

MYTHS ABOUT PEOPLE WITH

ALBINISM

MUST END



Popular cultural belief persists in perpetuating many myths and myths that are simply false.

These myths are actually endangering lives where ritualized violence against people with albinism is on the rise. They have existed throughout history and continue to negatively affect the lives of people with albinism

Myth: That People with albinism don't die, they simply vanish.
Fact: All people with albinism die like other any other people. There is no such thing such as vanishing. Criminals use this pretext to trade them.

Myth: Body parts of people with albinism make potent charms that can make people rich and successful.
Fact: This is not true: It is a myth spread by some witchdoctors in order to enrich themselves at the expense of others.

Myth: Albinism is a punishment or a curse from the gods or ancestral spirits due to wrongs done in the family.
Fact: Albinism is a genetic condition that is passed on from parents to children. Many people are carriers of this recessive gene. Albinism is not a curse.

Myth: They are results of breeding or incest, that is breed from closely related people, especially generations.
Fact: The body of people with albinism has little or no ability to produce the colour of the skin, hair and eyes. The colour is called "melanin". It is a genetic condition, which means it can be passed from parents to their children but no studies have shown that this is a result of incest.

Myth: Drinking the blood of a person with albinism gives extra magical power.
Fact: This is not true. People with albinism are human beings like anyone else and do not possess magical powers.



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