

The CRISPR Apple on the Tree of Knowledge

with Arvin M. Gouw, "The CRISPR Apple on the Tree of Knowledge Conference Highlights: CRISPR in Science, Ethics, and Religion"; Arvin M. Gouw, "Introducing the Brave New CRISPR World"; Roger R. Adams, "Moral Decisions about Human Germline Modification"; Constance M. Bertka, "Navigating the Future in a Sea of CRISPR Uncertainty"; and Linda Groff, "CRISPR, CRISPR on My Mind."

CRISPR, CRISPR ON MY MIND

by Linda Groff

CRISPR, CRISPR

On my mind.

How will you interact

With Humankind?

Will you make us smarter?

Will you make us stronger?

But the real enduring question:

Will you also make us wiser?

And will you make us closer

To the Creator of us all?

Or will you just enhance

Our Ego Selves and Brain?

And will you increase Empathy

Towards our fellow human beings

And the many other Species

With whom we share this Earth?

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These questions are important
On our forward human journey
Can we enhance Wisdom,
Humility and Empathy
Beyond just Intelligence,
Beauty and Brawn?

And so my friends and colleagues
The Question for our Times
What world are we creating
With our CRISPR Edit-Genes??