

The Stem Cells Road to Ruin (Synopsis)

A diary of mankind in despair

By James Kelly

“The Stem Cells Road to Ruin” exposes one shocking truth after another concerning publicly funded science, human health and health care, stem cells, and behind-the-scenes politics that only its author has confronted.

Biotech writer James Kelly – a paralyzed research activist – reveals a twisted road that few have seen but all are on...a road to improved medical care through the advent of treatments and cures, or to disease and disability without a hope in sight.

The road reveals views of science carefully withheld from the public – where a junior researcher abandoned a promising project that threatened industry goals only to quickly rise in his profession – where scientists attack competing researchers and new ideas through undermining sources of investment or funding – where vulnerable celebrities are misled and exploited – where gullible patients commit life savings out of misinformation and misguided trust, then commit suicide out of despair.

Part One of “The Stem Cells Road to Ruin” explains why its author, a paralyzed research advocate, once urged President Bush to support embryonic stem cell research. It explains how he came to doubt their medical worth, then to question the motives of those urging the public to divert its resources away from practical research directions.

After five years of traveling behind the lines of science as a research liaison, in 2002 Kelly’s *pro-cures* road detoured in a new direction – to publicly present practical research issues affecting stem cells, human cloning, and medical hope. The road took Kelly to the U.S. Senate, before a House Subcommittee, to testify at State hearings in TX, FL, and NJ, to debate these issues at the New York Academies of Science and on CNN, to meet the president and speak with the Press at the White House, and to serve as a surrogate spokesman for Bush Administration’s stem cells policy.

However, after believing that the practical road to cures and the ‘moral’ stem cells path had the same destination, Kelly discovered his mistake. He learned that the moral road could change its course in the blink of a lost election – that while *both* sides of the stem cells political debate court the public’s favor, *neither* are its allies concerning the foreseeable or affordable advent of treatments and cures.

Part Two of “The Stem Cells Road to Ruin” reveals that despite the Bush Administration’s purported support of adult stem cells and umbilical cord blood research,

a pro-life member of the president's cabinet ordered that a cord blood clinical treatment for Lou Gerhig's Disease (ALS) be immediately stopped after learning of its *success*.

It explains why the passing of California's Proposition 71 caused pro-life members of the President's Council of Bioethics, pro-life congressional leaders, the Catholic Church, and conservative groups opposed to embryonic stem cell and human cloning research to suddenly discover 'moral' forms of both that they had previously rejected.

It questions why all six of the president's science-related appointees (to Cabinet, FDA, and NIH positions) were staunch, industry-approved advocates of embryonic stem cell and human cloning research, despite Bush's proclaimed opposition to both.

"The Stem Cells Road to Ruin" presents common sense aspects of stem cells and cloning in terms that laymen can easily understand. It lays bare the financial connections between basic researchers, universities, biotech, pharmaceuticals, and government. It reveals why scientists and world governments believe that increasing world population or extend human life (through the development of 'miracle' cures) may *not* be in Man's best interests.

"The Stem Cells Road to Ruin" overturns everything you *thought* you knew about stem cells and science. It reveals where we're going in these issues, who's taking us there, and why we should refuse to go. More than anything, it's a call for social unity in a time of division – a request by its author for each of its readers to reconsider the greatest crisis to ever confront mankind – "The Stem Cells Road to Ruin."