Medicine*.

Rodents carry plague, which is virtually impossible to wipe out and moves through the animal world as a constant threat to humans, Begon said. Both forms can kill within days if not treated with antibiotics."..."

PM SAYS HE OPPOSES MAJOR IDF OFFENSIVE IN GAZA FOR TIME BEING

January 14, 2008 Ha`aretz reported: "Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Monday that he opposed a broad Israel Defense Forces offensive in the Gaza Strip for the time being, despite the ongoing Qassam rocket attacks on the Negev..."...

Speaking to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Olmert said of the embattled Strip, "There's a war there, and Israel is conducting [it] with wisdom."

Olmert mentioned his support for a contiguous future Palestinian, saying that he sees the need for "two states - one Jewish and one Palestinian, and not three states - one Jewish and two Palestinian."...

Olmert also said during the meeting that he had told President George Bush that Israel could not reconcile itself to a nuclear Iran, and that the government is "ruling out no options in advance" in barring Tehran from obtaining atomic weaponry."..."

SYRIA REBUILDS ON SITE DESTROYED BY ISRAELI BOMBS

January 12, 2008 The New York Times reported: "The puzzling site in Syria that Israeli jets bombed in September grew more curious on Friday with the release of a satellite photograph showing new construction there that resembles the site's former main building.



Israel's air attack was directed against what Israeli and American intelligence analysts had judged to be a partly constructed nuclear reactor. The Syrians vigorously denied the atomic claim. Before the attack, satellite imagery showed a tall, square building there measuring about 150 feet long per side.

After the attack, the Syrians wiped the area clean, with some analysis calling the speed of the cleanup a tacit admission of guilt. The barren site is on the eastern bank of the Euphrates, 90 miles north of the Iraqi border...If international inspectors eventually get to the site, he added, they will have a more difficult time looking for nuclear evidence. "The new building," he noted, "covers whatever remained of the destroyed one."..."

FIRST TEMPLE SEAL FOUND IN JERUSALEM

January 17, 2008 The Jerusalem Post reported: "A stone seal bearing the name of one of the families who acted as servants in the First Temple and then returned to Jerusalem after being exiled to Babylonia has been uncovered in an archeological excavation in Jerusalem's City of David, a prominent Israeli archeologist said Wednesday.

The 2,500-year-old black stone seal, which has the name "Temech" engraved on it, was found earlier this week amid stratified debris in the excavation under way just outside the Old City walls near the Dung Gate, said archeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar, who is leading the dig.

According to the Book of Nehemiah, the Temech family were servants of the First Temple and were sent into exile to Babylon following its destruction by the Babylonians in 586 BCE."...The family was among those who later returned to Jerusalem, the Bible recounts.

The 2.1 x 1.8-cm. elliptical seal is engraved with two bearded priests standing on either side of an incense altar with their hands raised forward in a position of worship. A crescent moon, the symbol of the chief Babylonian god Sin, appears on the top of the altar. Under this scene are three Hebrew letters spelling Temech, Mazar said.

The Bible refers to the Temech family: "These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city." [Nehemiah 7:6]... "The Nethinim [7:46]" ... The children of Temech." [7:55]."..."

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