

DOES THE BIBLE CREATE A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR RACISM TO GROW?

COMMENT FROM HECTOR AVALOS SAYING THAT THE LANDS WHERE THE BIBLE EMERGED WERE NOT RACIST UNTIL THE BIBLE CAME ALONG PROMOTING HEBREW RACISM: It is not until the Bible comes on the scene, therefore, that we truly have a consistent and persistent authority for racism in Western civilization. Alfred Rosenberg, regarded as a premier theorist of race in Nazi Germany, many, also used parts of the Bible as support in the *Myth of the Twentieth Century: An Assessment of the Psychological-Spiritual Struggle of our Time*, first published in 1930.

The subtitle alone shows that Rosenberg was no atheist, but rather followed a religious outlook on life. Rosenberg's book, which was his main opus, sold an estimated half million copies by the end of 1936, and about 1 million copies were in print in 1944. It was second only to Hitler's *Mein Kampf* in sales and reputation.

Rosenberg does not represent so much an anti-Christian movement as a recontextualization of Christianity. In fact, he called it "positive Christianity" (positive Christentum), as opposed to the one represented by the Asiatic clergy.

We can argue that at least parts of the Hebrew Bible constitute the principal exponents of the most systematic ideology of genealogical purity inherited by Western civilization. One example is found in the story of Ezra's shock at the Jews having mixed with foreigners while in Babylon: After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, "The people of Israel, the priests, and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and for their sons. Thus the holy seed has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands, and in this faithlessness the officials and leaders have led the way." (Ezra 9:1-2) Even if the Hebrew author did not understand modern genetics, it is clear that the author understands that the mixing of "seed" is a physical process. Likewise, the author seems to think of "pollution" in material terms in prohibiting miscegenation...

COMMENT: Excellent point! And the racism has been sort of normalised which alone is enough to inspire and enable people to create new forms. And so the problems created by it are still in force today. The book selling so well in a Christian country says it all! And even the nicest Christian is a disgrace for helping ensure that the evil Bible is the most distributed book in existence!! It is not just for reading - it is presented as something to be followed.

It is not true that Ezra seems to think in terms of bad breeding. He definitely thinks it. Had he not done so he would have recommended such unions as long as they involved converts or civilised pagans. He makes no comment on their personal qualities.

