

## ARE YOU A RACIST? ARE SURE? WHAT IS A RACIST?

Houston we have a problem not with our rocket but with racism. It isn't that racism doesn't exist but that we tend to think that only whites are racist and as a result we will do anything to keep from being considered a racist. I can assure you that racism isn't restricted to the white race. For over 20 years I have worked with people from over 63 countries. They have included American and African Blacks, Orientals, and people from the Middle- East and Latin America. I have found that with all these groups they exhibit behavior that if done by an American White they would be considered racist. Often racist standards for Whites differ from those of other groups. We seem to believe that anyone that disagrees with our beliefs or says something that might offend someone is a racist.

Correcting a racial problem is difficult because in most cases it is emotional rather than factual. Emotions often skew or prevent an objective analysis of the situation or data. Unfortunately we have we have developed a culture of political correctness where someone or group take offense of anything they don't like. Instead of reacting in a rational way it becomes and emotional one that often develops into a mob reaction which compounds and accentuates the problem. If the causes be isolated then immediate steps must be taken to correct them. But if the cause is emotional there isn't much that can be done to change the beliefs and behavior of groups of individuals. Too many advocating tolerance have become the most intolerant.