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## Racism and Darwin

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting

**R**acism and accusations of racism have been much in the news this year. This highly charged topic has polarized the nation and brought division even among followers of Jesus. It is certainly a complex issue, with various causes and serious personal, cultural, and political implications.

Although racism is not new and has been present historically throughout the world, it has dramatically escalated since Darwin. As Stephen Jay Gould, a leading evolutionist in the late 20th century said, "Biological arguments for racism may have been common before 1859, but they increased by orders of magnitude following the acceptance of evolutionary theory."<sup>1</sup>

Darwin's theory, based on the "preservation of favored races," provided a so-called "scientific" justification for racial prejudice, discrimination, dehumanization, and genocide of whole groups of people. We are not saying that every evolutionist is a racist, but evolutionary theory itself is consistent with racism.

This was powerfully brought back to our attention by the testimony of a Bahamian evangelist, Dr. Myles Monroe.<sup>2</sup> When he was a young teen in the late 1960s, his white teacher told the class of 38 black students that

they were "incomplete humans," and were "uneducable, half-breed monkeys." The teacher also claimed that their brains were not developed properly and they were "retarded, stupid, black n..., who can't learn."

When Myles related these concepts to his mother, she said, "Don't you ever say that!" She pointed him to Eph. 3:20 which says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly...according to the power that works in us." Myles realized that the power was not in his teacher, but in the Holy Spirit that was in him. Believing this truth, he decided to educate himself. Within 6 months, he went from an "F" student to an "A" student and later became the top student in school. He received 3 Bachelor degrees in 4 years, a master's degree in 18 months, and 5 doctor's degrees and became a successful author/leader.

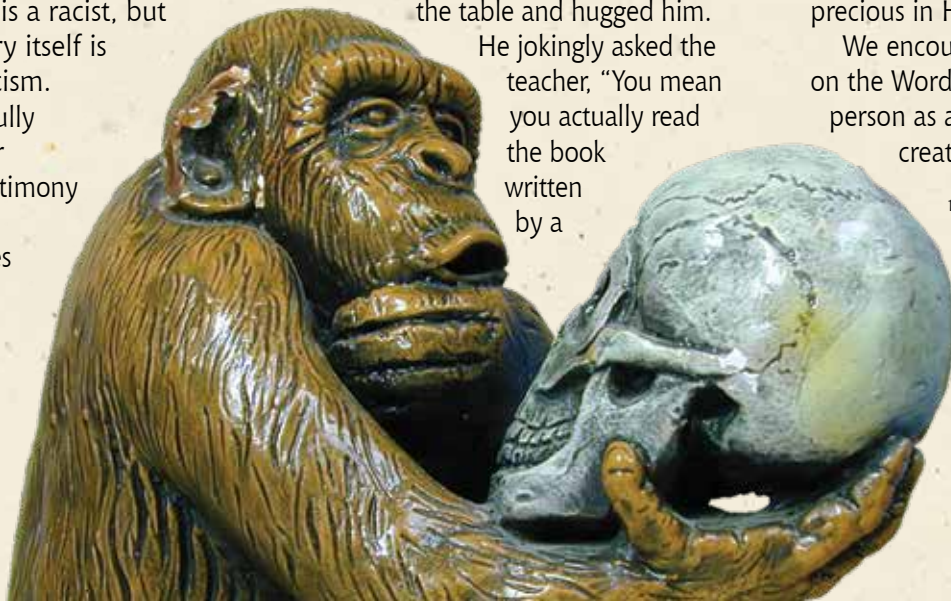
Years later while Dr. Munroe was signing books at a leadership conference, the same teacher came to him with a dirty, dog-eared and heavily marked copy of his book. He said, "This book changed my life...I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry." Myles jumped up from the table and hugged him.

He jokingly asked the teacher, "You mean you actually read the book written by a

half-breed n.... You mean a monkey changed your life?" They both laughed. Ironically, Dr. Munroe's books were later used as textbooks in the school where he was called an "uneducable monkey." This story parallels an experience of AOI speakers, Richard Stepanek and Lanny Johnson. While speaking at a large conference of black pastors in Africa, they were asked, "What line of monkeys do we come from?" Like Myles, these pastors had been taught Darwin's theory that different races evolved from different lines of monkeys and apes and that blacks were not as "evolved" as whites. Rich shared the true Biblical account and showed scientifically how all the various skin colors could arise rapidly from one man and one woman. (See page 2). True science and a proper understanding of scripture, set them free and these African pastors jumped up and down praising God.<sup>3</sup>

It is vital to remember that we are all created in the image of God, that we all fall short of that image and need a Savior, and that Jesus died for us all. As the children's song says, "Red and yellow, black and white. We are precious in His sight..."

We encourage you to stand firmly on the Word of God, and value each person as a precious human being created in His image. **AOI**



<sup>1</sup> Stephen Jay Gould, Ontogeny and Phylogeny, 1977, as quoted in Ham, Ken and Ware, A. Charles, One Race One Blood: The Biblical Answer to Racism, Revised and Updated, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> "My Life Story" by Dr. Myles Monroe. From JKL Show Animated – Wisdom for Dominion YouTube accessed 12/4/2020

<sup>3</sup> "Why Are There Different Races?" www.discovercreation.org/videos/

# Races and Skin Color by Dave Nutting

Sometimes skeptics will arrogantly ask us, "If you believe in biblical creation, how do you explain the origin of various skin colors? Were Adam and Eve black, white, or perhaps striped!?"

This common question has a straightforward and scientifically demonstrable answer. If Adam was "white" and Eve was "black," they could easily have produced all the shades we now have in their descendants. However, parents of medium skin color can also produce black children, white children, and everything in between.

In our seminars, we show a picture of parents with medium skin, who had twins. One twin has "white" characteristics, while the other has distinctly "black" features. To view their story, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsEBYjaAnFO>.



Some ask, "How is that possible?" The answer lies in basic genetic combinations. The illustration shows a simplified version of a genetic chart used in biology classrooms called a Punnett Square. Note that all of the skin-tone shades from the blackest black to the whitest white can be produced in one generation starting with medium skin-colored parents (AaBb). Of course, other characteristics of the various "races" arise in a similar fashion.

It is likely that Adam and Eve and more recently, Noah and his wife, could have had this medium-skin-color, genetic makeup. That could easily have given rise to the various skin colors of "races" around the world. Considering the migration resulting from the dispersion at the Tower of Babel, what we call "races" today could

have easily arisen in a very short time frame.

This answer is certainly more feasible than Charles Darwin's racist ideas that the various "races" arose from different lines of monkeys and apes – some of which were "more evolved" than others. This belief resulted in atrocities such as extreme



**AABB = Only Dark**  
**AAbb or aaBB = Only Medium**  
**aabb = Only Light**



	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



racism and even mass genocide of millions of people.

The Bible does have an answer! There is only one race: The Human race! **AOI**

**Source:** The New Answers Book, 2006, by Ken Hamm, Answers In Genesis, pp.228-229

## One Race One Blood

*Review taken from AIG*

One Race One Blood reveals the origins of the horrors of discrimination, the biblical truth of "interracial" marriage, as well as the proof revealed in the Bible that God created only one race. Explore the science of genetics, melanin and skin tone, affected by the history of the Tower of Babel and the origin of people groups around the world.

Ethnic cleansing, genocide, and "racial" conflicts have taken place from colonialism, to Nazi Germany, to the

modern day. We are a society, nation, and world in continued conflict. We are increasingly being identified and divided by designations of "racial" groups. Many of these unfortunate divisions have been fueled by the troublesome threads of "scientific" racism which emerged from Darwinian evolution.

Within these compelling pages, Dr. A. Charles Ware, founder of Grace Relations, a ministry of The College of Biblical Studies, and Ken Ham, CEO of Answers in Genesis - US, examine the historical roots of racism

that have permeated evolutionary thought and the Bible's powerful response to this disturbing issue.



Together, they address the Christian worldview regarding "race" from a compassionate and uniquely compelling biblical and scientific perspective and reveal the most empowering answers

to bridging "racial" divisions. Available for **\$14** from AOI plus **\$4** shipping and handling. **AOI**



# The Baobab Tree – God’s Provision in Africa

by Steve Austin with Dave Nutting

Indigenous people around the world often find that God has uniquely supplied for their needs through plants in their area. One such amazing provision is the African baobab tree (*Adansonia digitata*) which grows primarily in the dry grasslands known as savannahs. Because of the arid conditions, the baobab tree only displays its leaves during the wet season. Therefore, the leaves of this species are only seen for about four months of the year.

During the rest of the year, because of its peculiar shape, it has been called the “upside-down-tree.” It is said that it appears as if someone ripped the tree out of the ground, turned it upside down, and stuck it back into the ground. Thus, the tree limbs actually look more like the tree’s root system.

The span of the roots tend to spread in all directions, the distance being even more than its height. This allows the tree to suck up and store a massive 70% of its volume in rainfall or groundwater during the rainy season. In fact, there is so much moisture in the tree that elephants have been known to consume the juicy wood beneath its bark for crucial moisture during the dry season.

Besides giving thirsty elephants a drink, our Creator God designed this tree with an incredible number of other uses. Baobab leaves are sometimes used as forage for ruminants in the dry season. When

the leaves are young, they can be cooked and eaten as an alternative to spinach. They can also be used as a relish or made into a children’s food. The baobab fruit can also be used for making a juice by soaking and dissolving its dry pulp in water. This fruity concoction has 50% more calcium than spinach and high levels of iron, potassium, and vitamin C (four times as much as an orange or banana).

Besides edible uses, the bark and flesh of the baobab are soft, fibrous, and fire-resistant. It can be used to weave rope and make cloth. In fact, the unique bark and fiber from the tree have been used to make fish nets, mats, clothing, waterproof hats, and even strings for musical instruments. The bark is so water-resistant that it has even been used as roof shingles. In addition, the tree can be used to make soap and rubber. Pollen



Today, with the advent of modern manufacturing and large, commercial stores, many of these products have been replaced by items that are produced commercially. As a result, uses for the baobab tree may be declining into a lost art form, like the skills American pioneers practiced years ago.

Even though the bark of the baobab can be peeled from the trunk and used, the tree will replace it! Thus, the tree can heal itself, – as long as too much bark is not removed.

This is a providential feature that our Creator-God fashioned to preserve this unique tree in an otherwise, desolate environment.

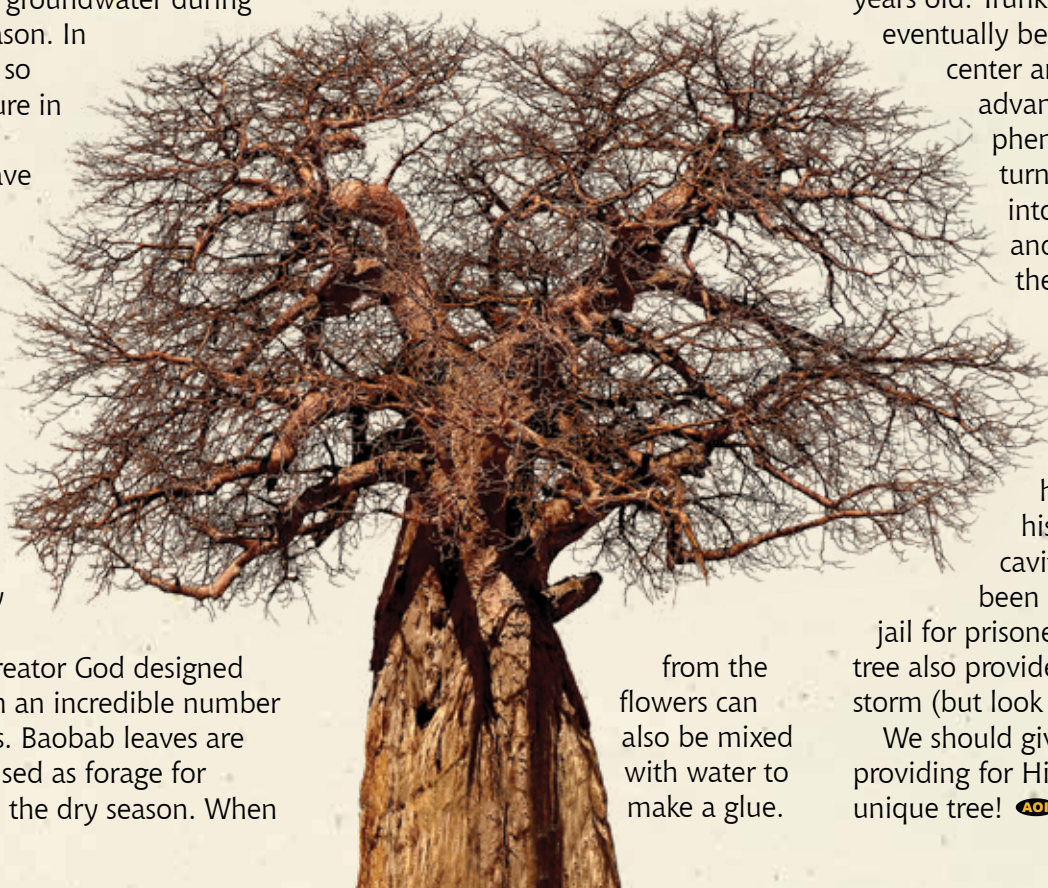
Although its rings are too indistinct to be utilized for dendrochronology (tree-ring dating), radiocarbon dating suggests that, some of the oldest trees are in excess of 2,000 years old. Trunks on these older trees

eventually become hollow in the center and the locals take advantage of this unusual phenomenon. Some have turned these cavities into living quarters, and some have used them for storage. One ivory hunter, in days long past, used a hollow baobab tree to store the ivory tusks he collected from his kills. While these cavities have reportedly been used as a temporary

jail for prisoners, such a hollow tree also provides a shelter during a storm (but look out for lightning!)

We should give thanks to God for providing for His Creation with this unique tree! **AOI**

from the flowers can also be mixed with water to make a glue.





## Director's Column

by Dave Nutting



**A**ctually, at this moment, it is hard to know what to write for this column since the future is quite uncertain. Election results aren't settled, lawsuits abound, riots are being threatened as well as strong hints of a civil war. Yipes! The only thing we can bank on is the certainty of God. Jesus did die on that cross. He did rise again. We can still find eternal life in Christ! The Gospel is certainly true! We can certainly believe

the Bible starting with creation in Genesis clear through the last verse of Revelation!

With all of this in mind, we at AOI press on to continue teaching these very certain truths. Moreover, each of the staff is thankful to God for the opportunity to minister in this way. We also thank you, our donors and prayer partners, for ministering alongside of us in this battle for the hearts and minds of children and adults in the United States and abroad! God bless you all and please stand firmly on His unchanging Word! **AOI**



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