

Voices of the Colonizers and the Colonized

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"I contend that we (Britons) are the finest race in the world, and the more of the world we inhabit, the better it is for the human race...It is our duty to seize every opportunity of acquiring more territory and we should keep this one idea steadily before our eyes that more territory simply means more of the Anglo-Saxon race, more of the best, the most human, most honorable race the world possesses."

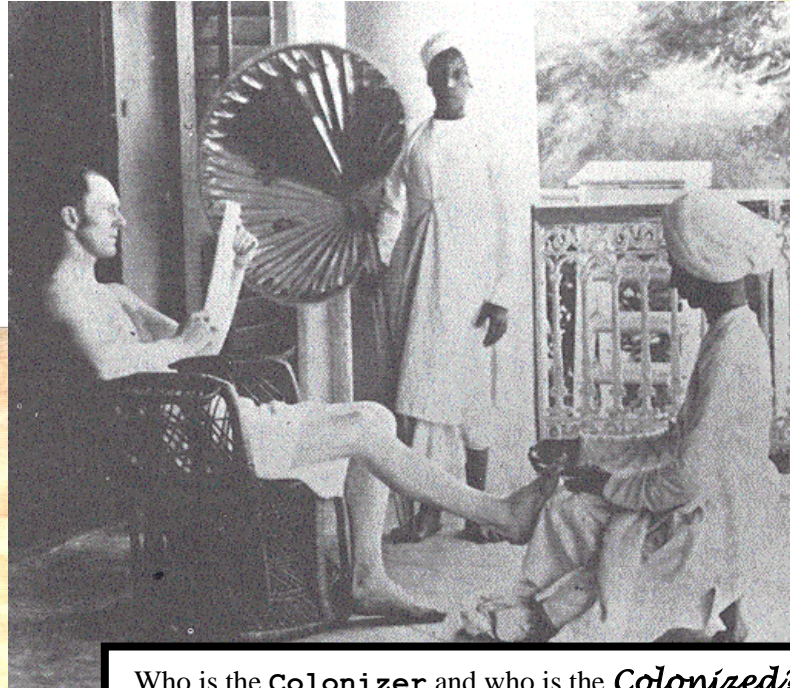
Cecil Rhodes, *Confessions of Faith* 1877

"Take up the White Man's burden—
Send forth the best ye breed—
Go, bind your sons to exile
To serve your captives' need;
To wait in heavy harness,
On fluttered folk and wild—
Your new-caught sullen peoples,
Half devil and half child."

-The White Man's Burden by
Rudyard Kipling

Then come all ye Teachers and Preachers and Fighters,
Backed up by the Press and its wonderful writers,
Let's give to this darkened and downtrodden nation
A touch of the blessings of Civilisation.
And our Christian Maxims will work, you will see,
A change for the good in that Heathen Chinese

By Wilfrid Lawson, December 1897



Who is the Colonizer and who is the Colonized?

"The English are people who overthrow all religions. You should understand well the object of destroying the religions of Hindustan (India); they have for a long time been causing books to be written and circulated throughout the country by the hands of their priests, and, exercising their authority, have brought out numbers of preachers to spread their own tenets: this has been learned from one of their own trusted agents... (The British) ordered the Brahmins and others of their army to bite cartridges, in the making up of which fat has been used. The Mussulman (Muslim) soldiers perceived that by this expedient the religion of the Brahmins and Hindus only was in danger but nevertheless they also refused to bite them. On this the English now resolved on ruining the faith of both... It is now my firm conviction that if these English continue in Hindustan (India) they will kill every one in the country, and will utterly overthrow our religions."

-Letter of warning by an Indian Native
-By Moulavy Syad Kutb Shah Sahib

...We have heard that in your own country opium is prohibited with the utmost strictness and severity:— this is a strong proof that you know full well how hurtful it is to mankind. Since then you do not permit it to injure your own country, you ought not to have the injurious drug transferred to another country, and above all others, how much less to the Inner Land! Of the products which China exports to your foreign countries, there is not one which is not beneficial to mankind in some shape or other. . . .

On the other hand, the things that come from your foreign countries are only calculated to make presents of, or serve for mere amusement. It is quite the same to us if we have them, or if we have them not. If then these are of no material consequence to us of the Inner Land, what difficulty would there be in prohibiting and shutting our market against them? . .

-Letter to Queen Victoria by Lin Zexu