

## **EARNESTLY CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH – Dec., 2022**

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### **WOKEISM – A DESTRUCTIVE IDEOLOGY!**

A new ideology (that isn't really new) has invaded our society. It came in slowly at first, but now as a dam that has burst, it pervades the whole of society. It came in largely through the so-called higher levels of education, and from there eventuated in saturating all levels of education, politics, entertainment, commerce, etc. This ideology has commonly come to be called WOKEISM! To be "woke" is to be awakened to the reality of social injustices in a revolutionary sort of way that is in step with the "flesh" values of the world. The world wants its "pound of flesh" and wokeism appeals to this mentality.

Now of course true Christians should be opposed to injustice on every level in keeping with biblical truth rightly divided. But right there is the rub. Wokeism has come to redefine what is moral and what is not moral according to a whole different set of standards than what is in keeping with sound doctrine as found in the Bible. As the old saying goes: "**He who defines the terms wins the argument**". Buzz words trigger emotions, and often on the surface they sound convincing, but the real issue is the underlying philosophy behind WOKEISM.

A well-known political slogan is "*Make American Great Again*" (whatever that means). But in contrast, WOKEISM says American has never been great! Wokeism says American has been oppressive from the beginning because it is built upon a white-man's ideology and therefore the entire super-structure must be dismantled and reconfigured into a whole different social paradigm. Hence the call for some combination of Socialistic, Marxist, and Communistic ideas to replace the current system on essentially every level! Thus WOKEISM is a destructive ideology as it seeks to destroy and replace the foundations laid down by our country's founders.

**Family:** Wokeism links (intersects) those in the LGBTQ+ community with those of other minority groups and calls for acceptance and celebration of new definitions of morality, marriage, and family that are completely contrary to God's order as laid down in the Scriptures. The definition of family structure as ordained by God is therefore called a "Western-prescribed" construct that must be changed and broadened to include a wide variety of living arrangements and sexual relationships. The traditional family model is seen as oppressive!

**Law and Order:** The judicial and legal systems of the United States are railed against by wokeism. It calls for defunding the police and the dismantling of the norms of American jurisprudence because it is deemed oppressive for minorities. The whole system must go and violent demand for change is approved.

**Capitalism:** Capitalism is seen as a system that is unfair and stacked against minorities and therefore it must be replaced. Wokeism calls for the redistribution of wealth and calls for reparations in keeping with "social justice" that reflects the tenants of "victimology".

**Education:** Extreme forms of wokeism claim that the scientific method and modern mathematics, etc. are part of a larger system that is racist and patriarchal in nature and therefore oppressive against minorities. Therefore it calls for a whole new orientation that is more favorable to the disadvantaged.

**Judeo/Christian Ethics:** Since the United States was founded upon Judeo-Christian ethics, they are deemed bad and must be replaced. Wokeism does not see the Bible as the ANSWER, but rather as part of the problem.

God's truth is color-blind. God's justice transcends all ethnic and tribal categories. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is no respecter of persons (cf. Acts 10:34). The Bible is clear in saying, "no other foundation can anyone lay that that which is laid which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). "The Word of our God shall stand forever" (Isa. 40:8). Thus wokeism which seeks to tear down a society built upon Judeo-Christian ethics really seeks to destroy the ONLY thing God can truly bless, namely, that which is built upon the principles of His Word!

**Thot:** "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." – **John Adams**

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