

but could never backfire or be used in retaliation. Since the advent of rDNA this fantasy has entered the realm of possibility. Specific ethnic or racial groups are susceptible to certain diseases or chemical poisoning, as a result of variations in natural resistance in the human gene pool" (page 24).

- "Biochemical weapons. The body produces tiny amounts of hormones and other substances that exert profound regulatory influence over moods, perceptions, organ function, temperature, and other essential physiological processes. The smallest imbalance can lead to severe illness, even death. Genetic engineering methods have made possible the manufacture of nearly unlimited quantities of these rapidly acting substances. This capacity has led to speculation about the weaponization of man's own biochemical endowment" (page 24).
- "More potent chemical agents. The mode of action of nerve gas is being carefully studied for the development of antidotes. But elucidation of their mechanisms of action, combined with work in the chemical synthesis of toxins, is expected to lead to neurotoxic agents up to hundreds of times more potent than existing CW agents" (page 25).

A more scientific review of this topic can be found in a report written by the National Defense Research Institute in Sweden (1987) and in the publication edited by Geissler (1986).