

The Brotherhood Of Human Beings

Acts 17:24, 26 [NIV] *“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.” ... “From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.”*

The modern sociological discovery, the unity and equality of all humans is very old, **not** a new advance concept and proof of human progress.

By teaching that all humans have a common origin, the Christian Bible anticipated all that is sound in today’s teaching of human brotherhood.

Genesis 3:20 [NIV] *“Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.”*

This is the historical fact that the human race began with the pair, Adam and Eve.

All that now live or have lived descend from those first parents.

According to the Holy Spirit inspired [2 **Timothy 3:16**] Christian Bible, there has **not** been introduced into the human organism any non-Adamic strain that might have made for basic differences between humans.

Genesis 6:5 [NIV] *“The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.”*

Before flood of Noah, God lumped all the human inhabitants of the earth together under the generic title “*man*.”

Genesis 9:6 [NIV] *“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.”*

After the flood of Noah God again referred to all people as “*man*.”

The subsequent separation of Israel from the rest of mankind to fulfil the high purpose of God did **not** and could **not** make any biological difference between Jew and Gentile.

Christ recognised this and called Himself the “*Son of Man*.”

Jesus came through Israel but He came to the race of man. [**John 1:1-3, 11, 14; Matthew 16:13; Matthew 17:22**]

Fundamentally all humans are one. They are all members of the same order of created life and can never escape the vital unity that exists between them.

No matter how they treat each other they are still closer to each other than any other order of created life.

We are all one in Adam.

The knowledge does **not** by any means clear up the problem of differences that exist between individuals, races and nations.

These differences are incidental only and lie on the surface of our common life.

Physiologically they have to do with size, body shape, skull structure and skin colour.

To these differences have been added over the centuries such further differences as political groupings, languages and social customs.

Trifling as they may be, they appear important enough to cause no end of misery among human beings.

Why must this difference be prolonged?

Because the human race is morally and spiritually fallen from the grace of God their Creator.

The much talked of human brotherhood is a brotherhood of humans cut off from their Creator God, because of sinful rebellion. [Isaiah 59:2-4]

Even if the “United Nations” truly were united they would still be but a confederation of nations in open rebellion against their Creator God.

Romans 5:12 [NIV] *“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned,”*

The unity of mankind with itself means universal condemnation for all its members.

Strange enough as it may seem, hope for every humans being lies **not** huddling up together as humans but in renouncing allegiance of the world altogether.

Put your confidence and trust in a brotherhood of condemned humans is but to die with them in the end.

Within the Christian message of hope for humanity are little prepositions, “from,” “out” and “unto.”

Acts 2:36-40 [NIV] *“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.’ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’”*

Pleaded with the people to save themselves **from** the corrupt generation in which they lived.

John 15:19 [NIV] *“If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”*

Jesus Christ calls His disciples **out** of the world.

Matthew 11:28-29 [King James] *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”*

Jesus Christ calls all humans to come **unto** Him.

Not until humans who have lost their way in life have transferred their hope from human “togetherness” and fix it on Jesus Christ will they know the joy and peace of mind of sins forgiven and the deep assurance that they are reconciled to their Creator God.

The brotherhood of humans is a fact, but it carries with it **no** hope for the human race.

True Christians are redeemed human beings, regenerated and saved by renouncing the original Adamic fellowship, **not** by cultivating it.

Together the humans who make this choice form a new race of humans who have died and been born again by the Holy Spirit into the Emmanuel [*“God with us”*] race of human beings.

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