Subject: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Blazer on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 00:30:08 GMT
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http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/story/0,3605,1645418,00.ht ml

Yes the research is far away from testing or working on humans, but consider what would happen if everyone lives for 500 years.

1. You would probably be a "teenager" for 300 years!
2. There would be such a thing as a "400 year old virgin"
3. Home mortgages that last 30 years wouldn't seem so bad anymore.
4. You would buy a lot more cars
5. You would upgrade your computer 100+ times.
6. You would have great-great-great-great grandchildren, and stiill be able to see their graduation
7. Supermodels would be "super" for decades
8. You would spend $500,00 on pet food (assuming they lives 6x longer too)
9. You could buy some stock and you would definitely be a millionare eventually as long as the company stayed around.
10. Your life insurance would either go way up, or way down.

Any more ideas? Personally I think <conspiracy> the "government" would never allow this research to be available, as the planet probably could not sustain the massively increased population explosion. </conspiracy>

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by hunteroo2 on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 00:50:23 GMT
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I doubt that anything good could possibly come from that

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Hydra on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 01:00:30 GMT
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You kidding? That would be awesome.

Though, we'd probably have to get rid of lifetime appointments for federal judges.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by maschief on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 01:39:11 GMT
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agree lol/   i think it would be cool to live long enough to see the playstation 103

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by mision08 on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 02:02:54 GMT
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Sardine Theory!!!

Quote:Research has now begun to test whether the effect works in mice. According to Dr Longo, lab mice bred with the equivalent gene knocked out appear to live longer, but are smaller, infertile and often suffer muscular defects, suggesting the gene is necessary for normal foetal development.

Quote:Aubrey de Grey, a biomedical gerontologist at Cambridge University and advocate for therapies that greatly extend life, believes that while the problems should not be underestimated, it is unethical not to pursue anti-ageing research.

"A remarkably high proportion of people seem to like living in cities. With the staggering amounts of wealth that will be freed up by not having any frail people around any more, it will become practical to build very high-quality urban accommodation for everyone, and the density of that accommodation is such that a population of at least 20 billion will hardly encroach at all on the amount of rural space that currently exists," he said.
How is this unethical? And why do I feel that Aubrey is full of shit? It slows the aging process it dosen't stop it. Lets say the average human life span was 50, for easy math. Seems to me you would start feeling old at 400 and would have 100 years to deal with the dieing process.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Sniper_De7 on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 02:07:25 GMT
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well if it was to happen there would probably be a restriction to 2/3 children

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Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Jecht on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 05:34:44 GMT
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Overpopulation, increased diseases, war due to overpopulation and lack of natural resources....

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by NukeIt15 on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 06:20:28 GMT
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If I could cough up the dough to get such a treatment, I wouldn't hesitate. I am fascinated by the future, and I wish to see as much of it as I possibly can.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by DarkDemin on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 06:49:51 GMT
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This could force development of space colonization so I am all for it. If we could live for 500 years that would be amazing imagine if we could have kept great minds around like Einstein for 500 years. Our society would be so amazingly technologically advanced we would probably not have to worry about over population. I think our most intelligent society members should recieve the treatment first so they can continue to build on this technology.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by mision08 on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 08:19:08 GMT
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Quote:My Dumbass,
Lets say the average human life span was 50, for easy math. Seems to me you would start feeling old at 400 and would have 100 years to deal with the dieing process.
Easy math huh? 50x6=300 40x6=240
If this is based on starving the body of calories, and thus nutrition. I guess this could solve overpopulation with the flood of frail, unintelligent, infertile men.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by JPNOD on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 17:55:26 GMT
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Hmm, It would take us 1/10th of the speed of light and 40 years of travel to get further then our solar system. They are already working on hibernating. Like some animals hold a wintersleep, they are working on this. But 500 years? alive? I doub't it will be possible, you would get something like a Cyborg/human. But some organism/bacteria can do this..

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Blazer on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 00:04:00 GMT
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Also in 500 years ack would be in his wheelchair, talking about how Renegade is dead

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Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Mad Ivan on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 01:39:40 GMT
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Lol, nice one, Blazer .

Yes but this also brings up the problem with life after death.
Imagine if *something* happens to us after we die.Will the same happen after we live half a millenia?

Also, who decides who will recieve the treatment and who wont?
Corruption is a modern problem and a lot of people can benefit by recieving the anti-aging treatment that way .

From a religious point of view,<lesson> God created us after his image.
He banished Adam and Eve out of the garden of Paradise, beacuse they ate the apple-the original sin.
Thus all human beings after them, live on Earth to redempt (am i using the correct word in English?) the original sin.</lesson>
Redempting the original sin would be possible if we live 500 years (still we die after that) but if they take the next step to making us immortal, there`d be a lot of controversy about it.

(WOW, one of my longest replies ever.I just dont talk much)

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by mision08 on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 02:57:56 GMT
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I believe the word your searching for is repent. Either way I like the way you think.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by terminator 101 on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 06:20:20 GMT
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This is nice, but it could almost end up similarly to the movie 6th day. In this movie, cloning was introduced and the one who introduced it wanted to be able to decide who lives and who dies. So in another words, he wanted to be almost like god. But he had to be stopped, and the cloning research destroyed. THE END

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by JPNOD on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 11:53:17 GMT
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yeah, well, they already cloned a sheep didn't they?

I think they are pretty close to this..but do you think it would come out in public verry soon? No it will be kept among the people working in places like Area51. Cloning people would be just wrong imo, but what are we to do about it.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Blazer on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 14:37:21 GMT
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I imagine if it were to become a reality it would be a very very expensive treatment (1 mill plus) for several reasons:

1. It would have to be expensive so that "everyone" wouldn't get it and cause population problems.
2. Then again since you would live 6 times longer, they could put you on a mega installment plan...$100 per month for 300 years...thats $360,000
3. Since you can't exactly do gene therapy on yourself they can set the price at whatever they please and people will have to pay it.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Renx on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 15:16:42 GMT
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No, it tricks the body into thinking it lacks these things. it doesn't actually limit them.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by maschief on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 15:24:37 GMT
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Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Weirdo on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 16:01:43 GMT
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Like mision08 says. Maybe streching the time you are young is nice, but you will possibly also stretch the time that you are old. If I look at some old people, I don't want to become like them. And having to spend 100 years or something of slowly dieing sounds to me like real hell. Just to think of all the old people who have to be taken care off.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Sir Phoenixx on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 16:58:52 GMT
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Maybe they could have a way to turn the effect off, so when you get "old" you could have it stopped and die of old age in a normal time frame (10-15 years or so, instead of a hundred years).

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Mad Ivan on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 17:55:56 GMT
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possibly, but imagine the agony of dieing in 100 years.Oh,god ...

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Gotta love those conspiracy theories

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Cloning people was voted "unethical" by the church, the UN and the EU. So if the US do clone people, they`ll have a lot of problems with the rest of the world .

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3. Since you can't exactly do gene therapy on yourself they can set the price at whatever they please and people will have to pay it.

Meaning that whoever gives the more money will live longer.He will be SUPREME and above everybody else, making everybody else`s way of life seem unimportant.

If this topic had a poll about this, i`d vote against continuing this research.Currently only politicians, thieves, assholes, bigger assholes, the biggest assholes have big ammounts of cash.Meaning that they can continue their reign of evil, so to say, for half a millenium.Imagine if Al Capone terrorised the US for 500 years. Our lives would be a lot more different now.
What about a 300 years old Osama Bin Laden attacking the US for the n-th time over and over again...

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Sniper_De7 on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 18:46:21 GMT
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overpopulation can be handled, just look at China. (albeit they waited long enough, though)

as for being old longer: there are some people who take their life for granted and do things they haven't done yet (There are old folks who go sky diving;etc.) Not to mention if i'm remembering from what it says it helps to prevent cancer - a huge cause of death.

as for the church I really don't think there was anywhere in the bible that said anything against cloning or living longer. Hell, since then our some of our lives have tripled what it used to be. Cloning has gone far in today's world already. I read somewhere where they actually can clone a lost cat. (they didn't get so far as dogs, if i remember) although having a pet that lives as long (heh, or even longer than you) could prove useful for families. I think it'd be unbelievable to not continue researching because of the things that would prove useful (Hey, having a pet last even twice as long as a normal one is enough to ask for continuation in research, let alone 6 times the norm)

Maybe there are people out there who believe they might go to hell if their lives extend beyond whenever it is they think the deadline is. So be it. If it ever came to be my choice i'm not going to risk 6 lives (and it's probably not even going to last that long most likely. I mean each probability of "in a lifetime" is multiplied by 6, because you're living that much longer) I'll take the chance of living longer instead of going against whatever the church thinks will happen.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Chronojam on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 19:03:34 GMT
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More people living longer, as long as they're not like.. decomposing... means a larger work force. More shit can get done. More cities can be made. More minds can study longer and solve our problems. Flying out to another planet, taking 3 years to get there, won't seem so bad; the time it takes to reach other locations right now is a bitch and is one of the major things curbing it from happening as far as I can tell. 11 years to figure out colored bubbles wouldn't seem as extreme a time.

(Oh, and Reborn will get version 4 out the door, after cycling through a staff of 8,750 come-and-goers)

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Demolition man on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 19:34:54 GMT
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gbull wrote on Sat, 19 November 2005 04:34Overpopulation, increased diseases, war due to overpopulation and lack of natural resources....
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Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by mision08 on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 20:44:58 GMT
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Are you talking of planets in our own solar system?

I find this fascinating.
I think Einstein was maybe the smartest human in the history of ever.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by bisen11 on Mon, 21 Nov 2005 03:51:29 GMT
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Instead of Scrooge saying people dying is just decreasing the surplus population, he'd probably be out killing people himself.

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Posted by Blazer on Mon, 21 Nov 2005 09:16:44 GMT
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Why only look at the bad side, why not think about what if einstein had lived 500 years, or the pope, etc?

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Mad Ivan on Mon, 21 Nov 2005 22:28:48 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Mon, 21 November 2005 04:16
Why only look at the bad side, why not think about what if einstein had lived 500 years, or the pope, etc?

Because the bad side goes with the good side.Everybody has their bad sides and the same goes for the world.Need i remind you of WW1, WW2 and something that had an impact that echoes even now in my own country - the Europian invasion of the Turkish a few hundred years ago. As long as there is corruption, villainy and greed for power - that kind of research will only make things worse.Seeing how the above things will never end, unless the entire world falls under dictatorship, that kind of research would never be needed.

On a side note: dictatorship also has it`s dark sides so it isnt an answer to world piece either

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Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Sniper_De7 on Mon, 21 Nov 2005 22:56:03 GMT
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you would go by how things are needed? we don't need antibiotics, but you're pretty grateful for that, hey? It could lead to teh cure for cancer or god knows what else and you're going to turn it down because there might be a slight chance some bad person would use it to live longer? People who are wanted can't exactly escape their whole life, or 6 times that. So how about thinking of the many peoples lives you could save (even if directly it doesn't solve the cure for cancer, what about scientists who could?)

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Blazer on Tue, 22 Nov 2005 10:32:36 GMT
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Evil is not in things or ideas, it is in people. Knowledge is only dangerous in the hands of dangerous people. If the human race is ever to advance, we must attain as much knowledge as possible. What we do with that knowledge, is what defines who we are. Just because something "bad" can be done with something, doesn't mean that is what we will do with it. For instance any chemist knows how to poison the water supply of a major city and kill hundreds of thousands of people, but are they doing that, or are they working on finding cures for cancer etc?

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by mision08 on Tue, 22 Nov 2005 17:24:25 GMT
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WWII did not end because everyone was to old to fight. It ended because Germany had a lack of natural resources. If Germany had the ability to produce ships at the same pace as the US I believe we would be speaking German. Maybe oversimplifying that a little bit.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Scythar on Tue, 22 Nov 2005 20:13:04 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Tue, 22 November 2005 05:32If the human race is ever to advance, we must attain as much knowledge as possible. What we do with that knowledge, is what defines who we are.

   http://science.slashdot.org/science/05/11/22/192252.shtml?ti d=146&tid=98&tid=14

Unfortunately, there are craploads of people who won't agree :/
Cloning and other gene/dna-based research would be extremely valuable, but it's easier said than done. Of course there's a limit   in what should be done in the name of science, but simply mentioning the words "gene" "mouse experiment" and "mutation" pretty much gets you sued, prosecuted and burned in a bonefire with <insert religious symbols> poked through your heart nowadays.

"From the Register article"Growing numbers of Americans support the idea of teaching creationism in schools, and in a recent CBS News poll, 51 per cent of respondents said they rejected the idea of evolution

I don't know how trustworthy The Register is, so make your own conclusions.

Edit: Oh, and with that being said, it's time to find my asbest suit again...

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Blazer on Tue, 22 Nov 2005 22:22:34 GMT
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I'm not saying that cloning should be done (although I don't see a problem with medical cloning like cloning organs for transplant), just that we should know/learn how everything works...that means doing the research. If they want to ban something that is possible with the research, fine, but don't ban the advancement of knowledge.

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Posted by Mad Ivan on Tue, 22 Nov 2005 22:28:53 GMT
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Quote: For instance any chemist knows how to poison the water supply of a major city and kill hundreds of thousands of people, but are they doing that, or are they working on finding cures for cancer etc?

But a chemist is making weapons of mass destruction.Take a look at Iraq for an example. Nukes?Sure, the energy is efficient, but it makes a hell of a "bang".

As for the cancer cure.

Sure it will be great to discover one.I never said i am against that.I smoke and i think that it`d be quite a discovery

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Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by cypher909 on Fri, 25 Nov 2005 03:53:42 GMT
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Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by Mad Ivan on Fri, 25 Nov 2005 09:04:08 GMT
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You missed being insane for 500 years...

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by mision08 on Fri, 25 Nov 2005 10:13:06 GMT
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lol, What are the odds on being raped and killed? I just saw myself in the mirror, and I think I could live to be 2000 and never have to worry about that.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by runewood on Sat, 26 Nov 2005 00:48:42 GMT
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You would be 400% more likly to kill urself.

Subject: Re: What if people could live 500 years?
Posted by havvok on Sat, 03 Dec 2005 03:04:16 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Sat, 19 November 2005 18:04Also in 500 years ack would be in his wheelchair, talking about how Renegade is dead

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Prolly, but I would say God forbid his children would be taking up his life work to tell us that renegade is dead.