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Answered
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881 Driscoll Court
Highland Park, Illinois
October 1, 1962 ✓

Dear Mr. Meredith,

We would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the members of our race who cannot accept the fact that God did not make all men the same. We are sorry for the many abuses, insults and other things that members of your race must suffer because of the white man's distorted viewpoint of creation. If possible don't harbor hate for them but rather pity. These people are not guided by reason but by emotion. Never be ashamed of your race. God made each of us with loving care. He had in mind from the beginning of time just what we would be like, with our color, sex, color of eyes, hair, our emotions, nervous system, tall, short etc. He loved each of us enough to create us just the way we are with all our talents and failings. It would be a terribly monotonous world if all were the same in every way. It seems that

in this country, the Negro, has the best opportunity to understand Christ Crucified. No one was ever held in such contempt as He. He was put to death because He was good! Nothing could be found to bring against Him - yet He was put to death. We pray that this Christ Crucified will help you and other members of your race to carry on in your sufferings united to Him. It is not easy to accept that hate which you see for no reason but your color. However, if you trust in Him, this suffering can be made sweet. Offer these sufferings for your own sins and in reparation for those of others. Then these sufferings will not be in vain. We will continue to pray for you that God will give you the strength, grace and courage to stay at the University. We apologize again for those who fail to comply with our constitution by all that our country was founded on. "The land of the free and the home of the brave. God Bless and May guide you in your attempt to prove that this is the land of the free.

Sincerely,
Robert J. and Janet R. Pasquini
(Mr. and Mrs.)