

# WOKEISM, THE NEW RELIGION (VS. BIBLICAL WATCHING)

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**"Only 9 Percent of Gen Z Youth Are 'Scripture Engaged': American Bible Society Survey...According to The Christian Post, Gen Z, which the ABS defines as individuals between ages 9 and 24...were considered to be 'Scripture Engaged,' meaning they are centered on reading the Bible...Regarding Gen Z adults (ages 18-24), 14 percent of them were revealed to be Scripture engaged. The survey also found that 23 percent of Millennials (ages 25-40) are Scripture engaged...**

ABS also discovered that Gen Z youth were the most likely to report a **decreased reading of the Word of God** throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and widespread protests concerning racial injustice in 2020..."

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# The RELIGION OF WOKEISM...



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the form of sound  
words, which thou hast  
heard of me...**

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**Amos 5:15 Hate the evil,  
and love the good, and  
establish judgment in the  
gate...**



**Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them  
that call evil good, and good  
evil; that put darkness for  
light, and light for darkness;  
that put bitter for sweet, and  
sweet for bitter!**

**Proverbs 17:15 He that  
justifieth the wicked, and  
he that condemneth the  
just, even they both are  
abomination to the LORD.**

Isaiah 29:16 Surely your **turning of things upside down** shall be esteemed as the potter's clay...

21 That **make a man an offender for a word**, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate...

**"...wokeness puts more emphasis on how you perceive a situation - how woke you are to what is wrong - than what exactly you plan to do about it...There is no measure or moderation to wokeness."**

***(NY Times, David Brooks, July 7, 2018)***

**"Wokeness is a problem  
and everyone knows it...But  
they don't want to say it  
out loud." (James Carville)**

**"I find a troubling naivety within the movement with its apparent view that sexism only occurs with men, and racism only with white people. The sad reality is that all human beings have a tendency to be unjust to others...At the heart of the woke movement seems to be a bitter mindset that delights in finding breaches of its moral code...in the hunting out and pursuit of offenders.**

**Journalists, executives, celebrities and even preachers increasingly find themselves carefully checking what they write or say, lest those committed to a woke ideology slander them on social media and then at their door..."**

***(Christianity Today, May 25, 2021)***

**"So if most people in Britain - and I think you speak for America, too - see what's going on here, they see that it's a scam, they see that wokeness is really an effort by the people who are already in charge to gain more power and wealth for themselves - it so clearly is that - why is everyone putting up with it?" (Tucker Carlson)**



## *National Affairs:*

***"Wokeness and the New Religious Establishment...On June 2, 2020, a crowd of mostly white people arrived at a library parking lot in Bethesda, Maryland, to show solidarity with a Black Lives Matter rally. During the rally, one of the organizers had the crowd raise their hands and take a pledge to oppose racism. The attendees obeyed and repeated the pledge, many kneeling as though in prayer. A video of the event made its way around the internet, providing yet more evidence that America is experiencing a religious revival on the political left - and that the heart of this revival is the deification of group identity.."***

*National Affairs:*

**In a pun on the historical Great Awakenings of American Christianity, Matthew Yglesias, formerly of Vox, referred to the phenomenon as the 'Great Awokening'..."**

**"Regardless of its origins, wokeness is quickly becoming the established faith in the legal and regulatory framework of the American political system, as well as in elite corporate culture and academia...As wokeness continues to increase its influence in the public arena, it risks colliding with the anti-establishment principles its adherents pushed to enshrine in the law..."**

**"For the woke, identity is the source of divinity. Yet individuals are not divine on their own; they only participate in the divinity found in shared group identities...Certain segments of wokeness also exhibit pantheistic traits in that they view the natural world as divine. For these adherents - particularly those who identify as vegan, green, and in some cases, indigenous..."**

**For other segments of the woke community, human beings must adjust nature to render internal identities external. Gender re-assignment surgeries and hormone replacement...Transgender identity - in which one's inward gender identity is said to differ from one's bodily sex - offers a useful snapshot of woke metaphysics.**

**Wokeness is grounded in a Gnostic understanding of the world, which distinguishes between appearances accessible to everyone and the reality perceptible only to a certain few. To join the community of those who recognize this ultimate reality, one must undergo a kind of 'awakening' - or, in identity-politics parlance, 'become woke'...**

**"These like-minded groups of believers replace the un-woke families, neighborhoods, and religious communities in which the woke individual was raised..."**

**To share an identity with others after becoming woke is to subject one's personal identity to the rules governing that group, and in turn, to police those rules."**



**"According to the woke creed of intersectionality, human beings are composed of not just one, but a multiplicity of identities, among which are race, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, and sexual preference. In his book *American Awakening*, Joshua Mitchell classifies these various identities using the terms 'innocent' and 'guilty'...according to Mitchell's account, the guilty identity, or scapegoat - namely the white, heterosexual male - must be purged in order to restore and confirm the cleanliness of all other identity groups. He is the 'transgressor,' Mitchell explains.**

**The key animating principle of wokeness is the collective struggle...with the ultimate goal being the reversal of the advantages inherited by the privileged...**

**...Forgiveness for the woke comes from becoming a good ally. There is no absolution, however, as privilege is permanent. The privileged, therefore, are required to engage in constant, public acts of atonement.**

**...Since caste status is linked with identity, there is always incentive for people to assume cleaner identities...whether one can identify as a race different from the one assigned...**

**Some universities are looking to ground higher education entirely in the tenets of wokeness...Like the pharaohs of ancient Egypt, state entities, corporations, and academic institutions offer patronage to the woke gods in exchange for their loyalty.**

**If states and public entities are increasingly patronizing woke identities and causes, are they also establishing wokeness as a government-sanctioned religion? In some respects, they surely are.**

**...attempts to scrub religion from American public life have failed; alternative belief systems have rushed in to fill the void. The newest and perhaps most potent of these alternatives is wokeness, which is fast becoming the dominant faith of the elite in the political, corporate, and academic worlds - and, in turn, of American public life."**

"A writer for *The Nation* recently said 'the Great Awakening is gathering speed'..." (Deseret News)

**"Republicans are crusading against 'woke'...Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., promoted his coming book on Twitter by saying 'the woke mob'...wanted to prevent anyone from reading it...And former President Donald Trump, in a recent interview with Fox News, said the Biden administration is 'destroying' the country 'with woke'..."**

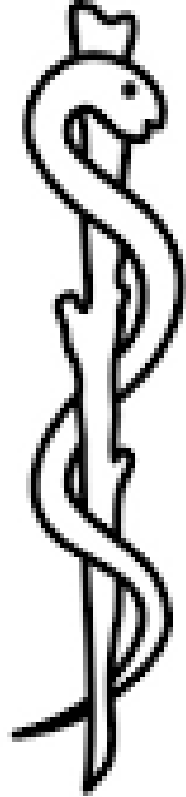
***(NBC News, May 2, 2021)***

*"Medicine gets major injections of 'woke ideology'...Journals, medical schools, hospitals adopting 'social justice activism'...Prestigious medical journals, top medical schools and elite medical centers are adopting the language of social justice activism...*

**All of this comes at a time when medical schools are experiencing dramatic changes on the gender front as well, where it is becoming customary for medical professionals to announce their gender pronouns as a matter of standard etiquette, and some medical schools are replacing the phrase 'pregnant women' with 'birthing people'...**"

**(*WND News Services*, August 14, 2021; Real Clear Investigations)**





Rod of Asclepius



Caduceus

*"Woke Nonsense Is Warping Everyday Life...Americans are growing angrier by the day...The rage this time is not just fueled by conservatives. For the first time in their lives, Americans of all classes and races are starting to fear a self-created apocalypse that threatens their family's safety and the American way of life...*

**Such insanity not only means that labor-short employers can't provide goods and services to American consumers; the new ethos also institutionalizes the pernicious idea that it is smarter to stay home and be idle than to get a job and be productive...Many Americans have lost faith in the FBI, the CIA, the Pentagon, the CDC and most of the other federal bureaucracies, which are as politicized as they are incompetent...**

**What started out as elite woke nonsense now warps daily life. If we don't wake up from wokeness, we will continue on our sure trajectory to self-inflicted, systemic paralysis - followed by civilizational collapse."**

**(Victor Davis Hanson, August 12, 2021)**

**Isaiah 29:20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all **that watch** for iniquity are cut off:**

**21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.**

**Matthew 24:42 Watch** therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

**44 Therefore be ye also ready...**

**46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

**47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.**

**48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;**

**49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;**

**50 The lord of that servant shall come **in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware** of,**

**51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

**Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**



Mark 13:34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and **gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work**, and commanded the porter to watch.

**35 Watch ye therefore:** for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

**36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.**

**37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.**

Luke 21:34 And **take heed to yourselves**, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that **day come upon you unawares.**

**36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand** before the Son of man.

# 1 Corinthians 16:13

**Watch ye,** stand fast in  
the faith, quit you like  
men, be strong.

**2 Timothy 4:5 But watch  
thou in all things,  
endure afflictions...**

**Colossians 4:2 Continue  
in prayer, and watch in  
the same with  
thanksgiving;**

**1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.**

**2 John 1:8** **Look to yourselves,** that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Hebrews 12:15 **Looking**

**diligently** lest any man fail of the  
grace of God; lest any root of  
bitterness springing up trouble  
you, and thereby many be  
defiled;



Revelation 3:2 Be **watchful**, and strengthen the **things which remain**, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore **thou shalt not watch**, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I  
come quickly: **hold that  
fast which thou hast**, that  
no man take thy crown.

2 Peter 3:11 **Seeing then** that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 **Looking for and hasting unto the coming** of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that **ye look** for such things, **be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing **ye know these** things before, **beware** lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, **fall from your own steadfastness.**

**1 Corinthians 15:34**

**Awake to righteousness,  
and sin not...**

## Revelation 16:15

Behold, I come as a thief.

Blessed is he that **watcheth,**  
and **keepeth his garments,** lest  
he walk naked...