

Anthropology, Race, Slavery, and Revelation

Race is all and nothing at all

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Cheddar man skeleton (8300 B.C.) and the reconstruction of his face.

Physical Anthropology, which studied human evolution, and the origin and distribution of races, is pretty much a dead science although modern DNA sequencing (showing human migration patterns, for example) is reviving it to some degree. The fact that [great genetic variability](#) is found within the modern hybridized races has been used since the [early twentieth century](#) to assert that race itself is largely a myth, and that that myth has been used exclusively by some races to oppress others, although the actual difference

between them is negligible. On the other hand, because of that oppression narrative, it is likewise asserted that race is of supreme importance and must be considered in all circumstances. This schizophrenia—race is nothing and everything at once—has caused, and is causing, endless racial animosity and human anguish.

An idea deeply imbedded in modern thinking on human origins is the “out of Africa” model. This model is largely due to the work of [Louis Leakey](#), who uncovered early hominid remains in the area of the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania in the middle of the last century. Because these were the earliest pre-human remains found, the scientific community jumped to the conclusion that early man originated in Africa and then migrated to the other continents. This idea was popularized in books such as [African Genesis](#) by Robert Ardrey (1963) and [The Naked Ape](#) by Desmond Morris (1967). The central idea embedded here is that the “black” race was the original type and that the “white” race grew lighter as an adaptation to northern climes. This idea has persisted with [speculation about vitamin D](#). No real consideration has been given as to why the Oriental race exhibits a yellow tinge or indigenous Americans a red tinge to the skin since there is no obvious adaptive benefit, and both live in the same latitudes as the “white” race.

This unconscious idea that dark skin equates to primitive, and thus, “we were all black once,” continues to the present day, with relatively late-appearing Europeans being depicted as having dark skin. Above is a facial reconstruction of a man living in Britain approximately ten thousand years ago. To me, the skeleton looks very similar to a Medieval European burial, but in the reconstruction, he is depicted as having blue eyes, very dark skin and frizzy dark hair. [Here is another](#).

Out of Africa vs All of a Sudden in Asia

The Darwinian theory of the origin of life through the random assembly of amino acids in warm ponds in the early earth has been shown to be "[probabilistically absurdly improbable](#) even when all assumptions are chosen to unreasonably favor evolutionary theories." The *Urantia Book* revelation, however, depicts a very different origin of life and of human races. According to it, life was engineered and implanted on our world five-hundred million years ago. The DNA code contains the secret of evolution, which did not proceed by Darwin's theory of random mutation conferring survival benefit, but rather new morphological types appear suddenly in response to the environment and as a direct result of this primary DNA coding. The idea that life may have been seeded was first seriously [proposed by Carl Sagan and I. S. Shklovski](#) in 1966; and Francis Crick (who discovered the DNA molecule) and L. E. Orgel coined the phrase "[directed panspermia](#)" in 1973 to propose the idea that life was not just accidentally seeded by an asteroid, for example, but directed to specific worlds by advanced civilizations on other planets.

The *Urania Book* also states that as a result of this prior DNA coding, six basic racial variants appeared all at once in Asia five-hundred thousand years ago (the first human beings having appeared one-million years ago). The "black" or Indigo race is not more primitive than any of the others (three primary—red, yellow and blue, and three secondary—orange, green and indigo). The *Urantia Book* describes the Indigo race as migrating *into* Africa having first mixed with the remaining orange and green races (now extinct) and then proceeding to dominate the lower continent. The blue race (Cro Magnon) is also extinct except as its genes persist in the hybridized "white" race.

The Bible's depiction of the curse of Noah's son, Ham (Genesis 9: 24-27), and the Book of Mormon similarly depicting the [mark of Cain as a curse](#), and the interpretation from these scriptures that the curses are tied to black skin and to

slavery, are antiquated ideas which have unfortunately poisoned racial relations for hundreds of years. The *Urantia Book's* explanation that the races appeared purposefully as a result of DNA coding, and that no race is more primitive than any other, is an antidote to that thinking.

War and Slavery

Furthermore, primitive warfare consisted entirely of wars of annihilation—utter extermination of the enemy, men, women and children. Even into the sixteenth century, war captives in Meso-America were sacrificed on an industrial scale, which is why the *Urantia Book* describes enslavement as “a forward step in the merciful treatment of war captives.” By the time we get to the Greeks in the development of Western culture, mass enslavement of the women and children of captured cities was standard practice.

These and other matter-of-fact descriptions of historic reality in the *Urantia Book* cannot be construed as a justification for slavery in the present day. On the contrary, the *Urantia Book* states: “True, slavery was oppressive, but it was in the schools of oppression that man learned industry. Eventually the slaves shared the blessings of a higher society which they had so unwillingly helped create. Slavery creates an organization of culture and social achievement but soon insidiously attacks society internally as the gravest of all destructive social maladies.” (69:8.8)

The *Urantia Book* points out another reality that modern man refuses to acknowledge and that is the deep tie between race and culture, and it states unequivocally: “It is the people who make a civilization; civilization does not make the people.” (76: 6.4) It also warns that civilization is imperiled by permitting idleness and tolerating poverty; and thus, it is unfortunate that in our efforts to eliminate

poverty, we have reinforced idleness. Indeed, there are many hard truths in the book; but we must ask ourselves: Would we rather face the truth squarely in order to deal with our problems realistically, or continue to live with those comforting lies which gradually degrade civilization over time? Witness the following statements which directly contradict America's founding myth that "all men are created equal."

Civilization and the Myth of Equality

"The weak and the inferior have always contended for equal rights; they have always insisted that the state compel the strong and superior to supply their wants and otherwise make good those deficiencies which all too often are the natural result of their own indifference and indolence.

"But this equality ideal is the child of civilization; it is not found in nature. Even culture itself demonstrates conclusively the inherent inequality of men by their very unequal capacity therefor. The sudden and nonevolutionary realization of supposed natural equality would quickly throw civilized man back to the crude usages of primitive ages."
(70:9.16-17)

The book also makes plain that though there are many material handicaps attendant upon this material life, these impediments can only delay spiritual progress, never defeat it, for such progress is subject to individual moral choice alone. Those who sincerely love God and desire to draw close to Him will survive material death, without exception. God is no respecter of persons, and from His viewpoint, human souls are all absolutely equal. Nevertheless: "Society cannot offer equal rights to all, but it can promise to administer the varying rights of each with fairness and equity. It is the business and duty of society to provide the child of nature

with a fair and peaceful opportunity to pursue self-maintenance, participate in self-perpetuation, while at the same time enjoying some measure of self-gratification, the sum of all three constituting human happiness.” (70:9.17)

The *Urantia Book* was not given to our world to coddle our feelings or indulge our illusions; it was given to clarify our past and point the way to our future, and certainly, it is widely agreed that a course correction is needed now. “Modern man is confronted with the task of making more readjustments of human values in one generation than have been made in two thousand years.” (92:7.14)

The *Urantia Book* prods us to question everything, especially our most deeply-held and cherished assumptions. With this in mind, the idea that black skin equals primitive should be the first assumption to go; and though our *spiritual* equality is the absolute truth, the idea that all human beings are *materially* equal is an obvious untruth which must also be abandoned.

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