



Title: Woke or Woke-ism

Text: "for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Ephesians 5:14

Target: "Discernment is not just knowing right from wrong. It is knowing right from almost right." -Charles Spurgeon

I. The _____ of "Woke-ism": Awareness or Agenda?

A. Language Matters:

1. **Origin of Definition:** A watchword that was 1st used in 1923 derived from African American Vernacular English (AAVE) towards racial prejudice and discrimination.
2. **Modified Definition:** Became inclusive of all forms of marginalized identities.
3. **Applied Definition:** Woke-ism-became the all-encompassing word for all things considered politically liberal or progressive in belief or practice.

B. Objective Matters: Ending Inequality and Injustice (This is the Unifier)

1. **God's Heart is for Justice:** "The Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds" (Psalm 11:7)
2. **God's Heart is for Equality:** "For you are all one in Christ." (Gal. 3:28) "For God shows no partiality." (Romans 2:11)
3. **God's Heart is for Diversity:** "from every nation, all tribes, all peoples and languages standing before the throne and before the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9)

II. The _____ within "Woke-ism": Tolerance becomes the Gospel

A. Idealism within Woke-ism:

1. **Critical Theory:** A philosophical approach that seeks to confront the historical, social, political, and ideological forces and structures that produce them or constrain them. (Oxford languages) *Oppressor & Oppressed language *Intersectionality *Repentance unto Oppressed
2. **Deconstructionism is the Goal:** Government (Communism or Democracy), Education (Government or Parents), Economy (Capitalism/Socialism), Religion (Secular or Divine Authority)

B. Ideology within Woke-ism: (Questions God's Designed Order)

1. **Relativism:** Rejection of Absolute, universal Truth, determined by experience.
2. **Secular Humanism:** You are the Moral Authority, especially the Oppressed.
3. **Postmodernism:** Truth is believed not discovered.

C. Infiltration of Woke-ism: 7 Pillars of Society: Religion, Family, Education, Government, Arts, Sciences, Entertainment.

D. Intolerance of Woke-ism: To not celebrate, endorse the entire agenda is to be considered not to be WOKE at all. It is all or nothing.

III. The _____ considered under "Woke-ism": CRT-BLM Entity, Cultural Marxism, 1619 Project/ LGBTQIA/ Socialism/Genderism/Environmentalism/Political Extremism.

IV. The _____ towards "Woke-ism": "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

A. Biblical Worldview: "All Scripture is God Breathed..." (2 Tim. 3:16)

B. Spiritual Discernment: "so we may no longer be children tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." (Eph. 4:14)

C. Enable Focus Mode: "BUT you, believe by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit." (Jude 20)

Takeaway: Become awakened by the Holy Spirit to God's righteous standard of holy living according to His Word while being aware of the injustices of humanity.

TRENDING

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CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 28th, 6:00pm | REBEL Nights

Join us for a free Men's Event for Men ages 14+.

Wednesday, August 30th, 6:45pm | Impact

Join us for impact, our midweek gathering for 6-12th grade students!

Thursday, August 31st, 7:00pm | Common Ground

College students- join us for our Thursday gathering!

Friday, September 1st, 6:30pm | Celebrate Recovery and The Landing

Recovery Community for adults and students.

NEW SERVICE TIMES:

STARTING SEPT 9TH & 10TH

Saturdays: 5PM

Sundays: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 2PM

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, September 9th, 2023 | CBC 5K

Don't miss the 15th annual CBC 5K! Walk, roll, or run with a purpose as the 5K raises awareness and support for two organizations on the frontlines for children: Ransomed Life and Ferrari Kid. Check out CBC's events page for more information on registration and sponsorship opportunities.

Saturday, September 23th, 7:00pm Emmitt Park | Blessed Fest

Join us for an incredible worship concert with 10 different artists performing! Help us to support Christian hip hop as we worship God together at Emmitt Park.

Thursday, September 28th, 6:30pm | Date Night

Get ready for a night filled with laughter and fellowship celebrating marriage at CBC Date Night. This memorable night will feature speaker Ted Lowe, games and the chance to win exciting prizes.

For more information & to register, visit communitybible.com/events

NEW BELIEVERS & FIRST TIME GUEST:


If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, we'd like to celebrate with you! Text 'CHRIST' to 210-762-4747. If you are visiting for the first time, we want to welcome you! Stop by any yellow Connects kiosks for a free gift or text 'GUEST' to 210-762-4747 so we can reach out to you at a later time.

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