

# Racial purity?

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO MR SAREL BECKER AND FOLLOWERS

OVER THE years, when apartheid was in its raw stages, it was marked with doors for 'Whites only'. 'Whites only' could enter these doors, regardless of their religion, social standing, tradition or race.

The only precondition was that the skin colour be 'white'.

The man with the black skin had to keep away from 'your' regions and reservations.

I will not ask what you have against the colour of my skin, Mr Becker. By maintaining this rigid attitude, you have made your message clear to the blacks of Namibia. As far as you are concerned, there is no compromise on apartheid without a colour change.

Ironically, the very segregation you are now seeking, was provided in the past. Someone was wise enough to foresee conflicting nature of the white man and black man, and kept them apart. Your forbears were in Holland and there the chances of keeping your race pure, were perfect.

On what grounds can you now fence in the black man to safeguard the purity of your white race if you, yourself, have broken the natural segregation by crossing the ocean?

Of course we dare not overlook the fact that your forbears brought the first light of Christian faith and civilisation into the most southern part of Africa. This opened our eyes to new horizons of education, civilisation, faith and progress.

Incidentally, the white man also introduced to us the first spark of the gun, the very evil he suffers under today. In fact the mass slaughter of blacks on December 16 1836, is a festive day for your government - contrary to the Christian faith which strives for peace, love and unity.

You came to Africa, heavily armed and with apartheid.

Surely you are an advocate of 'whites only' churches, a religion practised, understood and acceptable to only a small part of the community. With the help of God we have partly outgrown that stage.

Lastly Mr Becker, your thoughts do not justify your existence in Africa, unless you change them and bring them into the open.

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