NORDIC RACE'
SUPREMACY HAS
NO BASIS

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Charles Parnell recently de-
liberated this whole question in a
discussion in the Agora on the
problem "Some Reasons for the
Racial Supremacy of the Nordic.
" Parnell quickly denied that he was
an advocate of Nordic supremacy,
and pointed out that while the various
reasons, biological, physical,
psychological, cultural, racial,
and economic were impressive,
and had been advanced in support of
this theory...

Out-Dated Date

Unfortunately, as was pointed out by various observers, the
biological and anthropological
sciences, none of the
reasons for Nordic supremacy
quite up-to-date, and most of
their conclusions had been invali-
dated as faulty or false, and
which has been totally unsuc-
cessful in finding any set of
criteria that could be said to be
a consistent criterion to determine and define any given "race."

Noting that even the present
system of classification in biol-
ogy is inconsistent, some
observers pointed out that human
racial classifications were far
from perfect, for example,
"blond hair", which is not
supportable.

There is no single character-
istic that can be given as an
explanation of racial differ-
ences... nor is it possible to
make a general statement about
any other set of features to furnish
a reliable index to race, although
by far the most common differ-
centiation is in skin color.

It's Culturally Determined

This is simply to say that there is
no scientific basis for the
abovementioned classification.
We are calling attention to the
common practice of describing
nations as "race-like"... that it was
invented as a convenient
term of convenience,
and has been set
historically.

Nothing Definitive

Parnell refused to be pinned
down to any one theory of race,
but remained unconvinced by
the views of his colleagues and
claimed to have no
understanding of the
classification of races.

He sought to justify his willingness to be
anlayzating into an insupportable doctrine
that the Nordic supremacy of the
race was based on the death of six million Jews,
the bane of Americans in America and the
country, the degrading and corrupting
aspects of our society, and the
decay in terms of "race" is

Implicit Judgments

Even if the anthropological
basis of the Nordic
were supportive, the
questions that would arise
are whether there
was any explanation of the
ethical reasons, just why it is
better to have a Nordic
classification than a
Nordic classification,
and why there is
no scientific or
definitive justification
for the Nordic
judgments implicit in the words "race,"
"superior," "culturally
superior," etc.

Laws Against Racial

Parnell laid down that we
should allow individual races
the right to make laws prohibiting
any other race from
a key position in
a society.

This innate fear of mixing with
our own distinctiveness
groups with those
other groups, which
is not explained (1)
constituted an individual race,
and (2) what role
the race
as a whole
could have upon the
ethical basis
of the proposed laws.

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who or what could be considered the voice of the race in question, (4) why humanity as a whole could be legislated against by a subgroup, (5) why miscegenation was in any way detrimental or morally offensive, or even unpalatable, or (6) how one could justify a simple-minded answer to a complex problem. Discussion of Parnell’s talk was spirited, fairly well-informed, and often heated.

Again, let us note that Parnell put forth this topic without explicitly identifying his position. As such, he cannot be attacked as a racist. He can hardly be commended, however, for seriously arguing an absurd position that can only be held with either prejudice or maliciousness.