**RACISM PROVES CREATION AND A CREATOR**

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(***Rick’s Note***: I just received my issue of PressingOn this morning (free to all who write Mark) and read Mark Robert’s insightful, and Biblical, take on racism. Since there is so much discussion on this volatile topic I found it fascinating to look at it from this viewpoint. I hope you will too. Thanks Mark.)

Unfortunately, racism’s ugly head and hand have again shown up in the last couple of weeks. Much can be said (and has been said) on that subject but I want to go in a different direction with this discussion. I believe racism emphatically and definitively proves creation and even the existence of God. As a bonus, I can tell you my dog is a racist.

Let’s start with a basic definition of racism: “prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular racial or ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized” (Oxford dictionary).

With that definition, I can tell you positively that Carson, my Scottish Terrier, is a racist. He has a deep-seated prejudice and antagonism for cats. When I’m walking him if he sees a cat he immediately begins barking fiercely. If I didn’t hold onto the leash (firmly!) he would chase and attack the cat. What would happen to my (very slow and old) Scottie dog if he ever caught a cat might be interesting (I suspect that huge cat down the street might give him a thorough whipping) but he would love to give it a try. Please understand that Carson doesn’t make any attempt to get to know the cat, to see if this is a nice cat, or if this cat wants to be his friend. He judges the cat solely on appearance (okay, he probably is working off scent too). The cat is part of the group *feline domesticus* and thus is unworthy of anything but his ferocious ill-will.

By now you are thinking “This is ridiculous. Carson is a dog. He’s not a racist. That’s how dogs are. They hate cats. Cats hate dogs. That’s nature’s way.” Of course, that is correct. Carson is part of nature. Nature cannot and does not make moral judgments. Nature has no basis to say “hate is wrong” or “prejudice is bad.” Evil doesn’t exist in nature. I recently saw video from Yellowstone where a grizzly bear pulled down, killed, and ate a bison. It wasn’t sinful. The bear was not charged with murder. It was nature.

So where does *our* moral nature and judgments come from? Ryan Holiday is a nationally known author and blogger who wrote recently that racism must concern us all because “the right not to be murdered, to not be harassed by people with guns, to not be targeted ... are not things that governments give to their people. *These are things that God—or generations of evolution and progress—have endowed us with at birth*, and we in turn give governments the powers to protect.” (Source: Ryan Holiday’s blog at https://ryanholiday.net/this-is-why-you-have-to-care/)

Holiday is correct when he says God grants inalienable rights. God is the Creator and so has made us in His image (Gen 1:26). Rights and responsibilities of every kind come from that passage. But how could evolution grant anyone rights? How does “generations of evolution and progress” possibly give anybody an inalienable right to anything? If humans are simply the most advanced animals around because of millions of years of lucky mutations, then who can say what is right and what is wrong? On what basis would such decisions be made? Even more to the point, why hasn’t evolution delivered similar thinking to the rest of the animal kingdom? If lions don’t regret killing antelopes why should a human regret killing another human? After all, it is just nature! There is no racism in nature because there is no right and wrong in nature.

What I’m asking here is how morality could evolve. It’s not a physical adaptation. It’s not necessary to survival. So where did it come from? Mr. Holiday says we all have it (and he’s right) but if we evolved then we shouldn’t have it at all. Where did it come from?

Let’s sum up. First, my dog isn’t a racist. He is an animal. He is incapable of being or doing evil because he is an animal.

Second, every person who saw the George Floyd video and said “Oh my, that is wrong” in that one sentence separated themselves from the animal kingdom and admitted to God’s existence. We aren’t animals. We are different. We can and we do make moral judgments (like racism is evil). We are capable of doing wrong and doing right. We can and should and must say being prejudiced against someone because of their skin color is wrong. All of that announces clearly that we are not the product of evolution but creation.

Do you know why you hate racism? Because you were made in God’s image. Because you aren’t an animal. Because you’re different than nature. You are capable of reasoning and you are capable of right and wrong. You are a moral creature, fundamentally and completely different from the animal kingdom.

As C.S. Lewis writes, “My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” (*Mere Christianity).* Racism *is* unjust, but justice requires a standard, and there is no objective standard in a universe that evolved into existence.

God is. That’s why racism is wrong, and that’s why you know racism is wrong.

 *“They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them”* (Romans 2:15, ESV).