

Black Parents... White Baby

The stunned black dad of a newborn, white, baby girl declared yesterday, *“I’m sure she’s my kid ... I just don’t know why she’s BLONDE.”*

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British Nmachi Ihegboro has amazed genetics experts who say the little girl is **NOT** an albino.



Little ‘miracle’ . Nmachi Ihegboro
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Dad Ben, 44, a customer services adviser, admitted: “We both just sat there after the birth staring at her.” Mum Angela, 35, of Woolwich, South London, beamed as she said: “She’s beautiful - a miracle baby.” Ben told yesterday how he was so shocked when Nmachi was born, he even joked: “Is she **MINE?**” He added: “Actually, the first thing I did was look at her and say, ‘What the flip?’” But as the baby’s older brother and sister - both black - crowded round the “little miracle” at their home in South London, Ben declared: “Of course she’s mine.”

Blue-eyed blonde Nmachi, whose name means “Beauty of God” in the Nigerian couple’s homeland, has baffled genetics experts because neither Ben nor wife Angela have **any** mixed-race family history. Pale genes skipping generations before cropping up again could have explained the baby’s appearance.

Ben also stressed: “My wife is true to me. Even if she hadn’t been, the baby still wouldn’t look like that. “We both just sat there after the birth staring at her for ages - not saying anything.”

Doctors at Queen Mary’s Hospital in Sidcup - where Angela, from nearby Woolwich, gave birth - have told the parents Nmachi is definitely no albino.

Ben, who came to Britain with his wife five years ago and works for South Eastern Trains, said: “She doesn’t look like an albino child anyway - not like the ones I’ve seen back in Nigeria or in books. She just looks like a healthy white baby.”

He went on: “My mum is a black Nigerian although she has a bit fairer skin than mine. “But we don’t know of any white ancestry. We wondered if it was a genetic twist. *“But even then, what is with the long curly blonde hair?”*

Professor Bryan Sykes, head of Human Genetics at Oxford University and Britain’s leading expert, yesterday called the birth “extraordinary”. He said: “In mixed race humans, the lighter variant of skin tone may come out in a child - and this can sometimes be startlingly different to the skin of the parents. “This might be the case where there is a lot of genetic mixing, as in Afro-Caribbean populations. But in Nigeria there is little mixing.”



Blonde bombshell ... parents show newborn Nmachi to sister Dumebi and bruv Chisom yesterday Peter Simpson & Neil Hall

Prof Sykes said **both** parents would have needed “some form of white ancestry” for a pale version of their genes to be passed on. *But he added: “The hair is extremely unusual. Even many blonde children don’t have blonde hair like this at birth.”* The expert said some unknown mutation was the most likely explanation. He admitted: “The rules of genetics are complex and we still don’t understand what happens in many cases.”

The amazing birth comes five years after Kylie Hodgson became mum to twin daughters - one white and the other black - in Nottingham. Kylie, now 23, and her partner Remi Horder, now 21, are both mixed race. Even so the odds were estimated at a million to one.

The Sun told in 2002 how a white couple had Asian twins after a sperm mix-up by a fertility clinic.

Yesterday three-day-old Nmachi’s churchgoing mum Angela admitted that she was “speechless” at first seeing her baby girl, who was delivered in a caesarean op. She said: “I thought, ‘What is this little doll?’ “She’s beautiful and I love her. Her colour doesn’t matter. She’s a miracle baby. *“But still, what on earth happened here?”*

Her husband told how their son Chisom, four, was even more confused than them by his new sister. Ben said: “Our other daughter Dumebi is only two so she’s too young to understand. “But our boy keeps coming to look at his sister and then sits down looking puzzled. *“We’re a black family. Suddenly he has a white sister.”* Ben continued: “Of course, we are baffled too and want to know what’s happened. But we understand life is very strange. “All that matters is that she’s healthy and that we love her. She’s a proud British Nigerian.”

Queen Mary’s Hospital said: “Congratulations to Angela and her family on the birth of their daughter.”

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: We know from the truths of Scripture and genetics that all of mankind came from Noah’s three sons and their wives. Nothing from our knowledge of genetics would contradict this understanding. Shortly after the flood, Noah’s descendants would have had children with widely varying traits due to the greater amount of genetic information contained by both parent’s DNA. After hundreds of generations and the separation of people groups at the tower of Babel, genetic variation in human offspring has greatly decreased, but as this article points out, not yet disappeared. It is this fact that makes it clear we are all members of the “human race” and there should never have been any discrimination due to skin color or other genetic traits.