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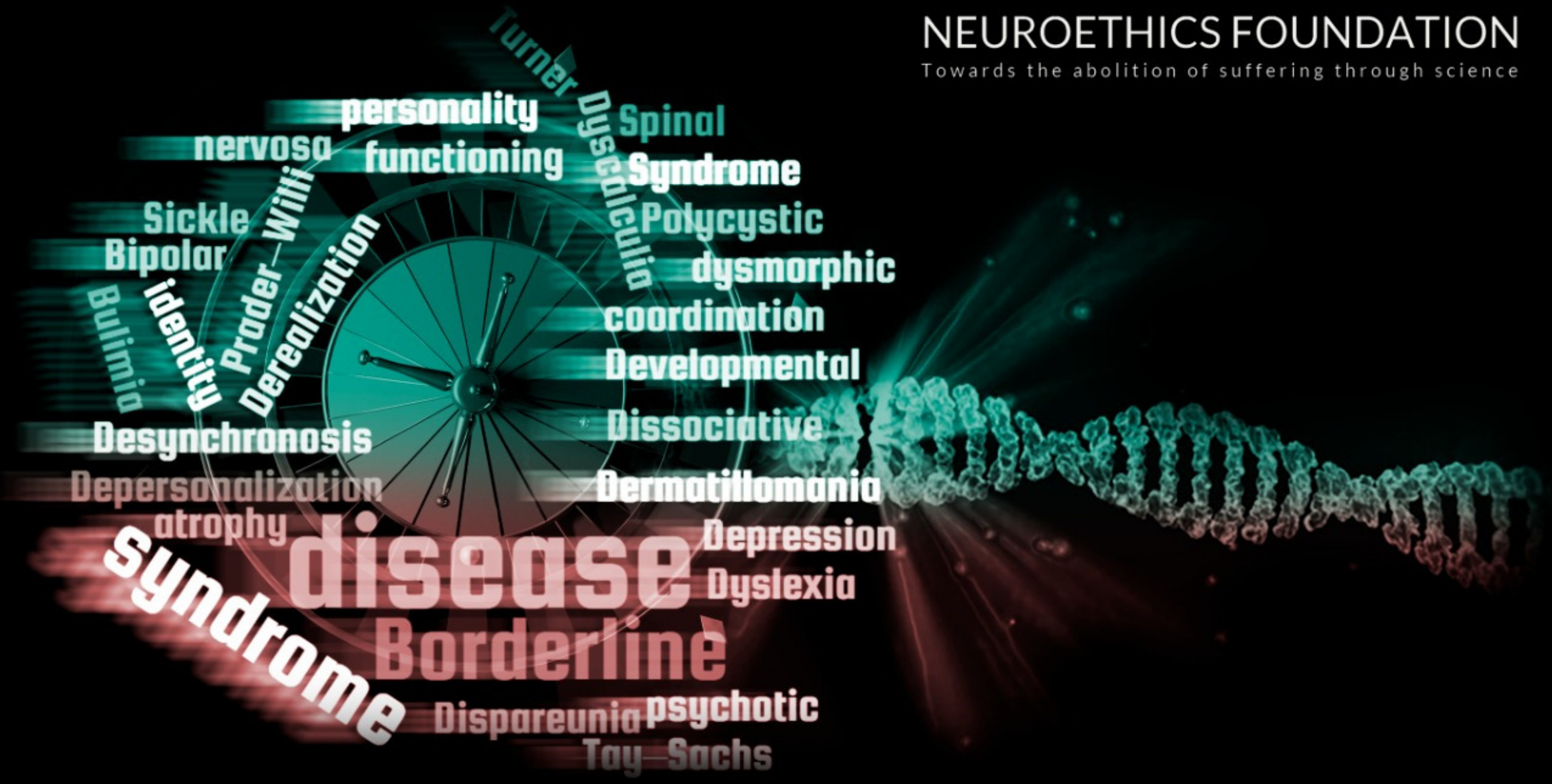
CREATING POST-DARWINIAN LIFE

Could two small genetic tweaks
get rid of most of the world's
physical and mental pain?

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Towards the abolition of suffering through science



Human Genetic Experimentation

Is it ethical to create children who will suffer a terrible genetic disease (aging), multiple intellectual handicaps, and terrible mental and physical pain?



Yes.

Life is wonderful!



TIME FOR A MORATORIUM ON RECKLESS GENETIC EXPERIMENTS?

Antinatalism won't solve the problem of suffering. Staying child-free - or adopting - imposes selection pressure in favour of baby-making.



He Jiankui

Used CRISPR gene-editing technology to tweak the DNA of human embryos during in vitro fertilization.

"This experiment is monstrous."
(Julian Savulescu, Medical Ethicist,
University of Oxford)



Jo Cameron

- 72 year old vegan
- Retired school teacher
- Experiences almost no physical or mental pain
- Childbirth "felt like a tickle"
- Chronic mild euphoria
- Information-sensitive gradients of well-being



FAAH and FAAH-OUT genes

Fatty acid amide hydrolase

The FAAH enzyme breaks down anandamide (Sanskrit for "joy, bliss, or happiness")

- Absence or underactivity of the FAAH gene is associated with reduced pain-sensation.
- Accelerated wound-healing
- Rapid extinction of fearful memories
- Reduced anxiety
- High hedonic set-point
- Lifelong happy mood
- Delayed aging
- Anandamide increases neurogenesis

A person is climbing a wooden ladder against a large tree trunk. The scene is set in a forest with many green leaves. The word "PROPOSAL" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, centered within a white rectangular box that has a thin white border. The background is a dark, monochromatic purple/blue tint of the original image.

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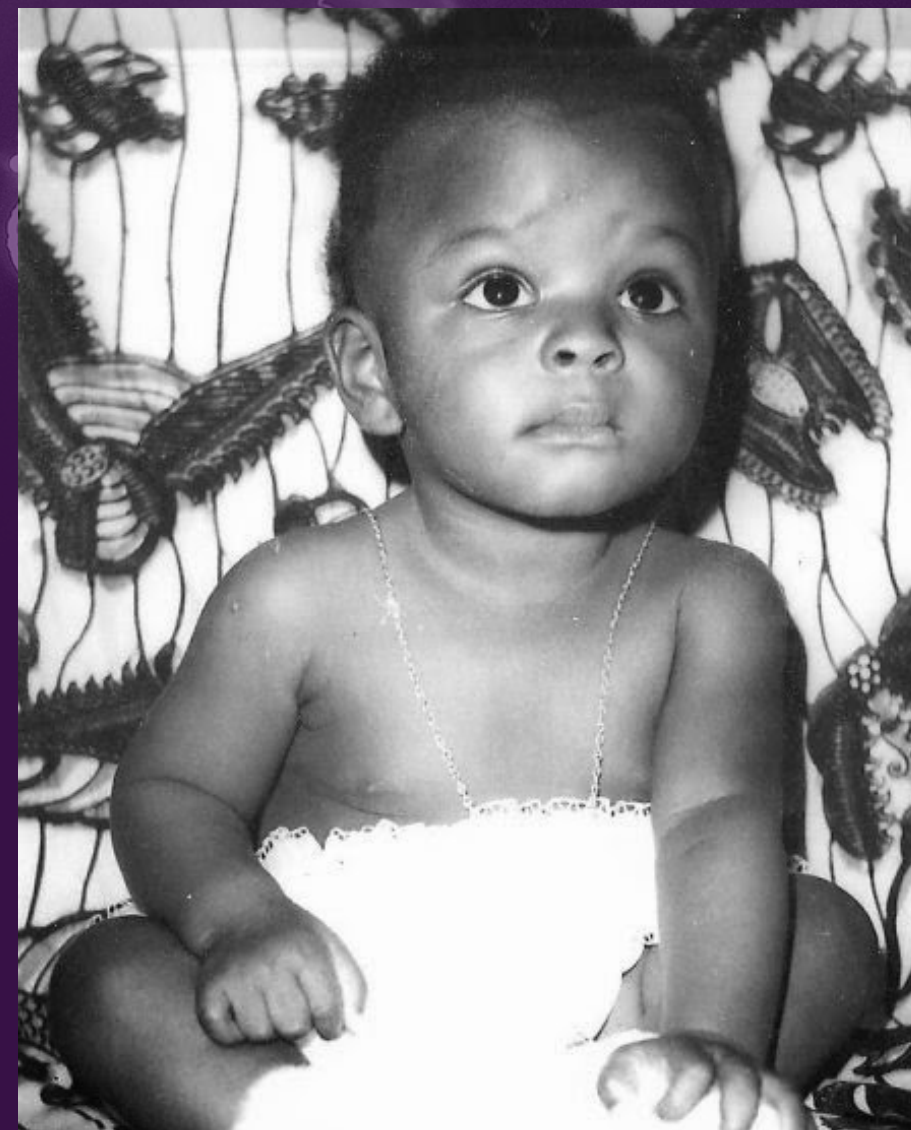
Large well-controlled clinical trials of CRISPR babies with FAAH and FAAH-OUT mutations.

A hand holding a glowing DNA double helix against a background of a periodic table. The DNA helix is positioned vertically on the left side of the image, with a bright light source at its base. The hand is positioned horizontally across the middle of the image, with the fingers gently cradling the DNA. The background is a dark purple color with a faint, semi-transparent periodic table of elements. The word "GOAL" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the image.

GOAL

All prospective parents should be offered genetic screening, counselling and access to CRISPR genome-editing for happy, healthy babies.

RISKS OF HUMAN GENETIC EXPERIMENTATION



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