Homo Evolutis: Will modern humans evolve even further?

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How long before we see the emergence of Homo Evolutis? Is this something that is already occurring?

Even Darwin had difficulty defining species...Depending on which definition [of species] we adopt, it could be much earlier or much later. Already, we are seeing this by controlling our reproduction, which is the core of evolution.

Would you argue that we have a moral imperative to continue to evolve ourselves?

I think it is a decision that various human societies have to make, and we just have to be aware that they're making it. There will be societies that say, "Let's do it all." There will be societies that say, "Absolutely not." Precisely because there are differences in those areas, we will see some speciation.

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