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Basis of Racism

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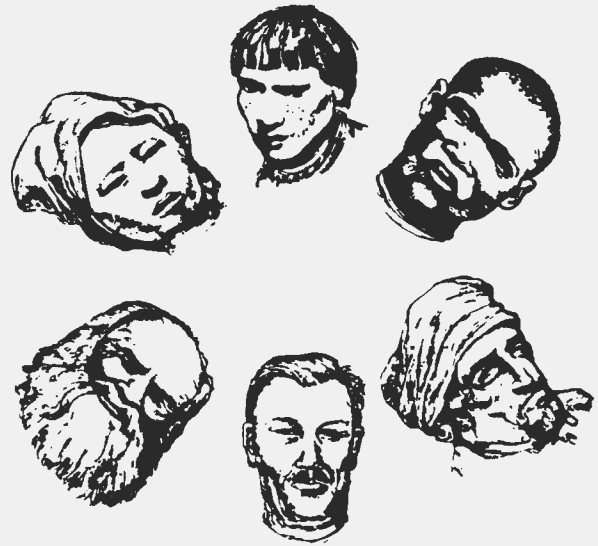
Since the election, there has been much talk about the "Rainbow Cabinet." It seems that skin color has become a matter of first importance. In our opinion, all this emphasis on race and ethnic backgrounds tends to emphasize differences and create divisions more than it does to foster unity and understanding. It is also a subtle form of discrimination, when external characteristics achieve such an important status.

Although there have always been numerous complex cultural and experiential factors contributing to racism, the issue was certainly fanned into flames by the widespread acceptance of the ideas in Darwin's book, **On the Origin of Species: Preservation of Favoured Races In the Struggle for Life**. Most evolutionary scientists of the late 19th and early 20th century held racist views. Believing that the races had diverged very long ago, they thought certain races were more highly evolved and thus superior. This teaching eventually culminated in the horrors of Nazi Germany under Hitler, a firm believer in evolution. (See **Notes & Quotes**.) While most evolutionists today would not advocate such practices, the fact remains that racist ideas are consistent with evolutionary theory.

Evolutionists have not been the only ones to promote racism though. Some Bible teachers have claimed that dark skin was the "mark of Cain," and hence a curse. However, the Bible indicates that God put the mark on Cain as a **protective** sign. Also, since Noah was a descendant of Seth, Cain's line and any marked characteristics would have been wiped out by the Flood. Some others think that dark skin resulted from the curse on Ham (Genesis 9). However, Henry Morris shows, in **The Genesis Record**, that this passage says nothing at all about skin color.

The Bible separates people by tribes and nations, not "races." "Racial" distinctions probably did not even arise until sometime after the dispersion at the Tower of Babel. Genetic principles show that the various skin colors and racial characteristics could be produced soon after such an event. (See **Spotlight on Science**.)

Clearly, **the Bible does not leave room for racism**. Scripture teaches that God created two individuals, Adam and Eve, and that all modern people are descendants of Noah. According to Acts 17:26, God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." The superficial differences fade even further as we look forward to being part of the "**great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes and with palm branches in their hands.**" (Rev. 7:9)



All the Races from Adam and Eve?
See **Spotlight on Science**.

NOTES & QUOTES

■ The widespread acceptance of evolution in the late 19th and early 20th century gave racism "scientific" respectability and opened the door for the application of "scientific" principles to promote the "superior races."

□ Biological arguments for racism may have been common before 1859, but they increased by orders of magnitude following the acceptance of *evolutionary theory*. The litany is familiar: cold, dispassionate, objective, modern science shows us that races can be ranked on a scale of superiority. (Gould, *Ontogeny and Phylogeny* 126-7, 130 (1977) as quoted in Bird, *The Origin of Species Revisited*, 1991, p. 226, italic Bird's.)

■ Darwin and many of his followers believed that the Caucasian race was superior and would eventually eliminate the other "savage" races:

□ At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world. At the same time the anthropomorphous apes [those most closely resembling humans]...will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilized state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the negro or Australian and the gorilla. (Darwin, 1874, *The Descent of Man* in Morris, 1989, *The Long War Against God*, p. 60.)

□ No rational man, cognizant of the facts, believes that the average negro is the equal, still less the superior, of the white man. And if this be true, it is simply incredible that ... he will be able to compete successfully with his bigger-brained and smaller-jawed rival, in a contest which is to be carried on by thoughts and not by bites. (Huxley, 1871, *Lay Sermons, Addresses and Review*, in Morris, 1989, *The Long War Against God*, p. 60.)

□ The Negroid stock is even more ancient than the Caucasian and Mongolian ... The standard of intelligence of the average adult Negro is similar to that of the eleven-year old youth of the species *Homo sapiens*. (Paleontologist, Henry Fairfield Osborn, quoted by Gould, *Natural History*, April 1980.)

□ We cannot understand much of the history of late nineteenth century and early twentieth century anthropology, with its plethora of taxonomic names proposed for nearly every scrap of fossil bone, unless we appreciate its obsession with the identification and ranking of races. (Gould, *Natural History*, Nov 1984, in Morris, 1989, *The Long War Against God*, p. 63.)

□ Many of the early settlers of Australia considered the Australian Aborigines to be less intelligent than the "white man," because aborigines had not evolved as far as whites on the evolutionary scale. In fact, the Hobart Museum in Tasmania (Australia) in 1984 listed this as one of the reasons why early white settlers killed as many aborigines as they could in that state. In 1924, the *New York Tribune* (Sunday, February 10) had a very large article telling their readers that the missing link had been found in Australia. The missing link referred to happened to be aborigines from the State of Tasmania. (Ham, 1987, *The Lie*, p. 86.)

■ Great atrocities were committed in the name of science, as Hitler deliberately put evolutionary ideas into practice to produce a super-race.

□ For Hitler, evolution was the hallmark of modern science and culture, and he defended its veracity as tenaciously as Haeckel. (Gasman, 1971. *The Scientific Origins of National Socialism* in Bird, 1991, *The Origin of Species Revisited*, p. 227.)

□ (t)he leader of Germany is an evolutionist [and] has consciously sought to make the practice of Germany conform to the theory of evolution. (Keith, 1947, *Evolution and Ethics* in Bird, 1991, *The Origin of Species Revisited*, p. 227.)

□ In Germany, the leaders of the eugenics movement [the attempt to produce a super-race by applying evolutionary principles], using evolution as their justification, caused sterilisation laws and immigration restriction laws to be enacted during the 1930s. ... The racism of such leaders was founded on evolution, and the German people were being prepared to regard themselves as the superior race. (Garrett, *Creation:Ex Nihilo* Sept. 1986, pp. 33,34.)

■ We would acknowledge that the majority of modern-day evolutionists reject racism, but in doing so, they are being inconsistent with the logical application of evolutionary ideas. On the other hand, there remain some Christians who take a racist stance. We believe that in doing so, they are inconsistent with clear Biblical teaching. Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart (I Samuel 16:7). Let us pray for the mind of Christ that we may see others as God sees them.

■ We drew heavily on the following works for this issue and highly recommend them for further study. Please include 10% for shipping; CO residents include 3% state sales tax.

Morris/Parker. 1987. *What is Creation Science?* (\$10.95)

Morris. 1976. *The Genesis Record*. (\$24.95)

Morris. 1989. *The Long War against God* (\$21.95)

Ham. 1990. *The Answers Book* (\$9.95)

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

The Origin of the Races

If all people came from only two ancestors just a few thousand years ago, how did all the different races arise? Biologist, Dr. Gary Parker, in **What is Creation Science?**, offers a very plausible explanation which is consistent with both the Bible and known scientific "facts." He shows that, starting with medium-skinned parents, all the major skin colors can be obtained in **one** generation! The following is a brief synopsis of his discussion.

Skin color is determined primarily by the amount of melanin in the skin. This is controlled by two main genes. Each of these genes comes in two forms, dominant (denoted by a capital letter), and recessive (denoted by the lower case letter). Let's call them **A, a, B, and b** as Dr. Parker does. Each person will have two "a-type" genes (**AA, Aa, aA, or aa**) and two "b-type" genes (**BB, Bb, bB, or bb**). The darkness of skin is determined by the number of "capital letter" genes present. Thus, a person with **AABB** will be very dark, one with **aabb** will be very light, and those with **AaBb, AAbb, or aaBB** will be medium colored.

Suppose you start with two medium-colored parents with the genetic combination **AaBb** (Adam and Eve?). Since each parent can contribute only **one** gene of each letter, the possible combinations in the sperm and egg would be **AB, Ab, aB, or ab**. Now look at the diagram to see how you could get all the various colors in one generation. Amazing, isn't it?

Just for fun, try drawing diagrams for the following crosses: (1) a very dark father (**AABB**) and a very light mother (**aabb**), (2) two medium colored parents with the combination (**AAbb**), and (3) two very light parents (**aabb**). Do you see how it is possible to get "locked into" one skin color?

Now, relate this to the dispersion at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11). As the language groups spread out, each group probably contained less genetic variability than the original population. Inbreeding through isolation and small population numbers could lead to the typical skin colors associated with the "races" as well as other "racial" characteristics.

This model is consistent with both Scripture and current knowledge of genetics. Adam called his wife Eve because she was the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20). Later, all the nations of the earth were descended from Noah's three sons (Genesis 10:32). Thus, all genetic information can be traced back to God's original creation.

Evolution, however, requires that all the genetic information present in the human population must have come about by millions of years of mutations (accidental changes in the genes) and natural selection ("survival of the fittest"). This is merely speculation, as no one has ever observed mutations causing an increase of orderly information in the gene pool.

We often hear that dark-skinned "races" evolved in tropical areas because their skin offered more protection against skin cancer. Likewise, light skin is said to be an advantage in the north for producing the vitamin D necessary to prevent rickets. On the surface it seems like a good explanation, but there are so many exceptions, variables and unknowns. Even if this type of "natural selection" did occur, **it is not evolution** -- it is simply selection among the genetic combinations that **already exist**, not creation of new ones. Besides this, there are many questions and problems with this unproven explanation. Why do many Eskimos have dark skin? Why do some families in India have both light and dark children? Wouldn't black skin absorb a lot of heat? Isn't there a lot of shade in a tropical rain forest? Wouldn't reproduction usually occur before death from skin cancer?

Evolution offers one explanation for the races while creation offers another. What does God say? **"And He made from one [common origin, one source, one blood] all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined [their] allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation -- their settlements, lands, and abodes."** (Acts 17:26, Amplified)

	AB	Ab	aB	ab
AB	AA BB	Aa Bb	Aa BB	Aa Bb
Ab	AA Bb	AA bb	Aa Bb	Aa bb
aB	Aa BB	Aa Bb	aa BB	aa Bb
ab	Aa Bb	Aa bb	aa Bb	aa bb

All Skin Shades From Medium-Skinned Parents!
(From Morris and Parker, **What is Creation Science?**)

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Call local contact for time and place.)

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Contact church office, 303-879-0123.
- May 7-8: Delta, CO:** Area-Wide Seminar.
Contact Jeri Arbaney, 303-323-5681.
- May 16: Moab, UT:** Church Seminar.
Contact us, 303-245-5906.
- May 21-22: Watertown, SD:** Area Seminar.
Contact Crystal Ribar, 605-882-4469.
- May 23,24: Big Sandy, MN:** Big Sandy Alliance Church.
Contact Steve DeMars, 218-426-3408.
- June 2-3: Wheaton, IL:** Oakdale Community Church.
Contact church office, 708-668-9900.
- June 4,5: Wheaton, IL:** Illinois Homeschool Conference.
Contact Jeff Myers, 719-685-9103.
- June 6: Chicago, IL:** Church Seminar.
Contact us, 303-245-5906.
- June 8-9: Bedford, IN:** Church of God High School Camp.
Contact Joan Masterson, 1-317-856-4731.
- June 11-12: Denver, CO:** Colo. Home Educators Conference.
Contact CHEC office, 303-777-1022.
- June 13: Colorado Springs, CO:** Central Christian Church.
Contact Art Owen, 719-597-0468.
- June 14-18: Idaho Springs, CO:** Grace Church of the Rockies.
Contact Leona Hemmerich, 303-567-4800.

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