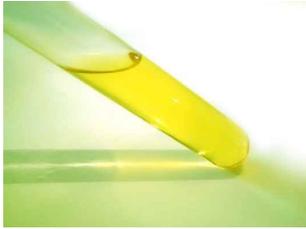


### “Orphan embryos”. What to do ?

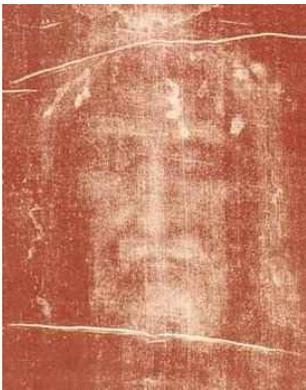


A recent article on Corriere della Sera, about ethical implications of “orphan” embryos, fertilized but not implanted. Avoiding experimentation and stem cells production, there's still a question. What to do about them? There are different points of view, even among catholic people.

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[Link to Lucetta Scaraffia article on Corriere.it](#)

### New evidences about Holy Shroud authenticity



A new study, conducted by prof. Brendan Whiting, and published in book “The Shroud Story”, would demonstrate that Shroud has been really produced in Christ life period.

Previous carbon analysis, in 1988, had lead researchers to different results because, Whiting says, they'd have analyzed tissue sections, inserted in the Middle Ages, to repair the Shroud.

Almost during same weeks, FSB, Russian secret services, would have demonstrated same conclusions.

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### Evolution and Creation

#### Seminar at Castel Gandolfo, with Pope Benedict XVI



Restricted seminar, about Evolution and Creation, has been held at Castel Gandolfo, from 2 to 3 September, with Pope Benedict XVI.

Cardinal Schönborn was among participants.

An article from Il Corriere della Sera

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### Evolution and Creation

#### Rimini's Meeting: Zenit interviews Fr. Rafael Pascual LC



Evolution and Creation. At Rimini's Meeting, Fr. Rafael Pascual LC, Dean of School of Philosophy, and Science and Faith Diploma Program Director, at Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, has presented book “L'evoluzione crocevia di scienza, filosofia e teologia” (Edizione Studium, 2005).

In an interview for Zenit, Fr. Pascual said that “there's an integration, not an exclusion, between creation and evolution”, that “debate about evolution is open” and that “a distinction must be made between the different levels: scientific-philosophical-theological, without confusing them or separating them completely.”

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## Collecting single blastomeres without destroying embryos.

### It was not true



Last weeks, media had published that there had been developed a new technique, that would have allowed to collect single blastomere from few days embryos, without destroying them.

This had urged people to debate about related ethical implications, and many started to say that there was no more obstacles, to embryos stem cells research and production.

Even if it wouldn't have been anyway acceptable for Catholics, it's also a pity that this technique was not true, and that no one of embryos involved in experimentation have survived.

Wrong information, or a media campaign ?

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## New Vatican Observatories Director, and a little media "thriller"



Fr. José Funes is new Director of Vatican Observatories; he substitutes Fr. George Coyne, director since 1978.

But some media insinuated that this would have been a Pope Benedict XVI decision, due to Fr. Coyne support to Darwin theories.

Truth is that Fr. Coyne asked some time ago to be substituted; he will spend a sabbatical year as parish priest at St. Raphael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church in North Raleigh, and he will be President of Vatican Observatories Foundation.

Read a report published from Fr. Coyne to clarify this misunderstanding.

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