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“Reading in Racism?”

“See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.” (Ecclesiastes 7:29)

Absurdity of “Races” – A Distinction without a Difference

Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Matthew 19:4 (ESV)

⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,

Acts 17:26 (ESV)

²⁶ And 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,

Value of Each Soul

Psalms 139:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

John 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

1 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you

may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.

⁷ For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

True Source of Tension

James 4:1-2 (ESV)

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel..."

James 2:1-4 (ESV)

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,

³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"

⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

The Only Distinction that Matters

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 3:27-28 (ESV)

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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