

## Neanderthal cloning media blitz was not just a poor translation

*The following is an excerpt.*

George Church hit a nerve when he recently discussed re-creating Neanderthals with an “adventurous human female” surrogate, in Der Spiegel. The media attention rapidly became fierce, with dozens of outlets carrying the remarks. Yesterday, Church told the Boston Herald that the whole kerfuffle was based on “poor translation.”

It’s good to hear Church disavowing the idea of using genetic engineering, synthetic biology and human surrogates to create a Neanderthal clone baby, at least for the time being. But it’s disingenuous of him to shift all the blame onto the translation process.

**Read the full article here: [George Church on Neanderthal Clones and Designer Babies](#)**