

Leon Kass Quotes

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Responsibility, Next, Way, Abortion, Generations, People, Powerful, Country,
Innovation, Knows, Reproductive Health*

Almost everybody is enthusiastic about the promise of biotechnology to cure disease and to relieve suffering.

~Leon Kass

The benefits of biomedical progress are obvious, clear, and powerful. The hazards are much less well appreciated.

~Leon Kass

I've been opposed to human cloning from the very beginning.

~Leon Kass

Technological innovation is indeed important to economic growth and the enhancement of human possibilities.

~Leon Kass

There is a lot of hype and fear about this much-talked-about prospect of designer babies.

~Leon Kass

Many other countries have already banned human cloning, and there are efforts at the UN to make such a ban universal.

~Leon Kass

Genetics is crude, but neuroscience goes directly to work on the brain, and the mind follows.

~Leon Kass

The neuroscience area - which is absolutely in its infancy - is much more important than genetics.

~Leon Kass

Cloning represents a very clear, powerful, and immediate example in which we are in danger of turning procreation into manufacture.

~Leon Kass

If one is seriously interested in preventing reproductive cloning, one must stop the process before it starts.

~Leon Kass

The technical is not just the machinery. The technical is a disposition to life.

~Leon Kass

Cloning looks like a degrading of parenthood and a perversion of the right relation between parents and children.

~Leon Kass

I don't believe that efforts to prohibit only so-called reproductive cloning can be successful.

~Leon Kass

It's very hard to make arguments about the effects of cloning on family relations if family relations are in tatters.

~Leon Kass

In cloning, in contrast, reproduction is asexual - the cloned child is the product not of two but of one.

~Leon Kass

Once you put human life in human hands, you have started on a slippery slope that knows no boundaries.

~Leon Kass

In the case of abortion, one pits the life of the fetus against the interests of the pregnant woman.

~Leon Kass

Biology, meaning the science of all life, is a late notion.

~Leon Kass

Human life without death would be something other than human; consciousness of mortality gives rise to our deepest longings and greatest accomplishments.

~Leon Kass

The technological way of thinking has infected even ethics, which is supposed to be thinking about the good.

~Leon Kass

An enormous amount of direct advertising from pharmaceutical companies are offering a kind of instantaneous solution to problems.

~Leon Kass

There's an ancient tension between wanting to savor the world as it is and wanting to improve on the world as given.

~Leon Kass

My job is to provide the president with the richest possible consideration, so that he knows what is at stake in whatever decision he makes.

~Leon Kass

We may simply not be wise enough to do some of the kinds of engineering things that people are talking about doing.

~Leon Kass

The abortion controversy is important for what it says about our stance toward procreation and children altogether.

~Leon Kass

I have nothing against respecting people who lived before, but we have no responsibility toward them.

~Leon Kass

Perhaps you could sympathize with those who seek to replace a dead child with a copy, or to copy a parent or a relative or even a celebrity.

~Leon Kass

Is it possible to covet a much longer life for one's self and be as devoted to the well-being of the next generation? It's a long argument.

~Leon Kass

If you have easy self-contentment, you might have a very, very cheap source of happiness.

~Leon Kass

We are enmeshed in a lineage that came from somewhere and is going to make way for the next generation.

~Leon Kass

It's a short step from the belief that every child should be wanted to the belief that a child exists to satisfy our wants.

~Leon Kass

Many people recognize that technology often comes with unintended and undesirable side effects.

~Leon Kass

The human animal has evolved as a preeminently social animal.

~Leon Kass

Shallow are the souls that have forgotten how to shudder

~Leon Kass

We know next to nothing of what we're going to know in 20 or 50 years.

~Leon Kass

I don't like being forced to reduce my thoughts to sound bites.

~Leon Kass

Our only responsibility is to live our own life and take care of our own children.

~Leon Kass

We are somehow natured, not just to reproduce, but for sociality and even for culture.

~Leon Kass

Sexuality itself means mortality - equally for both man and woman.

~Leon Kass

The so-called right to reproduce is not an unlimited right.

~Leon Kass

As bad as it might be to destroy a creature made in God's image, it might be very much worse to be creating them after images of one's own.

~Leon Kass

We owe our existence to our parents, but we actually didn't have a choice.

~Leon Kass

Even if certain rogue countries do things we wish nobody did, it doesn't necessarily mean that their foolishness should justify our following suit.

~Leon Kass

One could look over the past century and ask oneself, has the increased longevity been good, bad or indifferent?

~Leon Kass

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