

This response was submitted to the consultation held by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on Give and take? Human bodies in medicine and research between April 2010 and July 2010. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

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Dear Sirs,

Has it not occurred to any of you that the whole use of donor organs is unethical. The use of medical science to prolong life in a world and country that are already severely over populated is at best extremely dubious and, I would argue, highly unethical.

The imbalanced application of medical science has already created immense damage to the planet and increased the human population at the expense of the totality of life well beyond sustainable levels.

Indulging the selfishness and short-sightedness of humanity is not a remotely ethical proposition. With a global population that has almost tripled in the last 60 years. from 2.5 billion in 1959 to 6.7 billion in 2006, the ethical position for medical science is to REDUCE the population and undo some of the damage it has caused to the planet so far.

The ethical approach should at the very least be to ensure that the impact of humanity on the planet is sustainable and in balance with all other life forms. To date medical science has only indulged human weakness and nor applied itself to the disciplines and balances of life. It has become the primary merchant of Quantity over Quality and gone beyond just damaging other life forms and now adversely affects the quality of our own lives sacrificing the quality of our lives for the quantity of human existence.

Organ donation should be suspended until a sustainable level of human population is achieved again and medical science used to work in balance for both the prevention of life by quantity and the quality of individual experience.

It is sometimes said that the UK no longer has a national religion - it does, it's called the NHS and it sells the same myth and illusion that every preceding church and religion has done since time began - it sells the illusion of eternal life at no cost to the individual save the worshipping of the promiser.

Is it not time you questioned the ethics of medicine being used to deceive the masses whilst creating untold damage to the planet and all other species.

Your ethical pronouncements are merely another tool in the armoury of the political deceivers as they manipulate their followers to worship at their feet.

Kind regards
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