

The sacrosanct subject (us) is no longer a material fashioned exclusively at the hand of the almighty, since the First World War doctors have been manipulating and morphing what was once the privilege of God, this act admittedly small scale initially; foreskins providing eyelids lost in battle. Hearts have been shifting bodies for decades and now faces and hands of the dead are sewn onto the living, Through implant technology doctors are making women more womanly, men more manly and cloning demonstrates medicines ability to manipulate and create from the building blocks of life, we are now at a point where a rib being removed from a man to make women is within the realm of possibility. The scene described in the first testament is no longer miraculous but scientifically doable. How can God compete with the new scientific advances that we see regularly on the Discovery channel? The demands of faith are becoming greater as the miracles of medicine and science are presented to a drama hungry mass in 'easy to digest' half hour documentary slots.

The grieving process from an atheist's perspective can be problematic with the concept of afterlife, by definition being discounted. Fundamental to most religion is the concept of some other state or heaven, offering comfort to the faithful.

As our lives are increasingly mediated by technological interventions, the After-life project examines of our increasing faith in technology. With this in mind the Afterlife project offers a technologically mediated service providing a tangible expression of afterlife for those who have become spiritually disconnected, or require hard evidence of some form of life after death.

Microbial Fuel Cell technology; utilizing the biomass potential of a cadaver could effectively charge a more familiar and useable dry cell battery to be used directly as a source of electricity which may then be placed in a range of electronic products. This may be interpreted as a form of regeneration especially in the context of batteries, which are often described in terms of life, extra life and now afterlife.

Accepting this electronic state as life after death we are provided with a tangible proof of life after biological expiry. This chemical lineage links us to the Big bang and presents the more optimistic view of existence in many states both now and in the future.

The afterlife battery harnesses a chemical potential that would otherwise be assimilated into a less defined natural system. It can be placed in a range of contemporary products ranging from torches, Christmas tree decorations and perhaps even vibrators. These products could be chosen from a wide range suiting the particular needs of the individual.

Image: afterlife battery in torch.

The user of the torch may feel a level of security and comfort through 'enlightenment', this is an attribute normal with any provider of light when there is darkness, and this is all the more poignant if the light is generated by a loved one.

Image: afterlife battery in vibrator.

For couples where a partner dies, the Afterlife battery may be placed in a vibrator for physical acts of love. A supplementary battery may be used to prolong amp hours.

Circuits: parallel and series.

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