Pre- and nonevolutionary views have persisted to the present in two basically different ways. Though they are not always easy to distinguish at the margins, they require separate treatment. The views that may be called simple continuities are the subject of Chapter 3. Complex continuities are given extended treatment in Part II.

Simple continuities are the direct continuation of pre-evolutionary views in the work of post-Darwinian scholars. Despite a thin overlay of evolutionary terms, many of these works simply reproduce the fundamental theoretical structures of pre-evolutionary thinking. Though simple, these continuities are important socially and intellectually, as they have played a large role in some of the darker moments of modern racism and eugenics. They are also rather well documented as a result of the great attention devoted to the history of racist thought. I therefore treat them only briefly.

II Simple Continuities