

# Wokeness

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## **How the woke agenda prepared the ground for the public to accept dystopian covid restrictions**

Ramesh Thakur argues that the spreading dominance of the woke agenda was a key enabling environment in 2020 for the covid interventions. In this essay, he describes eleven ways the Kingdom of Woke prepared the way for the Dystopia of Covid restrictions. What I am suggesting, Thakur writes, is that the first wave of restrictions on culturally sensitive topics helped to prepare the ground for the second on covid restrictions.

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## **What does it mean to be woke?**

Woke is a fairly modern term that has come to mean “conscious of injustice in society.” A “woke” person is especially attentive to racial discrimination and the issues surrounding it.

- Although the word woke has been closely linked to the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement, the term goes back further and can be found in the 2008 song “Master Teacher” by Erykah Badu and in an 1962 essay published in the New York Times called “If You’re Woke You Dig It” by William Melvin Kelley.
- The term has come to refer to more progressive ideas than just awareness of racial injustice (transgenderism, anthropogenic climate change, etc)

## **How should a Christian view being “woke”?**

1. Christians must acknowledge that racism in America has resulted in shame, injustice, and terrible violence. Moreover, no clear-thinking person thinks that all remnants of racism were erased by the American civil rights movement of the mid-20th century. For as far as we’ve come since the Civil War, there is still work to be done.
2. Christians should understand that, while laws and legislation guard the principle of equal rights for all Americans legally, no law can change the heart. Someone who is filled with prejudice and racial hatred will not suddenly be filled with love simply because a new law is passed.

3. Christians must realize that real racial reconciliation in the Church occurs when we prioritize our identity in Christ over our belonging to a racial category or ethnicity. Members of the body of Christ should feel more at home in their Christian family than even in their own ethnicity: *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus”* (Galatians 3:28).
4. Growing racism is a sign of the times: *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places* (Matthew 24:7). The Greek word for nations is *ethnos*.

## **Can we legislate away racism?**

No, Christians know the evil of the human heart...

Jeremiah 17:9 – *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?*

Real justice is possible only when individuals have been justified in Christ. Only when we are saved can we live out the mandate: *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself”* in the way taught by Christ (Mark 12:31).

- Jesus addressed racial divides, in the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37).

## **What should Christians be woke about?**

Romans 13:11 – *now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed*

Time is short to get on with what God has called us to so, we need to realize that and take action!

## **How did Wokism lead to the dystopia of Covid restrictions?**

1. **The Corruption of Science** – Preconditioned into compliance with anti-scientific rubbish in order to show our caring side, we were ripe for the pandemic-triggered biosecurity state.
2. **Silencing and Cancellation of Dissent** – All dissent is ruthlessly suppressed and dissenting voices are silenced and cancelled.

3. **Cult of Safety** – dissenting speech is hate speech, offending speech is literal violence, people with different moral frameworks are super-haters
4. **Threat Inflation** – To turn policy into action, the scale, gravity, and imminence of the apocalyptic threat must be exaggerated (like climate change).
5. **Deny/Downplay Harms of Interventions** – there seems to be no limit to the collateral harms that are accepted as mere roadkills on the highway to social justice heaven. Example: To fight for trans feelings undermines the actual hard-won rights of women.
6. **Language Matters** – Lies can be turned into truths by laws: Born male; ‘assigned male at birth.’ “Gender-affirming” sounds not just innocuous, whereas “female genital mutilation?”
7. **Culture of Censoriousness** – The pursuit of social justice animated by group rights has become a war on truth, science, facts, merit, and achievement.
8. **Curtailed Free Speech and Civil Liberties** – Today’s campuses are the vanguard of efforts to enforce thought-conformity through trigger warnings, microaggressions, deplatforming, and safe and therapy spaces.
9. **Collective Benefit Trumps Individual Harms** – Individual human rights have been progressively subordinated to group-based collective anti-discrimination laws.
10. **Axis of Big State, Big Media, and Big Tech** – In the name of keeping us all safe, the entire machinery of the state was let loose upon citizens.
11. **Moralization and Sacralization** – The effort would have faced many more challenges but for the prior success in turning the debate from a scientific discourse into a moral imperative.

### **What is the prophetic significance of the corruption of science?**

1 Timothy 6:20-21 – *O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*

*Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.* Putting a scientific label on something marks it as truth in our day... but the truth is, there is no “settled science,” only theories that appear to be true. Some may well be true but not all of them just because they have a veneer of science. The solid only truth is biblical.

### **What is the prophetic significance of Silencing and Cancellation of Dissent?**

Revelation 13:4 – *So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”*

This is what dictators have always done... it is what the Antichrist will do.

### **What is the prophetic significance of the Cult of Safety?**

1 Thessalonian 5:3 – *For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

People are looking for peace and safety in all the wrong places. While people are desperately seeking peace and safety at all costs, they are oblivious to the coming judgment of God.

### **What is the prophetic significance of Threat Inflation?**

2 Timothy 3:13 – *But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

Exaggeration is a tool of deceivers... they use it so much that they even deceive themselves. Deception will be rampant as we run up to the Tribulation (Matthew 24:11).

### **What is the prophetic significance of Denying the Harms of the Covid Interventions?**

Matthew 5:18 – *For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

The details mattered to Jesus and it should matter to us. Partial truth is not the whole truth, it is a lie.

Galatians 5:9 – *A little leaven leavens the whole lump.* You can’t just ignore the ramifications of your actions... the devil is in the details.

### **What is the prophetic significance of politically correct language use?**

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 – *Love suffers long and is kind... does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth.*

Using cleverly crafted words to hide the truth is not reality and is not loving. This is an end times sign: *because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold* (Matthew 24:12).

### **What is the prophetic significance of the “Culture of Censoriousness”?**

John 8:31-32 – *If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

The truth flourishes when there is free speech. Tamping down the truth is what despots do in order to control people. Keeping people from the truth is keeping them enslaved.

### **What is the prophetic significance of the Curtailment of Free Speech and Civil Liberties?**

Matthew 24:10 – *And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.*

Who know the woke trend of being easily offended would be a prophetic trend? Jesus told us it would be!

### **What is the prophetic significance of Collective Benefit Trumps Individual Harms?**

Daniel 11:24 – *he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds*

The economy of the Antichrist will be socialist. The collectivist mentality is socialist at its core and is an end times trend.

### **What is the prophetic significance of the Axis of Big State, Big Media, and Big Tech?**

Revelation 13:3 – *all the world marveled and followed the beast*

The trend is toward more and more centralization of the control of people. The ultimate of big government is global government. It all sets the stage for the Antichrist.

### **What is the prophetic significance of Moralization and Sacralization?**

2 Timothy 4:3-4 – *the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

All human reasoning that does not agree with what God has revealed in Scripture is false doctrine. Social justice is not true, godly justice. Judah did not avoid God's judgment when they corrupted justice, how much more will this world will suffer from our corruption?

### **What should our reaction be as we consider the disturbing trends of our day?**

Ramesh Thakur: "For any of you depressed and worried that the world will end tonight, let me remind you: It's already tomorrow in Australia."

Luke 21:28 – *Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.*

Realize that time is short... get on with what God is calling us to do.