

The fact that we all came from our first parents, Adam and Eve, means that we belong, every one of us, to the human race. It also means that it's wrong to speak of a plurality of races as if different tribes originated from different sets of parents who bear no relation to one another.

If this is so, that we all came from the same parents, from where did this notion of distinct races spring into being in the first place, and how did it come to be passed down to us over time? The whole idea of a plurality of races is born, not of scientific data but of ignorance. The notion that some 'races' are superior to others has descended from pride, and the propagation of such folly is the work of prejudice. The existence of races (plural) is a figment of one's imagination and is no more real than the sasquatch or the Ogopogo of Lake Okanagan.

Again, if this is so, that a plurality of races is born of ignorance and has no basis in reality, how is it that so many people are convinced that such races are real and must be acknowledged? There are at least four factors which, to varying degrees, keep the illusion alive: (1) skin colour, lighter to darker, the result of natural selection; (2) foreign languages, a consequence of the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11); (3) diverse cultures, the effect of people growing up in different places all around the world in isolation from each other – people groups thus gravitating to their own ways and cultivating their own traditions; and (4) the entrenched and very profound influence of vocabulary, the fact that we've been told about different races, have accepted them as true, and can no longer now imagine anything else.

It's believed by many that natural selection is a component of evolution. In point of fact, however, natural selection runs counter to evolution and is an observable fact which better supports creation. Hence, the diversity of skin colour from one region to another as noted above. The theory of evolution rests, not on natural selection but on the inexplicable introduction of totally new entities and their taking off in unexpected directions through a process of time and chance.

It's also believed by many that mutations are a result and confirming evidence of evolution. That, too, is wrong. Mutations are, for the most part, harmful rather than beneficial. There is compelling scientific evidence that the genomes of all

living creatures are degenerating due to the accumulation of harmful mutations, and this phenomenon is known as genetic entropy, or what some have called “devolution.”

What’s more, it’s believed by many that the several ‘races’ of humans testify to the evolutionary account of our origins, and, at the same time, prove the biblical account of creation to be false. Oh, but such a belief is categorically untrue. The races (plural) don’t exist, as we’ve seen, and that is further demonstrated by the fact that there is greater genetic diversity within each of the so-called ‘races’ than there are differences between them.

While, though, the ‘races’ of common parlance are not real, racism, sadly, is very real. Racism, like any false religion and the theory of evolution itself, is based on a mountain of lies, which, if embraced by enough people over a long enough period of time, is eventually considered by all the unsuspecting to be a self-evident truth. With all other sins, however, let’s repudiate every trace of it!

What does the Bible teach and science affirm? Both declare that God “has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:26). Notice, it says “from one blood.” This is something to be celebrated, along with the fact that we are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26,27), that we therefore have value, and that we are equal, all of us, one with another.

With Adam, mind you, we have all fallen into sin, come short of the glory of God, (and with that we have distorted the very image in which we were created), and the Lord Himself has told us that He will by no means exonerate the guilty (Ex. 34:7). But what is most amazing in the light of all this – and this was God’s plan from the beginning – is that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom. 10:11-13), that, if one belongs to Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, he is Abraham’s seed and an heir according to the promise made to him (Gal. 3:26-29). No, they are not all Israel (the Church Invisible, the elect of God) who are of the nation of Israel (Rom. 9:6), but all Israel (the elect, Jews and Gentiles) will be saved (Rom. 11:26). It’s important to know that we all came from Adam, but let’s also seek to be in the family of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!