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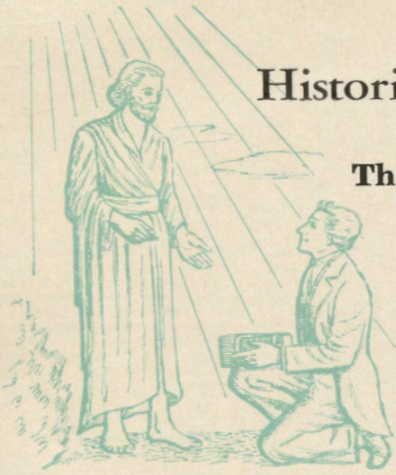
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## FOREWORD

Millions in money and much time and effort is going into a planned program to integrate the White and Black races. For example, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1953 launched a ten year, \$10,000,000. "educational" program under the slogan *Free by Sixty-Three* the purpose being to prepare public opinion for the total integration of Negroes into White society by 1963. I have a picture of CIO President Walter Reuther presenting the NAACP president with a \$75,000. donation.

Also, both Catholic and Protestant christendom have their own integration movements as witnessed by numerous current newspaper and magazine articles.

Further, the United States government by presidential action spurs integration through its armed services and federal programs.

In addition, the U. S. Supreme Court issued its 1954 precedent shattering integration opinion which overruled at least five previous Supreme court opinions, at least 59 State court decisions, and at least 13 Federal court decisions wherein the precise question of separate but equal station has been ruled upon.

Movies, television, and radio constantly pour forth planted propaganda on the subject.

The result is that millions of Americans are being led astray and the planned campaign to deceive them cannot help but influence some members of the Latter-day Saint Church. That such is the case I know from personal experience. I fill many speaking engagements. Sometimes I've talked on this subject. I find that older members of the Church are sympathetic with segregation of the races while younger ones are sympathetic with integration.

To know the truth, the correct principle which governs the situation, and to accept it will enable



us to govern ourselves and this is our first responsibility. Not to know is to be deceived.

In the first instance I took steps to find out for myself and so that I might not forget what I found I reduced the results of my research to writing. The quotations are not new and are available to all though they are from many different sources, already published. I have merely gathered them into one place and arranged them so that they speak for themselves. The quotations *are not mine* but those of the Scripture and the authorities and thinkers of the Church from the Prophet Joseph to the present Joseph Fielding Smith.

Nor can this compilation be considered the so-called "last word" on the subject but rather the result, to date, of a *continuing* research.

I do feel that making an effort to know and share is in harmony with Church teachings. The Doctrine and Covenants specifically invites the Saints to be "engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness" which is all that this amounts to, my contribution to what I feel is a good cause.

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## That Ye May Not Be Deceived

"And again I will give unto you a pattern in all things, that ye may not be deceived, for Satan is abroad in the land, and he goeth forth deceiving the nations." <sup>1</sup>

One of the great problems confronting the world today is that of racial equality. It has many ramifications. In the United States of America the problem is most keenly felt by the White and Negro races as they seek to adjust themselves to a social system that permits and even encourages the intermingling of the races on a basis of social equality.

Should this be?

An authoritative and conclusive answer is



found in the revelations of God. It is only because there has been a departure from His teachings that there is any doubt concerning the relative status of the White and the Negro race.

The YMCA has concluded from a survey that religion plays a very small role in the daily lives of America's young people.

The YMCA sponsored a survey of 19-hundred men and women between the ages of 18 and 29. Results are published in a new book called "Religious Beliefs of Youth."

The YMCA says it found that less than half the young people surveyed go to church once a week; 75 per cent read the Bible only on occasion.

*As for race relations, the organization says the survey shows that belief in God does not mean more tolerance of other races. The YMCA says agnostics and atheists appear more inclined to accept the Negro as an equal than those who believe in God.<sup>2</sup>*

Whatever the source material may be upon which agnostics and atheists base their attitude, their "equality" belief is contrary to the revelations of God. Therefore, in this brief resume of the question let's confine our thoughts to what God has revealed both to ancient and modern *Israel* through His prophets.

### **The Law Of God On The Relationship Between Israelites And Negroes**

... Shall I tell you the *law of God* in regard to the African race? If the WHITE MAN WHO BELONGS TO THE CHOSEN SEED MIXES HIS BLOOD WITH THE SEED OF CAIN, THE PENALTY UNDER THE LAW OF GOD, IS DEATH ON THE SPOT. This will always be so.<sup>3</sup>

### **The "Why" Of The Negro**

At another time Brigham Young said:

I have endeavored to give you a few items



relating to the Celestial Kingdom of God and to the other kingdoms which the Lord has prepared for His children. The Lamanites or Indians are just as much the children of our Father and God as we are. *So also are the Africans.* But we are also the children of adoption through obedience to the Gospel of His Son. Why are so many of the inhabitants of the earth CURSED with *a skin of blackness*? It comes in consequence of their fathers rejecting the powers of the Holy Priesthood, and the law of God. They will go down to death. And when all the rest of the children have received their blessings in the Holy Priesthood, then that *curse* will be removed from the seed of Cain, and they will come up and possess the priesthood, and receive all the blessings which we are now entitled to. The volition of the creature is free, this is the law of their existence, and the Lord cannot violate His own law; were He to do that, He would cease to be God. He has placed life and death before His children, and it is for them to choose. If they choose life, they receive the blessings of life; if they choose death, they must abide the penalty. This is a law which has always existed from all eternity, and will continue to exist throughout the eternities to come. Every intelligent being must have the power of choice and God brings forth the results of the acts of his creatures to promote His Kingdom and subserve His purposes in the salvation and exaltation of His children. If the Lord would have his own way, he would have all the human family to enter into His Church, and Kingdom, and receive the Holy Priesthood and come into the Celestial Kingdom of our Father and God, by the power of their own choice."<sup>4</sup>

Exercising the right of choice, free-agency, is fundamental in God's plan of progression. The degree to which we wisely exercised the right of



choice in our pre-existence determined our racial assignment here on this earth.

Confirmation of this is found in the writings and speaking of Joseph Fielding Smith. He said:

*There is a reason why one man is born black and with other disadvantages, while another is born white with great advantages. The reason is that we once had an estate before we came here, and were obedient, more or less, to the laws that were given us there. Those who were faithful in all things there received greater blessings here, and those who were not faithful received less.<sup>5</sup>*

At another time Brother Smith wrote:

There were no neutrals in the war in heaven. All took sides either with Christ or with Satan. *Every man had his agency there, and men received rewards here based upon their actions there, just as they will receive rewards hereafter for deeds done in the body. The Negro, evidently, is receiving the reward he merits.<sup>6</sup>*

An earlier statement, more revealing, as to the "why" of the Negro was made by Orson Hyde an associate of the Prophet Joseph and a member of the original latter-day "Twelve." He "inquired the situation of the Negro"<sup>7</sup> from the Prophet. This, plus the fact that the Prophet's successors permitted him to use the illustration publicly, and the knowledge that it is in harmony with what others have said on the subject makes it as authoritative, if not more so, as any other statement. Elder Hyde said:

At the time the devil was cast out of heaven, there were some spirits that did not know who had the authority, whether God or the devil. They consequently did not take a very active part on either side, but rather thought the devil had been abused, and considered he had rather the best claim to the



government. These spirits were not considered bad enough to be cast down to hell, and never have bodies; *neither were they considered worthy of an HONORABLE body on this earth . . . But those spirits in heaven that rather lent an influence to the devil, thinking he had a little the best right to govern, but did not take a very active part any way, were required to come into the world and take bodies in the accursed lineage of Canaan: and HENCE THE NEGRO OR AFRICAN RACE . . .* These things are among the mysteries of the kingdom, and *I have told them, not by constraint or by commandment, but by permission.*<sup>8</sup>

Some might think that the foregoing is contrary to the teaching that there were no neutrals in Heaven. A statement of Elder Richard L. Evans of the present Quorum of the Twelve will remove the seeming contradiction and it might be well, also, to point out that he did not, so far as I know, have in mind the particular subject to which we are applying the principle he expresses so well. Nevertheless, the principle may be associated appropriately with this discussion.

Where a principle is at issue, those who weakly watch and offer no assistance to either side have no part with the valiant—no part either with the victor or the vanquished. They are victims of their own evasion—not quite daring to do right, nor quite wanting to do wrong. To be indifferent to error or to any evil is to give great comfort and encouragement to error and evil. And in such circumstances, *indifference is not neutrality. In such circumstances, indifference is an active evil.*<sup>9</sup>

Referring to Elder Hyde's statement we find, then, that those ASSIGNED to a *DISHonorable*



*body on this earth came through the accursed lineage of Canaan through Ham's wife who was a descendant of the first murderer Cain, who rejected the power of the Holy Priesthood, and the Law of God. The curse was carried through the flood to all of Ham's children by his wife.*

Now this king of Egypt (Pharaoh) was a descendant from the loins of Ham, and was a partaker of the blood of the Canaanites by birth. From this descent sprang all the Egyptians, and thus the blood of the Canaanites was PRESERVED in the land. The land of Egypt being first discovered by a woman, who was the daughter of Ham, and the daughter of Egyptus, which in the Chaldean signifies Egypt, which signifies that which is forbidden . . . *and thus, from Ham sprang that race which PRESERVED the CURSE in the land.* Now the first government of Egypt was established by Pharaoh, the eldest son of Egyptus, the daughter of Ham, and it was after the manner of the the government of Ham, which was patriarchal. Pharaoh, being a righteous man, established his kingdom and judged his people wisely and justly all his days; *seeking earnestly to imitate* that order established by the fathers in the first generations in the days of the first patriarchal reign, even in the reign of Adam and also of Noah, his father, who blessed him with the blessings of the earth, and with the blessings of wisdom, but *CURSED him as pertaining to the Priesthood.* Now, *Pharaoh being of that lineage by which he could not have the right of Priesthood,* notwithstanding the Pharaohs would fain claim it from Noah, through Ham, therefore my father was led away by their idolatry.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Servant Race Not Entitled To Priesthood**

. . . Ham will continue to be the servant of



servants, as the Lord decreed, until the CURSE is removed.<sup>11</sup>

The seed of Ham, which is the seed of Cain descending through Ham, will, according to the CURSE put upon him, serve his brethren, and be a 'servant of servants' to his fellow-creatures, *until God removes the curse; and NO POWER CAN HINDER IT* . . . The blacks should be used like servants, and not like brutes, but they must serve. It is their privilege to live so as to enjoy many of the blessings which attend obedience to the first principles of the Gospel, though *they are not entitled to the Priesthood.*<sup>12</sup>

During a meeting of the general authorities of Church, held on August 22, 1895, the minutes quote President George Q. Cannon as saying that "*the Prophet taught this doctrine: That the seed of Cain could not receive the Priesthood nor act in any of the offices of the Priesthood until the seed of Abel should come forward and take precedence over Cain's offspring.*"<sup>13</sup>

Much is made of the fact that a Negro, Elijah Abel, was given the Priesthood during the early days of the Church. It should be pointed out, however, that the ordination was without the Prophet's knowledge. (Church Library).

Further, in an address to the Utah legislature Brigham Young is quoted by Wilford Woodruff as saying:

The Lord said I will not kill Cain, but *I will put a mark upon him*, and that mark will be seen upon the face of every negro upon the face of the earth; and it is the decree of God that that mark shall remain upon the seed of Cain until the seed of Abel shall be redeemed and Cain shall not receive the Priesthood until the time of that redemption. *ANY MAN HAVING ONE DROP OF THE SEED OF CAIN IN HIM CANNOT RECEIVE THE PRIESTHOOD;* but the day will come



when all that race will be redeemed and possess all the blessings which we now have, I am opposed to the present system of slavery.<sup>14</sup>

Just when that "day will come" is not fully revealed but when President Joseph F. Smith preached the funeral sermon of that very faithful colored sister, Aunt Jane, he said that she would in the resurrection attain the longings of her soul and become a white and beautiful person.<sup>14a</sup>

### **Segregation**

That the seed of Cain were black and *SEGREGATED* is verified from the writings of Moses, as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

And Enoch also beheld the residue of the people which were the sons of Adam; and they were a mixture of all the seed of Adam *save it were the seed of Cain*, for the seed of Cain were **BLACK, AND HAD NOT PLACE AMONG THEM.**<sup>15</sup>

Segregation of the Blacks from the Whites has a very ancient, honorable and authoritative history behind it.

### **No Mission Directly To That Race**

Also, *the Gospel was not carried to this segregated black group.*

And it came to pass that Enoch continued to call upon all the people, *save it were the people of Canaan*, to repent.<sup>16</sup>

These quotations so far point out that the Negroes tread the earth with black dishonorable bodies as a judgment of God because at the time of decision in the pre-existence they were faint-hearted and exhibited an infirmity of purpose—they were not valiant in the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, they were entitled to no better earthly lineage than that of the first earthly murderer, Cain. They were to be the "servant of servants." They were to be segregated. No effort was made



to carry the Gospel to them as a people. They were not to have the Priesthood.

### **No Intermarriage**

As for inter-marriage of whites and blacks, it was expressly forbidden from the beginning.

That such a prohibition must have been made by the Lord is evident, not only from the fact that inter-marriages of this kind are mentioned among the reasons of the flood (Gen. 6:2, 3, 12) but also from other passages making similar inter-marriages a sin. (See Ezrs. 9:6. Nehemiah 13:26-27. 2 Cor. 6:14) New and wonderful light is thrown upon the relationships of the people before and after the flood by revelations to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Thence we learn that the expression 'All flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth,' signifies that the pure race of Seth, which alone could hold the Priesthood and therefore be the oracles of God, was all but extinct through transgressions of God's command not to marry with the cursed race; that, indeed the Flood became necessary in order that the two races might start on more equal footing for posterity. Even as it was Ham's wife was of Cain's seed. (Whence the real reason for Cain's curse being perpetuated through Canaan, Ham's son) *But this was no accident; it became necessary in order that a lineage might be continued on the earth for the rest of the spirits in heaven entitled to no better earth-life than that of Cain's posterity.*<sup>17</sup>

Today's developing calamitous integration movement the end-product of which is inter-marriage seals the Savior's 2,000 year old prophecy concerning events preceeding His second coming.

But as it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be also at the coming of the Son of Man; for it shall be with them, as it was in the days



which were before the flood; for until the day that Noah entered into the ark they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage; And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.<sup>18</sup>

He was speaking of a condition more to be shunned than our present loose system of marriage and divorce for that, as bad as it is, has never brought on the total destruction of all the human race, save eight, as in the time of Noah.

But, the marriage of the pure race of Seth, or in these days his descendants, the Children of Israel-Ephraim, the chosen seed, which alone can hold the priesthood and therefore be the Oracles of God with the forbidden seed is the type of abomination calling down God's particular wrath in the form of destruction. It is the last great sign of the time mentioned by Christ in his resume of latter-day conditions to take place before His second coming at which time the world will be cleansed by fire.

To date among the Latter-day Saints there has been very very little of this end-product of integration, racial intermarriage. However, due to the pressures of the world there are those who would in turn pressure the living Oracles of God to change His law. Therefore, it might be well for us to all realize that we are in *HIS KINGDOM. HE MAKES THE LAW*. There is no provision for a town meeting decision to change it. On the other hand there is an abundance of scripture and example both ancient and modern by which Latter-day Saints can set their course.

#### **A Page From The Past**

The Savior revealed his attitude when contacted by the Canaanite woman.

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of



the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

But he answered her not a word. (The Saviour would not even speak to her.) And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. (Apparently after seeking help from the Saviour and being rebuffed she so annoyed the Apostles, who also rebuffed her, that they besought the Savior to get rid of her.) But he answered and said, *I AM NOT SENT BUT UNTO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.* (Note the Savior's answer to his Apostles. It is extremely significant).

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

But he answered and said, *it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to CAST IT TO DOGS.* (Note the designation. Christ knew that before this life this woman had not been valiant in his service and had even lent her influence to Satan because of which she was entitled to no better earthly lineage than that of the cursed race.)

And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. (It is said by students that this translation of dogs refers to the little dogs who used to sit under the master's table waiting for the scraps.)<sup>19</sup>

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."<sup>20</sup>

Mark in his Gospel tells us the same story and adds the detail that "The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician; by nation;"<sup>21</sup> Bible concordances say the Syrophenicians were partakers of the blood of the ancient Canaanites<sup>22</sup> with whom the Israelites



were forbidden to marry or to even make covenants.<sup>23</sup>

Also, when we recall that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the pre-existent Jesus Christ of the New Testament<sup>24</sup> the consistency of His action becomes immediately apparent.

### **A Page For The Present**

It would be quite natural for the Jehovah of the Old Testament who is the Jesus of the New Testament to instruct the Prophets of the Restoration in the latter-days concerning this matter. It is not surprising, then, that today, as of old, HIS CHURCH, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has no call to carry the Gospel to the Negro, and it does not do so. However, it does declare that the Blacks are children of God.

The Lamanites or Indians are just as much the children of our Father and God as we are. So also are the Africans.<sup>25</sup>

He loves all men whether they be white or black. No matter what their color, no matter the conditions under which they were born and reared, the Lord looks upon all his children in mercy and will do for them just the best that he can.<sup>26</sup>

And the Prophet Brigham Young further stated:

It is their privilege to live so as to enjoy many of the blessings which attend obedience to the first principles of the Gospel.<sup>27</sup>

Children of our Heavenly Father entitled to blessings attending obedience to the First Principles and eventual Priesthood are not to be treated "like brutes" nor are these Negro people to be consigned to slavery.

They have souls, and are subject to salvation. Go into Cincinnati or any city, and find an educated negro, who rides in his carriage and you will see a man who has risen



by the powers of his own mind to his exalted state of respectability. The slaves in Washington are more refined than many in high places, and the black boys will take the shine off many of those they brush and wait on . . . *Had I anything to do with the Negro, I WOULD CONFINE THEM BY STRICT LAW TO THEIR OWN SPECIES and put them on a national equalization.*<sup>28</sup>

“Equalization” as the Prophet here used the word did not mean a social intermingling, integration, for he expressly stated the colored people should be *confined by strict law to their own species*, (separate but equal station).

About 100 years ago shortly after the Prophet Joseph said the above, while speaking in the Bowery on Temple Square George A. Smith said (and we are 100 years further into the program now than then):

When the curse of the Almighty comes upon a people, it certainly is the work of generations to remove it. When Cain brought a curse upon his own head, and that of his household, his after generations bore the same curse.

The curse that came upon Canaan, the son of Ham, has extended to a great portion of the human race, and has continued to the present day.

For the last hundred years, *philanthropists who were ignorant of the order of God—of the irrevocable decrees of the Almighty—* have exerted themselves vigorously to thwart the purposes of the Almighty in trying to remove the curse of servitude from the descendants of Canaan; but their endeavors are vain and useless; it is labor lost, and answers no end, only so far as it serves to *multiply the difficulties and perplexities which are arising in this generation, to bring about the destruction of cor-*



*ruption and wickedness from the earth; in this way it all indirectly serves a purpose. WHEN GOD HAS DECREED A CERTAIN WAY FOR MEN TO BE IN SERVITUDE, AND HAS DESIGNED THEY SHALL HOLD THAT POSITION, IT IS WORSE THAN USELESS FOR ANY MAN OR SET OF MEN, TO UNDERTAKE TO PUT THEM IN A POSITION TO RULE.*

The Lord conferred portions of the Priesthood upon certain races of men, and through promises made to their fathers they were entitled to the rights, and blessings, and privileges of that Priesthood. Other races, in consequences of their corruptions, their murders, their wickedness, or the wickedness of their fathers, had the Priesthood taken from them, and the curse that was upon them was decreed should descend upon their posterity after them, *it was decreed that they should not bear rule.*<sup>29</sup>

As Elder Smith predicted, difficulties and perplexities have arisen in our nation over the problem of the Negro until now the situation is acute. Furthermore a godless, Christ-hating political movement which has as one of its fronts, Communism, constantly agitates and confuses the issue. But what is worse is the total lack of Christian leadership in the so-called Christian world, a leadership which for the most part endorses present-day programs that would rob the White race of its earned and God-rewarded place in the scheme of things.

However, there is no lack of that leadership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Today, as of old, His Church is in line with the preserved word of God. Its Living Oracles hold to the color line drawn by God. By following the precepts of the latter-day restored Church no one need stumble over the racial question.



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