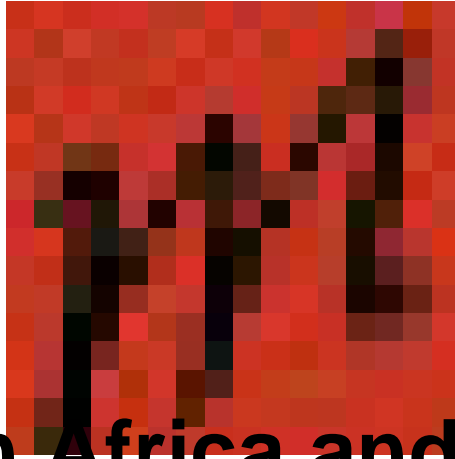


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That is what I have to say about Asia and Europe. Africa is in a climate like that of southern Asia, and she is in the same servitude. America, [1] destroyed and newly repopulated by the nations of Europe and Africa, today can hardly show its own genius ; but what we know of its former history is very much in conformity with our principles. [2]

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[1] The small, barbaric peoples of America are called *Indios bravos* by the Spaniards, much more difficult to subjugate than the great empires of Mexico and Peru.

[2] [The edition of 1758 adds here a chapter VIII, Annex 7.]