



Does challenging superstition or faith protect people?
 Is it mistaken to support organised religion in membership or donations?

If people do good because they are human, not because God prompts them,
 is it right to risk giving God any credit when they alone own their good?



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JESUS THE RACIST

SUMMARY:

Does the Bible see race as a group who have certain genetic characteristics such as black skin? Some devious people contend: "No. Race in the Bible never refers to race in the technical sense."

This is a lie for it gives details about how somebody from another race cannot be considered a Hebrew in race and faith and about how long before their descendants can be considered Hebrews and pure enough to become members of God's congregation - the religion.

The Law of God that Jesus adored so much preaches eugenics - something that NOTHING else up to and around that time had done! Jesus said not an iota should or would pass from those scriptures highlighting that this was because their teaching was simply right and humans are prone to error hence no change can be tolerated in case it confuses the teaching

Suppose it did not preach racism clearly. It would not have to. Racism is just simply an us not them attitude, feeling and view based on somebody being seen in a sense as another species just because of where they are from and Unsurprisingly the Old Testament strongly tries to separate the Hebrews from other nations. Most people who are racist are not thinking genetics! They are still racists!

To call Jesus saviour and the light of the world and to agree with the Jewish followers he had who said they did not have any way to God - implying their religion was no good - and being told in response "I am the way, truth and life" is a kind of racism. It paves the way for other forms. If you disparage people of the past as not having access to God's saving help to live a good life that leads to looking down on their races and cultures. Taking a step to racism is racism. Racism is a spectrum and need not take the form we rant about today. The racist ingredient of your privilege, your people's privilege is there. We need to rant more and be more aware and racially conscious.

LIGHT FROM ANOTHER HEALING

Jesus gets verbally abusive when he finds out people were trying to get his disciples not him to cure people. The cures failed. He tells them he cannot endure them and rants about how long will he have to be with them. He does the cures complaining about the lack of faith.

He helped people who did not fulfil the faith criteria and rejected that woman. He was a spiteful man in tone so his racism was not surprising.

THE CANAANITE WOMAN AND HER POSSESSED DAUGHTER

Jesus infamously ignored the pleas of a woman who wanted him to get a demon out of her daughter.

She got his attention eventually and he told her it was not right to take the food of the children meaning the Jews and throw it to the dogs. He was clear it was not right. If he were testing he would have said, "What if I said to you I would not help for I have to help God's people not pagans?" No what he said was, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel".

She retorted that surely dogs can get scraps.

He told her for such a reply he would help her daughter. He tells her and her child were dogs and agrees to help when she admits it. She was totally degraded. It was mean to take advantage of such a vulnerable woman.

Unlike in other cases, he was so repulsed he never went to the girl but healed her at a distance.

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There was no diagnosis. If the girl was better when her mother got home, that means nothing. Jesus said that demons can be cast out but invited back in again. So with such a doctrine he could not fail. If the person went quiet he said it was the demon gone. But that proves nothing. He was a fraud.

The Jews regarded the Gentiles like this woman as dogs. The woman was in danger from racist fanatics and Jesus did not help.

THE CENTURION

The gospels say a Roman centurion came to Jesus to request the healing of his sick servant. The story stresses how he told Jesus he was not worthy to come under Jesus' roof. The centurion telling Jesus he is not worthy to come to him to ask for his help is interesting. It reads as if the centurion is saying he is not Jewish so he is pandering to Jesus' racism. Jesus praises his faith and says he has not met it so far in Israel. If it is the humility of his faith that Jesus refers to then it is a man admitting that despite building synagogues for the Jews and being good he is not a great person. Whether he humiliates himself as a man or as a non-Jew or both the account glorifies humiliation not humility. And Jesus is very sceptical about how genuine nearly all religious people's faith is. If they are that bad then surely he knows that by acting in a way that looks racist he is adding fuel to the fire.

Some say the episode makes sense in the light of Deuteronomy 10:17-19 which has God saying you must love the alien who lives in your country. Being just to them is an act of love. But nothing in the text says the centurion was a citizen of Israel. No wonder Jesus gave him patronising reluctant love.

The gospels do not tell us all about Jesus so the racism he exemplified could be worse than we will ever know.

The centurion if he got equal treatment only shows that Jesus preferred to confine his racism to WOMEN! Against that the centurion had to admit his inferiority too. What did he admit? It is assumed he meant he was unworthy over his sins when he asked for healing from Jesus to make him worthy. But that could be the sin of being of another race.

This woman seems to have been on her own. She was in a dangerous place among dangerous people. Don't forget that Jesus fuelled that problem. He knew the power of gossip and no matter what he meant by calling her a cur the version most people would have had would be a lot more toxic and hateful.

FINALLY

Whoever says the gospels are true and God's word is being indirectly racist at the very least.