

subspecies. This tends to be an inefficient and misleading method. It is felt that geographical variation should be analyzed first in terms of genetically independent characters, which would then be employed synthetically to search for possible racial groupings.

5. Although "insular" races (as opposed to contiguous "continental" races) appear at times to be exceptionally clear-cut and have been extensively used in generalizations on riation, the data in most available analyses are in all respects insufficient to evaluate the intricacies of this process. It is not even certainly known in most such cases whether distinctive isolated populations are races or species.

6. We feel that as the analyses of geographical variation become more complete, the trinomial nomenclatorial system will be revealed as inefficient and superfluous for reference purposes. It is suggested that, for the study of such variation, the use of the simple vernacular locality citation or a brief statement of the range involved is adequate and to be preferred to the formal Latinized trinomial.

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