Britain's Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority has given permission for scientists to create human and animal hybrids for the first time. Two teams of scientists have applied for licences to create the creatures, which are formed by injecting a human nucleus into an animal egg and fusing it together to create a cytoplastic hybrid. The creatures, which will be 99.9% human and 0.1% animal, must be destroyed after 14 days of experimentation. Scientists believe the ability to form embryos using animal eggs will greatly enhance their research, for animal eggs are much easier to obtain than human ones. The HFEA's consultation included an opinion poll of around 2000 British citizens, a majority of whom believed that the scientists should be given permission to create human animal hybrids, so a long as a reason was given for the experimentation.

Quote: *"The chief executive of HFEA, Angela McNabb, says the legal and ethical pros and cons were weighed very carefully. "We've been able to weigh those up and take what's a very strong decision where we're saying we can move forward with cytoplasmic hybrid embryos and the creation of those in some research, so we can gain the potent benefits but only in the framework of very strong regulation," McNabb says.*

But many Christians believe it is a step too far. To genetically modify plants is bad enough, for that is delving into a realm of nature that belongs to God alone. And to mix two species of animal DNA is wrong, for the Lord created animals to reproduce "after their kind", Genesis 1:24. Animals of a similar species can reproduce, but different species cannot and there is a reason for that. But to mix human and animal DNA is much worse, for the Bible states that man was created in God's own image (Genesis 1:27) and is distinct from the animal kingdom (Genesis 2:7). And if that wasn't bad enough, not only will scientists be mixing human and animal DNA, they will be creating thousands of "huminals" only to have them slaughtered after a few days of life. Just a few weeks ago, Catholic Bishops stated they opposed the destruction of human animal hybrids, even though this would contaminate the human population with animal DNA. The Bible states that life begins at conception (Psalm 139), and to kill what may be a deformed human for research purposes is still murder, whatever way you gloss it over. And don't let the 99.9% fool you, scientists have already created a sheep with 15% human cells, and if the British government has permitted the fusing of human and animal cells because 61% of people are in favour of it, they will do the same again when scientists decide they need to push the boundaries further. All this is indicative of one thing, that "as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man", Luke 17:26. This country is setting itself up for judgement. Praise God that He has not "appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ", 1st Thessalonians 5:9. Have you trusted in Christ for salvation? Are you looking

forward to His coming again? If you have accepted Him as your Saviour, He's coming for you!

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