

Question: I am a black American and I would like to know why blacks have suffered and continue to suffer all over the world. Is this a curse from God or just the way human nature is? I'm really confused by this. Other races and cultures don't seem to be suffering as much as blacks are. What does the Bible say on this subject? Much thanks.

Answer: Thank you for your question. I am very aware of the pain and suffering in the world. While it does sometimes appear that one race or culture suffers more than others, it is only an appearance -- and we cannot correctly judge the purpose of it by the "outer appearance" of anything or anyone. Read Genesis 3:1-20 (especially verses 11-20) and carefully study these Scripture verses. They will put your mind at ease regarding any certain race more so than another being (so-called) "cursed."

Ignorance of the Law of Spirit and Life is the "curse" upon all mankind. See Hosea 4:1-10. Every race of people passes through the halls of ignorance during its time of growth and development. No one is spared this growth process because it is the "Law of Life" at work during the development of all life forms. Every race of people on the earth did not have its beginnings of earthly experiences at the same time -- therefore some are a bit more developed than others. However in every race there are those who are more developed and spiritually enlightened than others are in the same race and culture. You will see this in every race in the world today.

Those whose religions and traditions teach them to hate and destroy other life forms suffer untold internal anguish of heart, although they may appear to be rich in worldly goods. This is all a part of the development of the human body and expansion of consciousness of man's mind. It has nothing to do whatsoever with any particular race or culture, for we have all passed this way.

We are all incarnate in an earthly body for the same purpose. Our purpose for being here is to develop, perfect, and expand our consciousness of Life and Truth and eventually to immortalize our body in order to experience Life in the body for eternity. For one who has the mind and the desire to accomplish this work, ***there is no thing, condition, race, or creed that can stop him or her.*** If "anyone" of "any race" lack wisdom, let him ask the God who dwells within his own heart to help him, and he will surely receive it if he is willing to patiently wait and expect to receive it. God is no respecter of persons -- black, white, red, brown, or otherwise. We should all be grateful and proud of our heritage, regardless of what race we are a member.

We know that no outer experience that we may have in the world, or no matter what manner we may be judged by others of our own or other races, in truth we are all the same, while we may ***appear*** to be different. We are all in a struggle for our lives while we are in the "womb" of the earthly mother's body. But at the end, when we are fully formed, we will all be delivered from our earthly mother's womb (placenta), just as we were formed within our flesh mother's womb and at the appointed time we were born into the kingdom of man.

When we were first "begotten" and our bodily form began to grow in our mother, we surely did not ***appear or look like*** anything one would desire. If you have seen a child in the first stages of its development in the womb, you know its "appearance" looks pretty hopeless. Liken this to the outer appearance of all mankind and his state of mind and behavior that "now is." Given the opportunity to know Truth -- and with time, love and attention given to one's own development and spiritual progress -- these will assure him that even though he may be in his first, second, or third trimester (in the spiritual womb) and he may appear to be grossly ill formed, he will continue to grow and develop until he is fully formed in every way. This applies to every race of people.

So, Dondi, take courage, and tend to your own personal development and spiritual growth, and you will be able to assist others along the way when you yourself understand and have it right.

I really appreciate your letter and your question, Dondi, and I am sure there are hundreds of millions, in every race upon the earth, who have the same question deep within them. I know as a young, growing child I had these same kinds of questions within me, wondering why life seemed to be so hard. Later in my journey I decided to find out the answers, since all I seemed to have were questions.

All I needed to do was to make the decision within myself to find the answers, and that nothing was going to discourage or stop me, short of “death.” In my search for Truth I began to find nuggets of Truth within me that had been there all along. But I had been searching or looking for answers in the wrong places and judging myself by what others appeared to have and say. I did not think very highly of myself or my chances in life. All of this changed, however, as I began to discover Truth concerning my own life and purpose, along with God’s plan for myself and for all mankind.

I want you to know, Dondi, that in the mid-1970’s I pastored a church in New Orleans, LA. About half of my congregation were members of the black community. At the time I had a live, daily radio program, and one day during my radio broadcast I heard myself saying (without taking previous thought), **“God has called me to the black community.”** I knew when I heard these words coming out of my mouth that there was no deeper truth or reality for my life’s work and ministry than these words.

I am sure that in the past 20 – 25 years you have noticed that there are many black men and women who have emerged and come out of the traditional religious doctrines of man. There will be more of the black race who will be raised up and make a vast difference in the progress and development of the race of mankind as a whole -- and **“I will continue to be there to assist also!”**

Dondi, I am pleased to know that you refer to yourself as a “black American” rather than an “African American.” There is no such thing as an “African American.” This is a title or reference to a “race of American people” that only divides the nation. Regardless of our race or skin color, if we were born in or we are a citizen of the United States of America, then we are **Americans**, and **NOTHING SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DIVIDE US.**

Every black American citizen should stand up for his country and refuse to be called an “African American.” To be called an “African American” is far worse than to be called the so-called “N” word. While the “N” word is a derogatory slang, the African American title denotes that one is only half American and half African. This person is not recognized as a citizen of *any* country. ***This divisiveness does a severe injustice to black Americans born here or who receive citizenship here.***

Every change in the history of mankind has come by one who had the realization that the common and acceptable way of thinking and speaking was unjust and harmful. Dondi, you are “one,” but there are many who will “hear” you if you began to speak out for your race. I have, and will continue to do so even though I am of the caucasian race. ***WE ARE ALL AMERICANS AND WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF IT!*** We should defend our rights as member of the human race and defend our citizenship in our country.

This change of mind-set will help to change the behavior and attitude of all races as we realize that ***WE ARE ALL CITIZENS OF ONE COUNTRY AND CHILDREN OF ONE GOD.*** After all, very few black people have ever been to Africa or even know anyone who has been there. Those who are born here should be ever-grateful for having been born in the United States of America, rather than into the deplorable conditions in most of the continent of Africa or elsewhere.

Dondi, together we can and will help others to help themselves. My prayer for you is for God to richly bless you!

In Christ,

I am Dr. Lillie

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