# THOUGHTS

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#### "INFLUENCERS"

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Self-aggrandizement and hubris rule the day when an industry arises around people being influencers. I remember when it was a sign of strength and integrity to not let others hold undue influence over your thinking and behavior. Some are in such a rush to influence others that they join a queue to die. Hong Kong resident Sophia Cheung – note this, 32 years old – who on a trip to Ha Pak Lai Park slipped from a waterfall where she was taking a selfie, fell 16 feet, and died. The news article pointed out that she had on her Instagram account the tagline, "Life should be fun not dumb."

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Her last Instagram post showed her sitting in the surf with a boogie board; it read, "Better days are coming. They are called: Saturday and Sunday." I wonder if she ever habitually visited church on Sunday? Perhaps Sophia was a Christian who died thoughtlessly. Maybe she was a Secularist who was so infatuated with her self-image that she died for it. Regardless, we see the danger of getting too wrapped up in one's self-image. It can be hazardous to your health, both physically and spiritually.

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It would be wise to make Jesus Christ your top influencer. He calls all of us to become disciples, students who conform to Him. Like an apprentice, we listen and observe the Savior, and do similar. I admire Jesus for his mission, his divine preaching, and ministry to others. I do not envision Jesus posting selfies to impress people. Christians are wise not to pander after the adulation of the world. In the end, it means little. (Source: Influencer plummets to death while snapping waterfall selfie | Fox News)

### SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN IS A TOOL OF BLACK LIVES MATTER!

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What? Shocking isn't it! The periodical is a propaganda machine for BLM? Not really; the claim has about as much veracity as the claim in an opinion piece in Scientific American that Denial of Darwinism is racist ("Denial of Evolution is a Form of White Supremacy" by Anthropologist Allison Hopper). It helps to see that the article's author is not only an Evolutionist but a proponent of the "out-of-Africa" model, which claims that contemporary man (or should I say persons?) evolved from humanoids originally in Africa.

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So, let's follow the tortured logic; purportedly humans evolved upward from an ape-like creature originating in Africa. Apes somewhere along the way ascended to Homo Sapiens, and they obviously had darker skin, not white skin. Christians who teach about the mark of Cain in Genesis (as if the words "color" or "skin" did not exist in the Hebrew language to communicate precise thoughts were that the intent) are labeled racists. It is perfectly logical to a twisted mind!

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### The Bible is God's Word...Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh... His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.

Allison dismally does not quote the Bible, because it would show that she has taken great liberty with the text and has not done her homework on Christian interpretation of the passage. While some Christians did in fact adopt the dark skin interpretation, this has already been soundly condemned by generations of Christians. I wonder if she wanted to ignore the fact that the Mormons (Latter Day Saints) taught specifically that if the darker skinned peoples (chiefly Indians and Blacks) were to become Mormon, their skin would turn, "white and delightsome." (See the book One Nation Under Gods by Richard Abanes for this and many other revolting revelations about the LDS). It was not until 1978, when supposedly the leadership conveniently received countermanding revelation ending all LDS official restriction of Blacks. We have in this opinion piece by Hopper a classic scree, a smear job of all Christians and the Bible in a weak defense of Evolutionary theory.

Remember how they used to talk about angry White men? Now is the era of the unhinged "Karen". Allison is an unhinged White woman ranting about history she doesn't know. Her worldview, and indeed her entire career, is threatened and is increasingly shown to be irrelevant. Christians and I.D. proponents (not synonymous) are pressuring persons such as Hopper. Perhaps that is why she is in such a poor mood. Molecular biologists now call the shots, not Anthropologists. Persons such as Michael Behe, a Molecular Biologist and author of Darwin's Black Box and A Mousetrap for Darwin, are dismantling the edifice of Neo-Darwinian Evolutionary Theory. If creatures have not morphed at the molecular level, then they did not undergo macroevolution, regardless of what other scientists opine. Since Molecular Biology shows that molecules typically cannot evolve more than one random mutation toward a supposed goal, then Evolutionary Theory is a complete bust, and persons such as Hopper are adherents to junk science! Note that molecular structure has little to do with racism, but Anthropology potentially has much to do with it. Darwin was demonstrably racist! I suspect that is not emphasized in public classrooms pushing Critical Race Theory! We didn't see statues of Darwin being toppled.

Genesis chapter 4 mentions nothing in detail about the mark of Cain, much less anything pertaining to his descendants. There is zero intimation that whatever identified him as not to be killed extended beyond him. Considering that all humanity was destroyed in the Flood, aside from Noah's immediate family of eight people, it's a moot point. That is why proper Christians, not a sect such as the Mormons, have not pushed the skewed skin color theory. But, of course, power-mongering manipulators such as Joseph Smith, founder of the LDS, would do so.

Christian, expect much more of this kind of incendiary, defamatory commentary from hate mongers who want to damage the Christian Church. Prepare yourself to defend your faith with facts! Do so joyfully, knowing that the Word is supported by science!

Blessings, Douglas W. Schroeder