

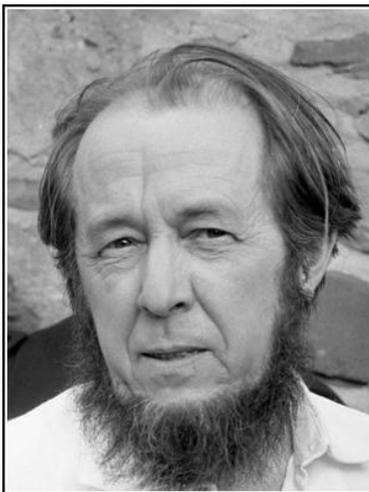
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To destroy a people, you must first
sever their roots.

— *Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn* —



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Abstract

Drawing on interpretations of Biblical texts, historical teachings of the Church of God and references to the preservation of ethnic identity, particularly of Israel as a "holy seed," the author contends that moving toward a global melting pot contradicts God's will, disrupts Divine boundaries, and fails to build national characters. The document addresses common counterarguments to modern trends, such as references to Galatians 3:28 and historical figures like Moses and Joseph, while emphasising the importance of maintaining ethnic diversity as part of God's creation plan, warning against modern societal pressures and media influences that promote their mixing.

Introductory Comments

This paper is a compilation of questions and answers on ethnic identity and human diversity.

In defending our traditional values, we have taken a position which Church's used to do decades ago. Let us go 'back to the future' with this doctrine. Let us keep the faith 'once delivered'. Let us 'hit the mark'.

Note the following pertinent Scriptures:

"Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: **fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire**, and covetousness (which is idolatry)" (Col 3:5, MKJV)

"But those belonging to Christ have **crucified the flesh with *its* passions and lusts**" (Gal 5:24)

"For let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5, MKJV)

"There is one body and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all ...

For let fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness not be once named among you, as becomes saints, neither baseness, **foolish talking**, jesting, which are not becoming, but rather giving of thanks.

For you know this, that **no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous one (who is an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom** of Christ and of God ...

And have no fellowship with **the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them**.

For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest *is* light" (Eph 4:4-6; 5:3-5, 12-13, MKJV)

Christians are meant to be of a pure heart and not one with the world. But where necessary, at odds with it. They are not meant to absorb the world's politics, philosophies and views into their doctrines and belief system. What good is it going to Church services each week and

worshipping God and Christ, yet compromising with the world?



*A new dawn is nigh – a world of diversity –
globalisation and the ‘United’ Nations will be gone forever.*

Answers to Questions - Countering Worldly Philosophies

Why isn't a global melting pot condemned in the Bible somewhere?

Actually, it is referred to in Scripture as going against the will of God, if we have eyes to see.

What is going contrary to God's will anyway? Without wishing to write an entire article on this important subject, amongst other things it is:

1. breaking God's Commandments.
2. doing that which is not of faith (Rom 14:23).
3. not doing that which is good (James 4:17).
4. not fulfilling the fruits of the Spirit and beatitudes.
5. and summing it all up – falling short of the glory of God.

The most frequent word used for *sin* in the Bible can be translated as to 'fall short of the mark' or not meeting the will of God – in other words, we are not doing that which is pleasing to God – we are not being God-centred. That is we must build holy, righteous character. There is nothing which suggests that merging all the peoples into one is in accordance with God's will or is building character or is God-centred. The Kingdom of God is being offered to those building righteous character, not compromising with the world.

How does one build character: by doing the right thing – hitting the mark in one's life, conduct, obedience and doctrines.

So, while God's opposition to a world melting pot is not listed as a part of the letter of the law as with so many other issues, it can be seen to be contrary to His will:

1. in nature (ie it is unnatural and harmful).

2. according to the spirit of God's Law.
3. in principle in the Bible.
4. Radicals push for it.

As such it misses the mark, does not build character and therefore does not please the Creator – in other words it is not an aspect of the way of life God wants for us.

Some, realising this, try and get around it by stating that such is 'wrong', but not a 'sin'. Sorry, but being wrong about something like that is missing the mark – and therefore is sin. Now let us consider this:

Israel is called a 'holy seed' in the Bible and is set apart for use by God. Now, if it is so special to God and continues to be in the New Testament and in so many prophecies of the Millennium as well as the Kingdom (Rev 21), then how can mixing its seed be Biblically approved?

And if it is not somehow of God, it must be of another spirit:

“... because the carnal mind *is* **enmity** against God, for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can *it be*”. (Rom 8:7, MKJV)

What is this 'seed' anyhow? According to the *International Bible Encyclopaedia*:

“Seed
sed (Old Testament always for zera` , Aramaic (Dan 2:43) zera` , except in Joel 1:17 for perudhoth (plural, the Revised Version (British and American) "seeds," the King James Version "seed"), and Lev 19:19 (the King James Version "mingled seed") and Dt 22:9 (the King James Version "divers seeds") for kil'ayim, literally, "two kinds," the Revised Version (British and American) "two kinds of seed." Invariably in Greek Apocrypha and usually in the New Testament for sperma, but Mk 4:26,27; Lk 8:5,11; 2 Cor 9:10 for sporos, and 1 Pet 1:23 for spora)”.
(*International Bible Encyclopedia*, article “seed”)

In addition, Israel was God's wife – He married her and will not let her pair off with anyone else. To Him, she is precious (note Psalm 50:2; Lamentations 1:6; 2:1). Why then, should this holy seed, this special people – be bred out? Following on from this principle, why should any ethnic group be absorbed into a world melting pot?

So, ask yourself the following questions: *does a melting pot further the way of life that God intended for us? Does it produce good fruits? And does it promote peace and obedience to God's Law.*

Why doesn't the Bible specifically state that there should not be a melting pot?

Not all of God's Laws are listed in Exodus etc. Only the foundational laws, upon which the others are based. There are certain horrible sex sins not mentioned in Scripture. Or smoking. Or taking drugs etc, etc. Nevertheless they are sin.

How do we know:

1. they break the spirit of the Commandments.
2. the fruits are bad.
3. common sense or deductive reasoning (logic).
4. proclaiming the Israel Message while simultaneously ignoring Israel's demise is contradictory.
5. the people and organisations that push abortion, surrogacy, weird art, homosexuality, etc are the very same ones pushing the mixing of peoples.

Christ Himself warns against sexual sins:

“But I say to you that whoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever shall marry her who is put away commits adultery.” (Matt 5:32, MKJV)

“And I say to you, Whoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her *who is* put away commits adultery.” (Matt 19:9, MKJV)

But to which sexual sin or sins does He refer to? The wording is the same as that used during that time period for sexual sins as well as for marrying outside of Israel. Therefore, in principle, it is wrong for anyone to marry outside of their group, not just for Israelites to do so (See *Jesus and Divorce* by William Heth and Gordon Wenham, pp. 154-55). The Dead Sea Scrolls contain information which may also assist. In the *First Letter on Works Reckoned as Righteousness* (4Q394-398), we find information which may throw light on this:

“... the issue of ‘fornication’, which in Lines 83-9 is equated to the one of ‘hybrids’. In turn, both appear to be related to intermarrying between Israel and foreigners actually referred to in 87-8 ... the reason for the banning of both ‘fornication’ and intermarriage would appear to be the same: i.e. Israel is supposed to be ‘a Holy People’, ‘a Holy Seed’. It is difficult to conceive of a more xenophobic group than this.” (*The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered* by Robert Eisenman and Michael Wise, page 187. A translation of this text is found on page 196 of the book)

Nehemiah and Ezra also warned against marriages in Ezra 9:1-3, 11-12; 10:1-3, 10-11, 16-17, 44 Nehemiah 7:64; 10:28-30; 13:1-3, 23-30. They actually had the Israelites divorce their foreign wives – this was the ‘fornication’ or sexual wrong of their day and which continued to be identified as such for centuries thereafter (refer again to Matthew 5:32).

One Church member wrote the following:

“The real issue behind this question is what does God want from us? What was His intention?

Why, then, did God bother to create them at all? And, why does He give instructions to people about not mixing them up? (i.e., in the Old Testament, men and women were instructed not to mix up their roles by trying to dress like each other. A similar command is repeated in the New Testament writings of Paul).

Well, the answer is fairly obvious -- to teach us important lessons about God and His Way and to prove us whether we will walk in that Way or not.

For example, we know that, in the beginning, God made people "male and female" for the purpose of marriage (Matthew). We know that marriage is a God-plane relationship, picturing the relationship between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5).

We know from the Bible, that by the time described in Genesis 1:2, the boundaries that had been established had been destroyed. As a result, the earth became "without form and void" -- in a state of chaos, decay and destruction. Consequently, God had to put things back in their proper places. We know from other scriptures (such as those in the Book of Job) that Satan hates boundaries. [You may notice how in the beginning of Job, when Satan talks with God, he complains about the "hedge" God put around Job.] We also know that Satan's rebellion is how the earth became "tohu and bohu."

We see in the Book of Genesis how God separated the various tribes into different lands and parts of the earth, whereas as man tried to bring them all together.

We know that the great purpose of man is to develop Godly character. God wants to know that we will not turn out to be another Satan. Consequently, God wants to know whether we will respect the boundaries and guidelines He establishes now as a part of that process.

It seems fairly clear to us from these things that God created different races and peoples for a specific purpose (just as he created man "male and female" for a specific purpose) -- and that that purpose has something to do with finding out if we are willing to live within the boundaries and guidelines God sets down for us. We see a similar test given in the Old Testament when God gave Israel the manna and tested them regarding the Sabbath "to see whether they will walk in My Law or no."

Likewise, the Sabbath is a boundary set by God for the purpose of seeing whether we will respect the boundaries and guidelines He establishes. Consequently, the prohibition against mixed marriage had nothing to do with racism or with one race being better than another -- it is the exact opposite. God created all races, just as he created all men and women. All are heirs together of the same promise of salvation. The prohibition against these marriages was for the purpose of showing God that we were willing to respect and remain in the boundaries and guidelines He established."

Why cannot we marry whom we are in love with?

Note the Scriptures: "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which Jehovah your God gives you" (Ex 20:12).

Given the duality of much of God's Word -- we have the letter of the law and spirit/principle of the

law - one may ask counter questions or make counter statements:

1. most parents don't want their children to marry outside of their ethnic group or race, so is that honouring them?
2. how does marrying or dating outside of one's people honour one's grandparents, forefathers, ancestors and bloodline?

Finally, it is a never-ceasing wonder that people who once knew that these sorts of marriages were wrong, under the influence of their leaders or the politically correct media, have fallen for this. Yet, many of these members will tell you that smoking is a sin; that drug taking is a sin; and so on. But they refuse to admit that changing the genetic structure and diversity of God's creation is contrary to His will. This is inexplicable and strange behaviour – some are looking for all sorts of excuses for not going the way of God.

Aren't we all mixed anyway?

While there is no doubt that mixing has occurred for a very long time, it is now occurring at an increased pace - and it is being encouraged in the media and elsewhere.

However, it is the extent of mixing which may be debated, given that we are not all mixed to any great degree.

1. some are very mixed to have become rather different to the original stock(s).
2. some are mixed to a small degree.
3. some are not mixed racially at all, but tribally mixed.

And if there were still a large degree of mixing in the world, why add to the problem? Why not rather do the right thing even if one were in the minority?

Consider: if the world does not keep the Sabbath, should we then not? If the world does not observe the clean & unclean law, why should we not? The fact is, we must strive for righteousness and to be pleasing to God regardless of what is happening in the world.

We have an opportunity to assist in the healing of the situation. This is one area that Christians can attempt to fix in this life, even if we cannot make a huge impact upon the world.

We must be logical and use common sense about all of this, based on Bible principles:

“For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a **sound mind.**” (II Tim 1:7, MKJV)

This world's philosophies are not sound at all.

One may pose the question: "If God didn't want the races mixed then why didn't He design the laws of genetics so the children would have all the race characteristics of one parent and not the other instead of a mix on most occasions?"

God has not made it so that any mistake could be impossible. Why should He? After all, He did not make it impossible for us to (mis)use our tongues to lie; or (mis)use our hands to slap

someone and so on?

While He does not want anyone to do wrong, He does not prevent it. Similarly, while He does not want environmental, ecological or genetic depreciation, He does not prevent it.

Man, under the influence of Satan, has been destroying God's creation for 6,000 years. This destruction is accelerating during these Last Days given the ease of means that globalization is affording such.

Isn't mixing inevitable in a 'global village' and weren't Israel mixed?

Inevitable? – nothing is inevitable. To prevent the destroying of man's diversity, laws to maintain that diversity can be invoked, but globalist-oriented governments will not do so.

With modern technology, we can introduce means to prevent and discourage illegal immigration and so on. Laws can work, provided that they are enforced without liberal media interference in the democratic process.

Israel was not a melting-pot at all. Some may have mixed, but certainly not to the extent of a melting pot. Let us look at the fruits of this world - why bother even considering the politically correct/woke positions when we all know which spirit is behind them?

Doing away with major truths and becoming politically correct is not of God. To go deeper into these Truths with more information and research than ever before is what we should be doing, however.

Why be absorbed into this world's philosophies? "Come out of her My people"

We can only urge the members of the Body of Christ to come out of this world's liberal philosophies and to follow the truth.

Alas, the media and the political backgrounds of some are overpowering without any countering by the Church with contrary points of view. We think we are not being swamped, but if we stopped for a minute, we would have to admit that we are taking on more and more the characteristics of the politically correct views of this world.

Our Mother, the Church, should be protecting us from evil and this world's philosophies. Should the children of God be left alone to be poisoned? Why are there no counterweights to these evil philosophies in church magazines, sermons and Bible studies?

Are Differences Between Races and Peoples Minor?

As part of His creative capacity, God brought about an abundance of life on earth, including human life. As the God of diversity, His creation of necessity has involved enormous complexity to bring about such diversity in the first place.

However, some claim that there as there is only 2% in the difference between racial genes, therefore it is alright to intermarry. It is amazing the excuses the deceived mind wishes to make

up. In fact there is also 2% difference in the gene between man and his supposed closest relative, the chimpanzee. So where does this leave us?¹

Firstly, 'what is a gene?' Do the liberals who wish to poison Church members know? A gene is "a length of DNA with a particular sequence of organic bases coding for the formation of a protein." (Pedder & Wynne, *Genetics: A Basic Guide*, p. 174) In other words it is the mechanism by which particular sets of inherited characteristics are transmitted from generation to generation.

By analogy, it is like a software programme that is 'zipped' up or compressed. Once uncompressed, it expands into a beautiful application to use on one's computer. So, a tiny gene is not the man or woman. It is merely the code. But once it is 'uncompressed' and grows into a man or woman, it is much larger, complex and wonderful.

Therefore, similarities in genes is no reason or argument for mixing the peoples of the world. It is when it has fully flowered into a human-being that counts, and it is from that point one must argue one's case.

In assigning humans to various races and nations, human biologists use dozens of measurements, including skin colour (the most obvious), features, skull types, hair types, sitting index, blood groups etc, etc. There are also various mental attributes, and physical and mental gifts God has granted the different peoples and nations. The differences are large and only dishonest people, globalist-leaning professors and liberal-left researchers (who control the information sources and interpretation) try and claim otherwise. They have a political and genetic agenda: the intermixing of all peoples until there is only one. Starting first with the Israelites, they are now moving toward extending this program to all nations and peoples. Their hope is that this will help to bring about world governance.

Later, they will mix them, Japhethites and Hamites to form one race. One human race means more control. A diversity of nations and peoples makes world union and thus global dictatorship very difficult to achieve.

Also, what is the problem or issue that there are differences? Isn't that a good thing? A blessing? The only reason for the communistic professors and scientists twisting the facts and deceiving us by claiming that race is "only a social construct" is to pretend that differences are perceived and only racists imagine differences. They deliberately hide and falsify the facts. This defies God's creative capacity.

The extremes of Racism and a Melting Pot

One Church member wrote the following words of wisdom about these problems:

>Unfortunately many in the various CoG's [Churches] have adopted the world vision and have combined the two separate views of segregation of the races and racism together. Segregation no matter how unpopular it may be in today's view which is much as it has been throughout human history is not a sin. However, racism is a sin. This is what has been taught in the Church before these liberals came to power. Although some may not agree I have found that time studying these issues with the former WCG literature has been helpful to

¹ An excellent article on human/chimp DNA similarity may be found at www.answersingenesis.org/docs/2453.asp

sort out who is who as far as the differences between races and nationalities and the article has shed some light on how one would decide who could marry whom.

The *Plain Truth* Magazine ran an article in the April 1957 concerning many of the issues that have been brought up. Concerning the Ethiopian woman Moses married it is equated as a sin. There are many instances within the Bible that when sin is not so clearly identified by the author it is something that can be understood by using the Spirit of God and seeking His counsel when things are not clear to us. All too often we as human see only through our own eyes and all too often as is the case we all find ourselves scattered and in most instances separated by vast differences of opinion as the discussion has proven. As Mr. Armstrong instructed us to "get God's point of view" and leave our points of view buried with the "old man."

One might add that the sins of Patriarchs and men of God are, while exposed, are not always labelled sin or stated as wrong in the Bible. Because a Patriarch does not measure up to God's standards which is recorded for lessons for us today, then should we commit the same error? Of course not!



The races of mankind have filled the world – as directed by the Creator.

Answers to Questions – Biblical References

Does Genesis 6 show that Noah did not mix his bloodline?

Theologians decades ago understood this truth, but as they began to degenerate further, their successors moved away from this truth – their view was that the lines of Cain and Seth were intermarrying contrary to God's will. Still others perverted this understanding and speculated that demons married women! Modern liberal commentators have moved away from this understanding, either by ignoring this Scripture or reading other meanings into it. Yet the context is clear – Noah's physical descendants are under discussion. God inspired Moses, who was concerned about such matters in relation to the nation he governed, Israel, to write Genesis in this fashion.

In Luke 17 we are told that the end-time will be very degenerate, as in Noah's day:

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so it also shall be in the days of the Son of Man.

They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until *the* day that Noah entered into the ark; and the flood came and destroyed *them* all. So also as it was in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but the day Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from the heaven and destroyed *them* all. Even so it shall be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” (Luke 17:26-30, MKJV. See also Matt 24:38).

The first thing to notice is that marriage is mentioned here in similitude to Gen 6:1-3 and give the context, must refer to the same type of (wrong) marriages as in the days of Noah. Christ cannot mean that the world will just have marriages and so on today as in those days. The context is wrong marriages and subsequent punishment for them. Today people are eating and drinking wrong foods, buying and selling in the wrong manner (ripping each other off as never before), force the land (do not observe Land Sabbaths) and building in the wrong fashion (forcing people into tiny dwellings through over-population etc).

People will not be living normal lives in the end, leading up to the Tribulation and that is a reason for Tribulation followed by the Day of the Lord. The entire context of Genesis 6 and Christ's words are related to punishment upon man for sin, wrong lifestyles and so on.

This is fully explained in the paper *Just what do you mean ... “Noah was ... perfect in his generations? available for [free online](#).*

What about Galatians 3:28?

But doesn't Galatians 3:28 state “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Sure – that's what it states. But it doesn't state that:

1. races no longer exist (they obviously do).
2. that God has changed His mind and got it all wrong in the Old Testament.
3. that there are no more males and females in existence.

It is saying that in terms of salvation, it doesn't matter. But to reach for salvation, one must please God and be righteous. Accepting this world's philosophies is not acceptable to God.

Notice the context:

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Gal 3:26-29, KJV)

So, there is nothing here about letting women become ministers; or for races and ethnic groups to disappear. Rather, both male and female and all peoples are offered eternal life. But that

does not mean that we shall no longer be sexes or ethnic groups – something which globalism and Marxism teach or promote.

There is nothing in that verse contradicting the Old Testament where we find prophecies of Israel mixing with others which God frowns upon. See Isaiah 5:1-7 and Jeremiah 2:19-23 where the vine of Israel mixed herself with other nations.²

Finally, in Hosea 7:8-9 we find a prophecy that Ephraim shall mix herself with other peoples – the way it is written shows that God is not favourable toward this: in 2000AD, Britain was at least 20% non-White; 50% of Indians had White wives and 25% of Africans had White wives. If this is not a fulfilment of this prophecy, then what is?

This is fully explained in the paper *Does 'Neither Greek or Jew' Mean that God Ignores Ethnic Diversity?* available for [free online](#).

What about permitting strangers into Israel?

See Exodus 22:21 where we note that there were certain laws in the Old Testament covering the treatment of strangers. Now turn to 23:33 Here God says that other peoples must not live in Israel. So what does He mean? He seems to be saying that we should be kind to strangers who (1) become servants to so that they can learn new skills etc; (2) they pass through Israel en-route somewhere else – much like tourists today. Because of the hardness of their hearts, God allowed Israel to marry and divorce a woman in lands they conquered – these were the temporary rules of war. Refer also to Deuteronomy 21:10-14; 20:11-14 in this context.

See also Leviticus 22:12 – here the 'stranger' appears to be someone from tribes other Israelites than Levi. But in Ezekiel 47:21-23, there is nothing here which indicates that these were non-Israelites. If they were, this would contradict all the other Scriptures. We have to look at the context to ascertain what is meant by a 'stranger' and there is no evidence it allowed for mass migration – why should it?

This is fully explained in the paper *The Concept of the 'Foreigner' in Scripture* available for free online.

Was not Judah, the leading tribe, mixed?

Let us turn to Scripture for proof one way or the other. According to Genesis 38:1-5 Judah had three sons by his Canaanitess wife. Their names were Er, Onan and Shelah. Shelah's descendants are mentioned in IChronicles 4:21-23 while Er and Onan died without generating children.

Judah had two more sons: Pharez and Zarah which produced the British Royalty, Ulster Scots, Highlander Scots and Lowlander Scots. The Keltic people have the whitest skins of any people in the world, proving that they are not mixed (skin colouring changes before any other physical attribute in mixing).

Concerning Shelah, I wrote the following in the paper *The True Roots and Origins of the Scots*

² Refer to Hosea 5:1, 7 where "strange" is foreign, rebellious or half-breed. See also Zechariah 9:6.

[available here:](#)

“A theory that has been in circulation is that the descendants of Shelah and Er intermarried with the Canaanites/Phoenicians which created an interwoven mixture which was anti-Israel and anti-Judah. It is this group which gave rise, at least in part, to the anti-British *Sinn-Fein* in Ireland (a name likely derived from Phoenician and Fenian). Their attitude seems to be derived from their forefathers (Num 33:55). Indeed, the region of Spain that the Canaanites/Phoenicians settled in Spain was known in ancient times as *Eis Feine*.

Er is possibly why Ireland was known as *Erin* or Erin’s Land, named after Er. Later, Ireland was known as *Ierne* or *Hibernia* derived from their ancient forefather, Eber or Heber. The northern islands of Hebrides were originally known as the *Heberides* and the Irish language as *Erse*.

To this day southern Ireland is called *Eire* and the name *Shelagh* is popular there. According to the website *Celtic Female Names of Ireland* other derivations are:

“Site — (SHEE-la) ... Sheela, Sheelah, Sheila, Shelagh, Sheelagh, Shiela, Sheilag, Cicily, Celia, Selia, Sissy”. (*Celtic Female Names of Ireland website. www.crosswinds.net/~daire/names/celtirishfem.html*)

Thousands of years ago the descendants of Er and Shelah were recorded in I Chron 4:21-23 as being skilled with pottery, plants, hedges and fine linen. Does this not describe the southern Irish? Everyone knows about Irish Linen, the love the Irishman has for his garden and their Belleek Pottery.

Shelah and Er (his eldest sons) descendants are today amongst the southern Irish Catholics, forever a thorn in the side of the British.” (pp. 24-25, 2025 edition)

Therefore, the descendants of Judah are predominantly White, Keltic peoples, a branch of the Nordics. Some southern Irish mixed with Canaanites.

Will there be spirit nations in God’s Eternal Kingdom?

In the first instance, Christ will be ruling over diverse peoples and nations during the Millennium according to Daniel 7:14 and Revelation 7:9; 12:5.

Concerning the eternal, spirit Kingdom, who says there won’t be different spirit nations? Firstly, even if there are not to be different spirit nations in the God Family, why should that be an excuse to pair off now?

1. Why did God create different peoples and nations in the first place?
2. this physical world has many attributes which are typological of God’s Kingdom, and we are here to be in training for that Kingdom, learning from what nature has to offer. So there must be different nations in the God Family. Why not? We can learn about the

spirit realm from the physical according to Romans 1:20.

3. Look at Revelation 21 which speaks of different nations and the tribes of Israel being extant even in the New Heavens and New Earth. So, there will evidently be spirit nations in the eternal Kingdom.

What about the dark woman in the Song of Solomon?

What dark woman? In the book the word “yawfeh” (=fair) is used of his beloved, therefore if she was the Queen of Sheba, she wasn’t black. However, it was more than likely that she was a Judahite.

See Song of Solomon 1:5-6; 2:1-2; 4:1-5; 6:1, 5, 7, 10; 7:2, 4, 6. Note how she is likened to lilies (white), her hair are locks (and therefore not peppercorn) and she is called fair (“yawfeh”) and is also likened to ivory (white). Therefore she was White, not dark!

“I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

Look not upon me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own vineyard have I not kept.” (Song of Solomon 1:5-6, MKJV)

What then of 1:5-6? Well, simply compare that with Job 30:30 – was Job a black man? Of course not – the sun tanned his skin dark as the verse says.

In the Song of Solomon it says that the sun looked upon this lady and darkened her skin. Why? Because she was working in the vineyards – a very harsh job in the red-hot sun!

Did not Joseph marry an Egyptianite?

This is what we are told:

“And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without a *word* from you, no man shall lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah. And he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On, for his wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.” (Gen 41:44-45, MKJV. See also 46:20, 34)

Surely, if Asenath were black, then Ephraim and Manasseh would’ve been half-breeds. But there is not the slightest physical or genetic evidence that the Anglo-Saxon English or Americans are. So what is meant by this?

Now, although her name is Egyptian, remember that most Black Americans have names of Whites, so a name itself is not proof for her being a Black Egyptian. Note Exodus 2:16-19 where Moses is called an Egyptian for example.

There were White Hyksos and Aramaeans (incorrectly translated as ‘Syrian’ in the Bible) living at the edge of Goshen, where the Israelites were later to dwell. After they were expelled, the Egyptians turned on Israel. See Deuteronomy 26:4-8.

Geographical integration in Egypt led to discrimination against Israel in the time of Moses. God put an end to this discrimination by separating the Israelites from the dark Egyptians:

Leviticus 20:24 states:

“But I have said to you, You shall inherit their land, and I, I am giving it to you to possess it, a land that flows with milk and honey. I *am* Jehovah your God, who has **separated** you from the nations.” (MKJV. Compare Acts 17:26)

This is fully explained in the paper *Israel’s Ethnic Heritage* available for [free online](#).

Associated with this is the academic argument that race “is a social construct” as is gender. And that the division of mankind into races is a product of the British Empire. Nothing can be further from the truth. I have read scores and scores of books and articles which demonstrate clearly that the ancient world did indeed note differences between peoples based on colour and so forth.

For instance, in February 2024 I attended the *Ramses & the Gold of the Pharaohs* exhibition at the Australia Museum, Sydney. Below is one of the photographs I took of the inscriptions of distinct peoples as identified by the Egyptians: Asiatic (ie Middle Eastern), Nubian, Asiatic, Libyan.



One Journal article confirms my position:

“The Egyptians used skin color to depict the four human races known to them: Egyptians were reddish-brown, Asiatics (Syrians and others from the Levant including the Hebrews) were depicted pale white, Nubians (to the south) were black, and Libyans (to the north and west) were almost nearly white. It is important to note that these four races appear in the Book of Gates from the New Kingdom, seen in “many New Kingdom royal tombs. . . harmoniously coexisting in the afterlife.” Wilkinson, *Symbol*, 123. So while the Egyptians

considered these to be mostly enemies in the present life, they saw eternal life much differently.” (Larry Baker, “Sanctuary Colors through Egyptian Eyes”, *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society*, Vol. 32, Nos 1-2, (2021), footnote, 32, p. 9)

Did not Moses marry a Cushite?

The following is recorded in Numbers:

“And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had taken. For he had taken a Cushite woman. And they said, Has Jehovah indeed spoken only by Moses? Has He not also spoken by us? And Jehovah heard.” (Num 12:1-2, MKJV)

The *New Bible Commentary* notes:

“1, 2 Ostensibly Miriam and Aaron complained that Moses had married a Cushite woman. The verb, however, is third person feminine singular, suggesting that originally it was Miriam alone who spoke. Later, Miriam alone was punished (v. 10). The ostensible ground of the complaint appears to be that Moses married a foreign woman: the reference may even be to Zipporah, who was, of course, a Midianite (Ex 2:15), for Midian and Cushan are linked, e.g. in Hab 3:7. But the real challenge was, *Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?*”

So, Miriam and Aaron used the Cushite woman as an excuse to have a go at Moses. They used a problem with Moses as a means to undermine his authority.

Theologians generally take two positions:

1. If tradition can be believed, Moses was a general in the Egyptian army and whilst campaigning in the south, married a Cushite or part-Cushite woman, prior to conversion. Later, he repented and divorced her and married Zipporah, a Midianite (the descendants of Midian are today around the Baltic region). The Cushite woman was still in the camp and Miriam and Aaron used this as a means to attack Moses. The accusation in Numbers 12 then is brought up about a previous matter that Moses got himself involved in quite some time previously - because he was, at that time married to Zipporah.

2. Another position is that she was the same as Zipporah and therefore racially not a Cushite but may have been nationally Cushite, if some trading Midianites found their way into Cushite territory. Therefore she was White. The accusation in Num 12 then is brought up about a current matter that Moses got himself involved in - because he was, at that time, married to Zipporah.

Either way, regardless of what Moses may or may not have done, we are not to do wrong. Similarly other Patriarchs and righteous men sinned, but that is no reason for us to.

This is fully explained in the paper *Was the Cushite Woman a Midianite?* available for [free online](#).

How can Acts 17:26 be interpreted?

Paul was clearly alluding to ethnicity when he referred to *nations*, as the Greek word is *ethnos*. Furthermore, Paul's claim was that all ethnic groups should worship God, for He is the creator of heaven, earth, and all nations. Since all ethnicities inhabit the earth and share the common ancestor from who they emerged (Adam), God is indeed the God of all humanity, not just the Israelites. The fact that the gentiles abandoned God and followed their own ways did not lessen God's dominion over them. This passage does not suggest that God dismissed the concept of ethnic separation established at Babel. Additionally, there is no evidence in this passage that God miraculously removed the significant and lasting biological differences among ethnic groups, nor does it indicate that such distinctions will ever be eliminated. Moreover, there is no suggestion that nations should forfeit their unique identities to achieve unity. The relationship described is exclusively a vertical one between each individual nation and the God who created them.

A prominent conservative theologian provides insights into this verse:

“... Paul takes for granted the diversity of nations within the unity of humanity, and attributes it to the Creator ... Acts 17:26 ... Although he goes on to quote from the Greek writers, Paul's language in this verse is drawn from the Old Testament, from the ancient song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32 [verse 8]. So the ordering of relationships between the different groupings of humankind forms part of human accountability to our Creator God ...” (Christopher Wright, *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God*, p. 214)

A Church member wrote:

“God tells us in Acts 17:26 "And He has made from one (blood) every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.”

Both in Adam and Eve and Noah and his wife God performed the miracle of placing in them the genes to produce after a few short generations all the various races of man - black, yellow and white, for each to reproduce after their own variety after that. Just as God has created flowers of every kind so too does God love wonderful variety in mankind.

One point of view is based on the book of Enoch where it says that Abel and Japheth were reddish and both Cain and Ham were black. The very word Ham in Hebrew means "burnt".

Ham and Japheth did not intermarry with another race. They were non-white to begin with and married women of their own race.

As to the case of Moses and the Ethiopian woman we must remember that his marriage to her occurred before his conversion when he was a prince in Egypt.

I would be interested in hearing people's comments on the legitimacy of the marriage. We know that Nehemiah broke up marriages between Israelites and

Gentiles, presumably claiming that they were never legal to begin with and not a legitimate marriage because they were forbidden to marry Gentiles (Deut 7).

Why wasn't this applied in Moses' case? Maybe because it occurred before he was officially a part of the congregation of Israel (not a member yet) and it was like the principal Paul said about non-believers - if they are pleased to dwell stay with them but if they depart then let them depart.

God also allowed the propagation 12 tribes of Israel, but that didn't mean God condoned the polygamy from which the original fathers of those tribes were created.

Query: The point is they propagated the races through their wives, so God must have accepted their marriages, just as he did Moses' marriage to the Ethiopian woman.

Answer: Just because they propagated, how does that translate into God's acceptance? There are often children born out of wedlock. Does that OK fornication?"

Another point of view that was sent to me:

"Query: As a casual observer, one question? What about Noah's sons, weren't they all married to someone of another race?"

Answer: No. Only Ham and Japheth were. And, their family was protected because Noah found grace in the eyes of God, just as Lot's children were offered the same protection from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, though the others decided not to take advantage of it except for his two daughters.

From what I have read of this society's leaders, the whole purpose behind promoting mixed marriage in society today is to bring peace to the world, by making all of the races a 'blah'.

It is not too hard to see that this alone will not bring peace. There are far more fights within the family than anywhere else, and these are between people of the same race (in most cases). Look at what is happening in Africa where people of the same race are fighting.

Where do wars and fighting come from? Please read James 4v1. Our problems in this society will not be solved with mixed marriages. It will take far more than that.

When I came into the church in the late 60's there was a couple of mixed marriage in the congregation. I am sure that this couple suffered more than I can imagine. We were taught to respect the qualities and skills of each individual race. God gave the variety, should we try to make everyone the same?

The solution to man's problems, is not mixed marriage. It has more to do with individual repentance of sin before God.”

Refer to **Appendix. Commentary Explanations of Acts 17:26** for further information.

A related verse is Deuteronomy 32:8 – refer to **Appendix. Commentary Explanations of Deuteronomy 32:8** for quotes from commentaries on this key verse.

Refer also to the famous Aiden Tozer’s views on this issue in **Appendix. Aiden Tozer’s Comments**.

What is the Church’s Duty?

The Church, as our Mother, has the obligation to teach the Father’s Laws as part of its training for rulership in the World Tomorrow. Law is useless unless it is taught and enforced.

Concerning the Church being given the right or not to divide peoples - we need to have wisdom on this issue. Has God given the Church a charge to divide male and female; young and old etc?

Answer: it doesn't have to! - nature has already done that. Similarly, God, through nature, has already divided nations and peoples. What is so wrong with this? What is it with some in the Church now that they want to become politically correct? Why is this so? The fact is, the Church is there to back up nature, and hence God's Will.

Where does it say in the Old Testament that 'thou should not have female preachers' or similar? Or 'thou shalt not take drugs'?

Answer: it doesn't have to. Some things are so obvious and inferred in the Scripture, that there is no need to.

When one studies the Bible, one should always remember the rules of Bible Study. One of them is duality. Often there is embedded within a Scripture a dual meaning - often this means both physical and spiritual. For instance, let us take a look at clean & unclean meats (taken from a person Bible study of mine from the late 1970s):

1. it is a physical health law
2. it is a ceremonial law (commentaries normally only have this view)
3. it is a principle – avoid junk food or food high in cholesterol etc
4. spiritually, we must avoid spiritual junk food such as pornography, false philosophies, false doctrine and such like.

Typology is one of the most interesting and fulfilling studies one could undertake and assists greatly with Biblical understanding. Literally and typologically we see in the book of Genesis how God separated the various tribes into different lands and parts of the earth, whereas it is man, swayed by Satan, who tried to bring them all together.



All nations have a right to life – to maintain their uniqueness

Appendix. Commentary Explanations of Deuteronomy 32:8

Renowned researcher and author, Christopher Wright in his *Old Testament Ethics of the People of God*, provides a comment that would normally be considered ‘obvious’:

“Paul takes for granted the diversity of nations within the unity of humanity, and attributes it to the Creator ... [Wright goes on to quote Acts 17:26 and Deut 32:8] ... Furthermore we can see that ethnic and cultural diversity is part of God’s creative intention for humanity from the eschatological vision of redeemed humanity in the new creation. The inhabitants of the new creation are not portrayed as a homogenized mass or as a single global culture. (pp. 214-15)

Deuteronomy 32:8 presents a captivating, however there are differences found in ancient manuscripts such as the *Masoretic Text* (MT), *Septuagint* (LXX), and *Dead Sea Scrolls* (DSS). This verse illustrates God’s allocation of humanity into various nations and establishing their borders. But there is a significant textual variant: the MT states "sons of Israel," whereas the DSS and LXX refer to "sons of God." This distinction has led to a range of interpretations, from theological considerations regarding divine entities to practical separations of nations.

NB: The discussion surrounding "sons of Israel" versus "sons of God" highlights the alterations made by scribes. The MT’s phrase "sons of Israel" indicates that God organised nations with the future tribes of Israel in consideration, often associated with the 70 descendants of Jacob. Conversely, the DSS/LXX’s term "sons of God" suggests a higher domain where angels govern nations (listed in Genesis 10), with Israel being regarded as God’s direct inheritance over the nations. The latter seems to be the intention of the writer.

1. Matthew Henry’s Commentary (1706-1714)

“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, he had an eye to the posterity of Abraham, the children of Israel, who were to be incorporated and become a nation; and the fixing the bounds of other nations was in order to their being, as it were, the environs of this holy nation, and a guard to it.”

(https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mhc/Deu/Deu_032.cfm)

2. John Gill’s Exposition of the Bible (1746-1763)

“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, &c.] In the times of Noah and his sons, in the days of Peleg, who had his name (that is ‘Division’) from thence, (Genesis 10:25); ‘the Most High’ is a well known and proper epithet of God; the dividing of the earth to the several nations of it, and giving to everyone their part and portion to possess and inherit, was the work of God.”

(<https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/deuteronomy-32-8.html>)

3. Adam Clarke’s Commentary (1832)

“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. That is, says Dr. Kennicott, as there were 70 souls in Jacob’s family when they went down into Egypt, so the nations of the earth were divided into 70, according to the number of those souls.”

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/deuteronomy/32-8.html>)

4. Albert Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible (1870)

“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For Jehovah’s portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. The reference is to the dispersion of men after the Flood, and the settlement of the descendants of Noah in their respective lands (Genesis 10).”

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/deuteronomy/32-8.html>)

5. Keil and Delitzsch Biblical Commentary (1866-1891)

“When the Most High divided the nations and separated the sons of Adam, He established the boundaries of the peoples with regard to the number of the sons of Israel. The meaning is that God, in His providence, so ordered the distribution of the nations that the ground was laid for the future possession of Canaan by the descendants of Abraham.”

6. Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary (1871)

“According to the number of the children of Israel—rather, ‘sons of God’ (as in the Septuagint and some manuscripts), meaning angelic beings to whom God assigned the oversight of nations, while reserving Israel as His own portion.”

7. Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers (1860s)

“According to the number of the children of Israel.—The Hebrew text here has ‘sons of Israel,’ but the Septuagint and some other authorities read ‘sons of God.’ The latter reading would imply that the nations were apportioned according to the number of divine beings or angels, but the former connects the division to Israel’s tribes.”

(<https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/49934/what-is-the-meaning-behind-deuteronomy-328-10>)

8. The Pulpit Commentary (1880-1919)

“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. This may mean that God destined the nations to be in number equal to the tribes of Israel, or, as some suggest, according to the number of angelic beings (sons of God, as in the Septuagint).”

9. Benson's Commentary (1857)

“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel; that is, he so disposed of the several nations of the earth that there might be room enough for the Israelites when they should be sufficiently multiplied to possess the land of Canaan.”

10. Dr. Constable's Expository Notes (2012)

“When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God [DSS, LXX]. This suggests that God assigned angels to oversee the nations, while He reserved Israel for Himself (v. 9).”

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/deuteronomy/32-8.html>)

11. John Calvin's Commentary on Deuteronomy (1563)

“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, He had respect to His people, that

they might have a habitation prepared for them. The sense is, that God so distributed the habitations of men, that the inheritance of His people might remain to them.”

12. Fleming’s Bridgeway Bible Commentary (2005)

“When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the children of men, he set the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel. For Jehovah’s portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.”

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/deuteronomy/32-8.html>)

13. Michael S. Heiser’s Commentary (2017)

“When the Most High apportioned the nations as an inheritance, when he divided up humankind, he established the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. Some Bibles may read ‘sons of Israel’ instead of ‘sons of God.’ The difference is due to an ancient manuscript disagreement with major theological ramifications.”

(<https://www.logos.com/grow/sons-of-israel-or-sons-of-god-in-deuteronomy-32-8-9/>)

14. Precept Austin Commentary (2022)

“When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God (per DSS and LXX). This points to the divine council, where God assigned nations to lesser divine beings, while Israel remained His portion.”

(<https://www.preceptaustin.org/deuteronomy-32-commentary>)

15. Clement of Alexandria (via Catena Bible & Commentaries)

“This is he who bestows on the Greeks also their philosophy through the inferior angels. For by an ancient and divine ordinance angels are assigned to the different nations. But to be the Lord’s portion is the glory of believers.”

(<https://catenabile.com/com/5838dae5205c248f42e52a96>)

Appendix. Commentary Explanations of Acts 17:26

“A theocentric view of diversity recognizes that ethnic and cultural distinctions among men are ultimately from God, through God, and to God. He created mankind with the potential for great diversity. When God commanded them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, He mandated the expression of that potential diversity in the nations. According to His sovereign purpose to glorify Himself in His people, “He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place” (Acts 17:26). These are among God’s works of creation and providence, His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions, steering all toward the end He has decreed.” (Anna Anderson, *An Eschatology of Diversity with an Application to Missions*, p. 6)

One authority explains:

“The reference to one ancestor in Acts 17:26 ... is an unambiguous reference to the biblical tradition of the beginning of all human existence in the creation of Adam, the first man whom God brought into being (Gen 1:26–27, 2:7). There is no clear parallel in Greek thought or mythology to this conviction that the human race can be traced back to one man who was created by God.” (Eckhard Schnabel, “Other Religions: Saving or Secular?” in *Faith Comes by Hearing: A Response to Inclusivism*, p. 115)

NB: the word *blood* is not used in the original texts (though some contend with this). There are different blood groups, so it must mean the *one* we all descend from – Adam.³

The following are excerpts from commentaries that explain Acts 17:26. These commentaries collectively highlight significant themes in this verse: the oneness of humanity stemming from a singular origin, and God's authority in establishing the limits and locations of nations.

1. Matthew Henry’s Commentary (Complete)

"He hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that is, he is the sovereign disposer of all the affairs of the children of men, according to the counsel of his will." (<https://www.christianity.com/bible/commentary/matthew-henry-complete/acts/17>)

2. David Guzik (Enduring Word Bible Commentary)

"God not only created the first man (Adam), but He continues to create every man from that one man, showing that all humanity is linked together, and God has a purpose in the times and places of every person’s life."

3. John Gill’s Exposition of the Bible

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth; and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; how long the

³ In addition, it should be pointed out that bones and flesh are used of biology or relationship, not blood. See for example Genesis 2:23; 29:14; Judges 9:2; IISamuel 5:1; 19:12; IChron 11:1; Eph 5:30.

world he has made shall continue; and the several distinct periods, ages, and generations, in which such and such men should live, such and such nations should exist."

(<https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/acts-17-26.html>)

4. Adam Clarke's Commentary

"He hath made of one blood all nations of men; but αἷμα, blood, is often used by the best writers for race, stock, kindred... The Athenians had a foolish notion that they were self-produced, and were the aboriginals of mankind. The apostle shows that all men are derived from one, namely, Adam."

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/eng/acc/acts-17.html>)

5. Working Preacher from Luther Seminary

"Paul then speaks of God's creative act of humanity: 'From a single person he made every race of people' (17:26). Despite possible connections to the Platonic notion of the 'one' and the 'many,' Paul is not echoing the Platonic, philosophical 'one,' but rather the 'one man' Adam from whom the human race descended (Genesis 2:7)."

(<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/sixth-sunday-of-easter/commentary-on-acts-1722-31-5>)

6. Catena Bible & Commentaries

"And has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord."

(<https://catenabile.com/acts/17>)

7. Precept Austin Commentary

"And hath made of one blood - All the families of mankind are descended from one origin or stock. The word blood is often used to denote 'race, stock, kindred.' This passage affirms that all the human family are descended from the same ancestor; and that, consequently, all the variety of complexion, etc., is to be traced to some other cause than that they were originally different races created."

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/acts/17-26.html>)

8. B.W. Johnson's Bible Commentary

"From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries."

(<https://www.christianity.com/bible/kjv/acts/17-26>)

9. TheBibleSays.com

"Acts 17:26 serves as a reminder that all nations and peoples, including the Athenians, are under God's sovereign rule. It challenges the prevailing Greek worldview that ascribed divine authority to a multitude of gods. Paul declares that there is one true God who created all people and determined the times and boundaries of their dwellings."

(<https://thebiblesays.com/en/synopsis/act%2B17:26>)

10. TalkToTheWord.com

"The verse starts by affirming that God made every nation of men from one blood. This declaration highlights the fundamental truth that all human beings share a common origin. Regardless of our diverse ethnicities, cultures, and nationalities, we are ultimately part of the

same human family."

(<https://www.talktotheword.com/p/acts-1726-meaning.html>)

11. James Burton Coffman's Commentary

"And hath made of one blood - All the families of mankind are descended from one origin or stock. The design of the apostle in this affirmation was probably to convince the Greeks that he regarded them all as brethren; that, although he was a Jew, yet he was not enslaved to any narrow notions or prejudices in reference to other people."

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/acts/17-26.html>)

12. USCCB Commentary

"He made from one the whole human race to dwell on the entire surface of the earth, and he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions."

(<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/acts/17>)

13. Alan J. Thompson, TGC Bible Commentary

"God is Ruler (17:26-28). Paul further declares that God is the supreme ruler. God made all mankind that lives on the face of the earth from one man. God has determined the boundaries of man's dwelling places."

(https://westpalmbeachchurchofchrist.com/new-testament/acts/acts_17.html)

14. Fleming's Commentary (StudyLight.org)

"The Stoics would have agreed that there is a supreme God who is the source of all life and who determines when and where the peoples of the earth should live (v. 24-26, 28)."

(<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/acts/17-26.html>)

15. William Barclay's Daily Study Bible

"God has made all men of one stock and has determined the bounds of their habitation, so that all might seek Him. The point is that God's purpose was to create a world where men would seek Him, and the diversity of nations and their boundaries is part of that divine plan."

(<https://www.preceptaustin.org/acts-17-commentary>)

Appendix. Aiden Tozer's Comments

Aiden Wilson Tozer was a famous Christian pastor from America, as well as an author, magazine editor, and spiritual guide. In recognition of his achievements, he was awarded honorary doctorates by Wheaton and Houghton colleges. One of his more famous works is *Tozer Speaks: 128 Compelling & Authoritative Teachings of A.W. Tozer*. Volume One comprises a collection of excerpts from Tozer's sermons, essays, and writings that address a number of subjects. In it he wrote:

“You can't change my mind about God having made us the way we are. The yellow man and the white man and the black man. God made our races. I know the Marxists and the bubbleheads say: “Oh, that's old-fashioned baloney! Everybody should get together and intermarry and pretty soon there won't be races, and where there are no races there won't be any hate, and if there's no hate, there won't be any war.” Oh, for cotton batting to stuff in the mouths of people who don't know better than that!

Many of you have taken a good look at history. Did you happen to notice that since the beginning of the world there never has been worse hatred between nations than today, and that hatred rarely crosses the color line? It is within the race itself.

The presence of specific races is not the source of our trouble-it is the disease of sin within our own hearts. Twice within twenty-five years the white Germans tried to kill and destroy the white Englishmen. Occasionally there are flare-ups between races, but mostly it is within races.

It is not race, brethren. It is sin, sin, sin, sin, sin! In place of having love for our fellowmen, we have quarreling, lying, and exploiting and competing to a shocking degree. Most people don't want to be reminded that the Bible says we should love the Lord our God and our neighbor as our self.

Let me remind you of the warbler, almost universally distributed in this country, and will you believe that there are 120 species of this bird called the warbler in the United States? One hundred and twenty varieties, with only the slightest differences of feather, or wing, or stripe or spot. In these 120 varieties, we are told, there is no crossing the line, they mate within their own racial strain, hatch and have little ones. Nobody puts them through college, but when they get big enough to hop out on the edge of the nest and begin looking for another warbler, they always pick one like themselves, and stay within their own strain.

Now, you get a Communist or a starry-eyed American fellow traveler working on that, and he will say: “That's an evidence of race hate, and it's a proof those warblers hate each other!” Hate each other – your grandmother's nightcap! They don't quarrel, they never fight, they just go on living and warbling. They've got sense enough to know that God made 120 kinds of warblers just for fun to show what He could do, and He doesn't mean for them to cross over and make one warbler out of 120!

I think it is a most amazing thing in our day that the godless who have sowed the seed of discontent among the nations try to tell us that racial lines are artificial and an evidence of “wickedness” – and they don't even believe in the Word and won't allow it to be used in any other way!” (ch. 46)

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