

## Genetic enhancement will ultimately happen, no point in denying it

I think CRISPR – the technology that enables us to edit genes – will go down in history as the most significant breakthrough of the century.

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“CRISPR is a geneticist’s dream come true”, said...Rob McDonald...“CRISPR enables us to do experiments that one could only dream of before.” In short, it enables scientists to look into thousands of genes related to cancer. The goal is to find a “kill switch” – the gene or genes that are vital to the survival of the cancer. Find this and you can engineer drugs that hit this target with precision.

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[M]any people – [including myself] – believe it is only a matter of time before genetic enhancement starts to happen.

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“What’s clear is that as these technologies advance, they will make it possible to safely and effectively modify human embryos genetically: modify the DNA. Coming down the line, this is a choice our society is going to have to make. Is this something we want to do or not? Because it’s going to become technologically and medically possible[,” states Michael Bess.]

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