

## A STREET ACCIDENT

**One day** in my car when I was a little slow in making a getaway at the green light while our patient fellow citizens immediately began honking furiously behind me, I suddenly remembered another occasion set in similar circumstances. A motorcycle ridden by a skinny little man wearing spectacles had gone around me and planted itself in front of me at the red light. As he came to a stop the little man had stalled his motor and was vainly striving to revive it. When the light changed, I asked him with my usual courtesy to take his motorcycle out of the way so that I might pass. I suppose the little man was getting a little irritable over his wheezy motor. Hence he replied according to the rules of Parisian courtesy, that I could go and climb a tree. I insisted, still polite but with a slight shade of impatience in my voice. I was immediately told in no uncertain terms that I could go to hell.

**Meanwhile**, several horns had begun honking noisily behind me. With great firmness, I begged my interlocutor to be polite and realize that he was blocking the traffic. The irascible character, probably exasperated by the now-evident ill-temper of his motor, informed me that if I wanted what he called a thorough dusting-off he would gladly give it to me. Such cynicism filled me with a healthy rage and I got out of my car with the intention of teaching a good lesson to this foul-mouthed individual. I was at least a head taller than my adversary and my muscles have always been sound. I still believe the dusting-off would have been received rather than given. But no sooner had I set foot on the pavement than from among the gathering crowd a man stepped forth, rushed at me, informed me that I was the scum of the earth and that he would not allow me to strike a man who had a motorcycle between his legs and hence was at a disadvantage.

**There is an obvious note of sarcasm in the statement, "Our patient fellow-citizens immediately began honking furiously." The narrator means that**

- A** these people piling up behind him enjoyed honking furiously.
- B** they should -- and could -- have been a bit more patient.
- C** they were in a hurry because a patient fellow-citizen was being taken to a hospital.
- D** these people knew their citizens' rights quite well.
- E** he would have done the same -- had he been in their place.

**The narrator thinks that the little man**

- A** must have been having trouble with his motorcycle quite frequently.
- B** knew the rules of Parisian courtesy quite well.
- C** should really have bought himself a brand new motorcycle.
- D** was doing it all on purpose.
- E** would go on blocking the traffic forever.

**As he got out of his car, the narrator was intending to**

- A** throw the motorcycle out of the way.
- B** honk back at the people.
- C** beat up the little man.
- D** beg the little man to be a little bit more polite.
- E** talk to the crowd.

**The narrator had not expected that the**

- A** lights would change to green so soon.
- B** little man would put up a fight.
- C** motorcycle could be repaired that day.
- D** little man could be so tranquil.
- E** bystanders would take sides with the little man.

**The proposed "dusting-off" did not take place one way or the other, because**

- A** somebody from among the crowd told the narrator that he was the scum of the earth.
- B** the little man refused to have a fight with him.
- C** the narrator was emotionally incapable of manhandling a little man; his compassionate feelings would not allow him to do such a thing.
- D** the narrator was prevented from fighting by somebody from among the crowd.
- E** the little man was at a great disadvantage.

**[ TITLE TO BE SUPPLIED ]**

**Up until now**, practically anyone with the ability to develop a hoarse throat has been able to set himself up as an authority on the race. We need only recall the names of Gobineau, Lathrop Stoddard, Houston Stewart Chamberlain, Madison Grant and others to discover that the principal equipment necessary to qualify as an authority on race consists in a well-rounded ignorance and unshakeable confidence! To listen to such "authorities" has been to suffer a positive increase in one's ignorance.

**In the universe** of science the situation, though incomparably better, is by no means all that could be desired. Up until a few years ago, very little progress had been made in the scientific study of race. This has been chiefly due to the fact that the subject has been dealt with in a piecemeal manner and by specialists with an insufficient grasp of the complexities of the subject. Thus, psychologists have failed to take into account the sociological and biological factors, while sociologists have failed to give adequate consideration to the psychological and biological factors. Finally, and worst of all, until recently the physical anthropologists restricted their studies almost entirely to the morphological aspects of the subject. Actually what we need are more students who will combine the best qualities of the psychologist, the sociologist, and the biologist, and who will focus their attention upon the problems of race. Such a combination of qualities is scarcely realized in the modern anthropologist who treats man as if he were constituted of two distinct and separate universes, a social and a physical, each of which is considered to be the proper field of study of one who qualifies by agreeing to know nothing about the other.

**An appropriate title for the passage might be:**

- A** The Psychology Of The Problems Of Race
- B** Scientific Study Of Race
- C** Modern Anthropological Studies
- D** Sociological, Biological And Psychological Factors
- E** Man in Process

**Who, according to the author, is a great authority on the subject of human races?**

- A** Physical anthropologists in general.
- B** Gobineau and Houston Stewart Chamberlain.
- C** Especially Gobineau.
- D** The author mentions no such persons.
- E** Anyone who is develops a horse throat.

**Cross out the incorrect statement below:**

- A** The more we read the writings of the people mentioned in the passage, the more confused we become on the problems of race.
- B** The situation is somewhat better in the world of scientific study of race.
- C** Sociologists have done better than psychologists or indeed biologists in understanding the problems of race.
- D** The reason why the scientific study of race has not so far yielded the expected results is the lack of adequate cooperation among the various scientific fields involved.
- E** At present, the situation is still far from being all that is desirable.

**What modern anthropology must learn to do is**

- A** to see man as he is: at the intersection of the social and the biological universes.
- B** to analyse the social and the biological universes separately.
- C** to treat man as if he were made up of two distinct universes.
- D** to restrict its studies to morphological aspects only.
- E** to better educate the people like Gobineau and others.

**Mark out the appropriate interpretation:**

- A** The author recommends that what the people he mentions have written on the subject be carefully read by everyone.
- B** Physical anthropologists used to study sociology and psychology in the past, but they do not seem to do this any longer.
- C** The prominent characteristic of people like Gobineau is their full ignorance of the subject.
- D** The situation in the scientific study of the problems of race has been no better.
- E** A person who wants to become an authority on race must be able to develop a hoarse throat.