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MORE PARANORMAL INHERITANCE

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A funny study in [PNAS](#) is broadening our view of [paranormal inheritance](#) by showing germ-line chimerism in marmosets:

Using microsatellite DNA markers, we show here that chimerism in marmoset (*Callithrix kuhlii*) twin ... somatic tissue .. found to be chimeric. Notably, chimerism was demonstrated to be present in germ-line tissues, an event never before documented as naturally occurring in a primate. In fact, we found that chimeric marmosets often transmit sibling alleles acquired in utero to their own offspring.

Bad news for all who believe in human paternity testing and 99,999999% probability – and more strange stories (semi-identical twins discovered – hermaphrodite reveals previously unknown type of twinning) at the [Nature news blog](#).

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