

## ONE HUMAN FAMILY

*“For four hundred years African creativity has been struggling to counter the narrow constraints of oppression, to circle it, turn it around, to seek order and meaning in the midst of chaos. My soul looks back in wonder at how African creativity has sustained us and how it still flows – seeking, searching for new ways to connect the ancient with the new, the young with the old, the unborn with the ancestors. Our creativity, moving, circling, improvising within the restricted form of oppression, reminds us that we must remain responsible to each other – we are not only individuals, but part of a collective that shares a common history and future.”*

From SOUL LOOKS BACK IN WONDER by Tom Feelings

Scientists and historians have suggested, due to recent discoveries and research, that all people are related to each other. Each one of us is a descendant of early humans. Through the science of carbon dating, researchers lead us to believe that human life started nearly 2 million years ago on the African Continent. As populations grew bigger, the need for larger food sources was necessary. Bands of humans migrated to areas where the food was abundant.

The study of a family’s ancestry is called genealogy.