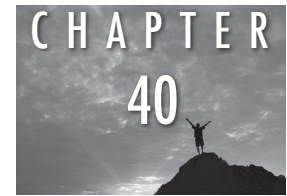




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Your DNA is Not Your Destiny



Josephine Tesauo, though 92 years old, is in excellent spirits and good health. According to a story about her that appeared in the *New York Times* in 2006: “She is straight backed, firm jawed and vibrantly healthy, living alone in an immaculate brick ranch house high on a hill near McKeesport, a Pittsburgh suburb. She works part time in a hospital gift shop and drives her 1995 white Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera to meetings of her four bridge groups, to church and to the grocery store. She has outlived her husband, who died nine years ago, when he was 84. She has outlived her friends, and she has outlived three of her six brothers.”

Josephine’s sister, though, is not in the same fortunate position. She suffers from senile dementia, and has had a variety of health problems, including incontinence, a degenerative disorder that has destroyed most of her vision, and joint degeneration.

The remarkable thing about Josephine and her sister is that they both have exactly the same genes. And I don’t mean *similar* genes, I mean *identical* genes. This is because they are identical twins. The definition of identical twins is that the egg from which they were born, after having been fertilized by a sperm, split in two. This gave both halves of the egg the same genes. Josephine and her sister developed from the identical sets of genetic instructions. They’ve also lived their whole lives in the same location, with similar friends, upbringing and surroundings.

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