

**GENE BAG**  
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I WAS ROOTING AROUND in my gene bag the other day and I found God 's instruction (where else would it be?). All it said was 'Stay alive and make living duplicates'. There was nothing in there about the priest's hemline or the color of his robes I'm sorry, but there were some hints at secondary values designed to promote our staying alive and making living duplicates which seemed to me in light of present conditions and advances to be more likely to kill us all if we don't watch out. Some of the ideas about belonging to groups and the exclusion of others as well as the use of violence to improve our chances were at the very least inappropriate and in light of recent developments problematic or worse— familiar and failed.

Maybe in light of the aforementioned recent developments we better take it upon ourselves to write our own instruction. There honestly doesn't seem to be anyone else available, at this time.