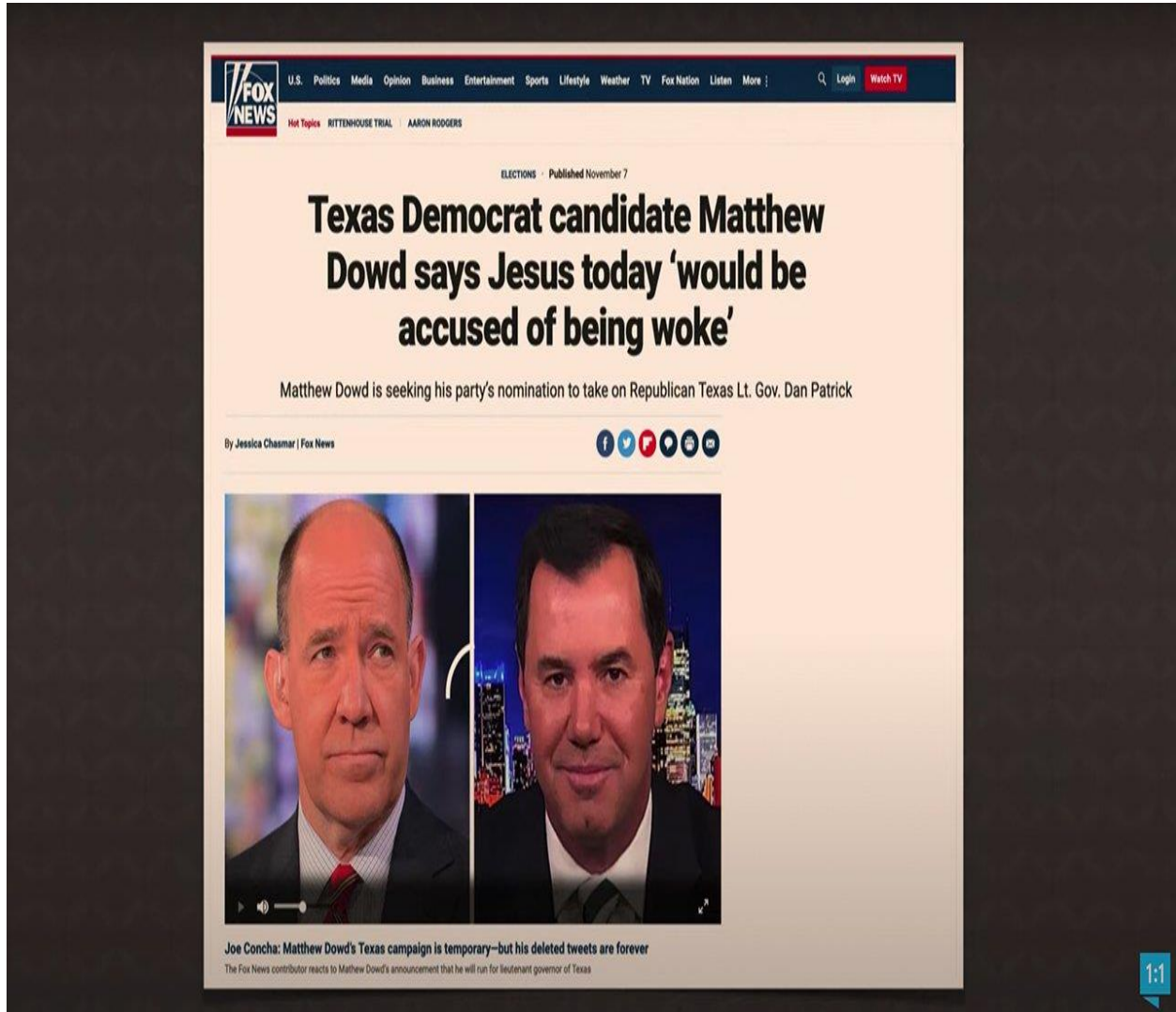


POLITICIANS DISPLAY THEIR IGNORANCE CLAIMING WOKE-JESUS

by David Lee Burris



TEXAS DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE MATTHEW DOWD SAYS JESUS TODAY 'WOULD BE ACCUSED OF BEING WOKE.'

Matthew Dowd is seeking his party's nomination to take on Republican Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

FOX News - A former Bush campaign adviser who is running as a Democrat in Texas' lieutenant governor race said Sunday that Jesus Christ today would be declared "woke" by conservatives.

Matthew Dowd, who is seeking his party's nomination to take on Republican Dan Patrick, said he came to the realization in church that today's "wokeness" is just another term for human decency.

"As I sat in church today, I was thinking that if Jesus were here today he would be accused of being woke," he tweeted. "How about we just say it is human decency to treat all with respect and dignity and that it is constitutional to say all men and women are equal."

"Lovely service at church today at Chapel in the Hills in Wimberley," he wrote in an earlier tweet. "'Let your joy be in your journey, not in some distant goal.' Let us each find joy in meaning and service with compassion and respect of others. It is there that happiness resides."

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Dowd, a former ABC News political analyst, was an adviser to George W. Bush's 2000 presidential campaign and the chief strategist for Bush's 2004 reelection campaign.

Dowd's comments came after Democratic strategist James Carville sparked the ire of progressives for blaming Democrat Terry McAuliffe's loss in Virginia on "stupid wokeness" and the progressive agenda. I mean this 'defund the police' lunacy, take Abraham Lincoln's name off of schools, people see that. And it really has a suppressive effect all across the country. Some of these people need to go to a woke detox."

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., fired back at Carville, saying "woke" is a term "almost exclusively used by older people these days."

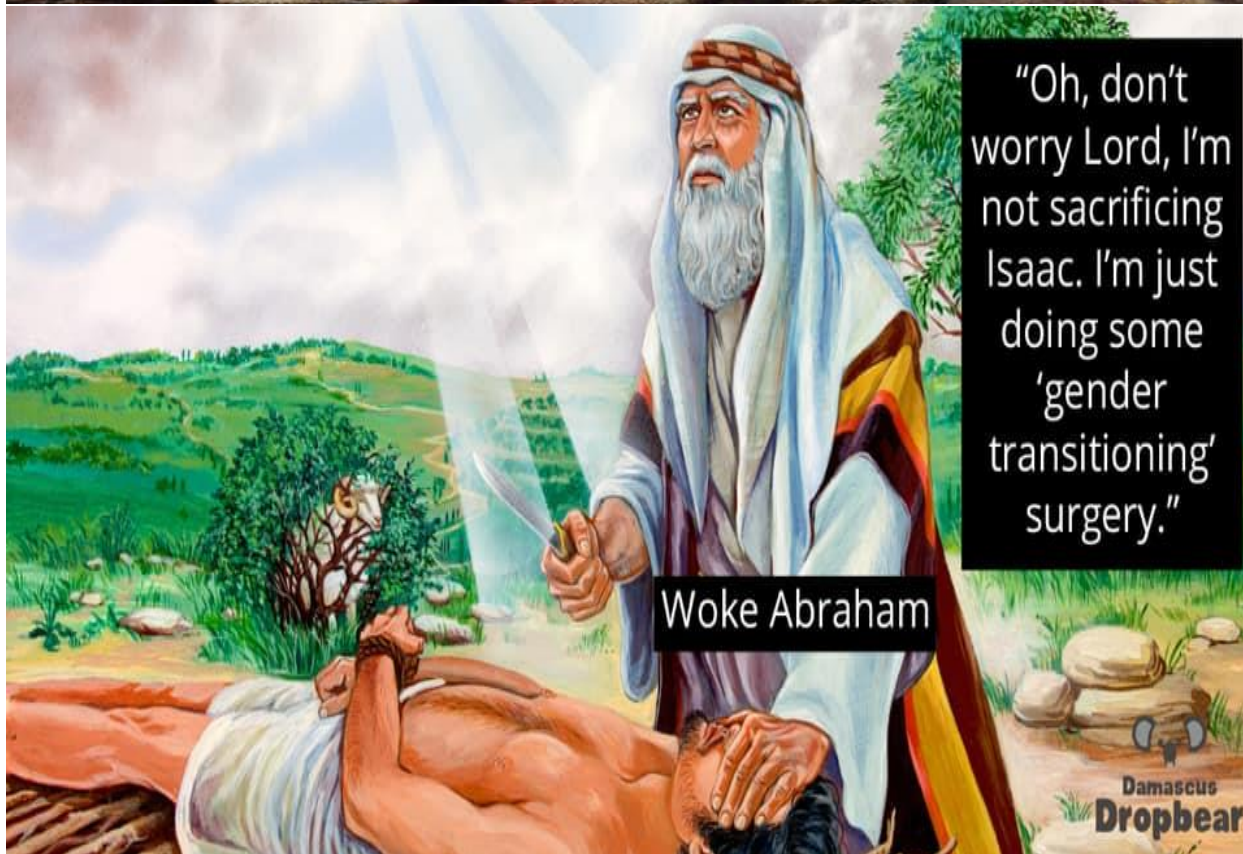
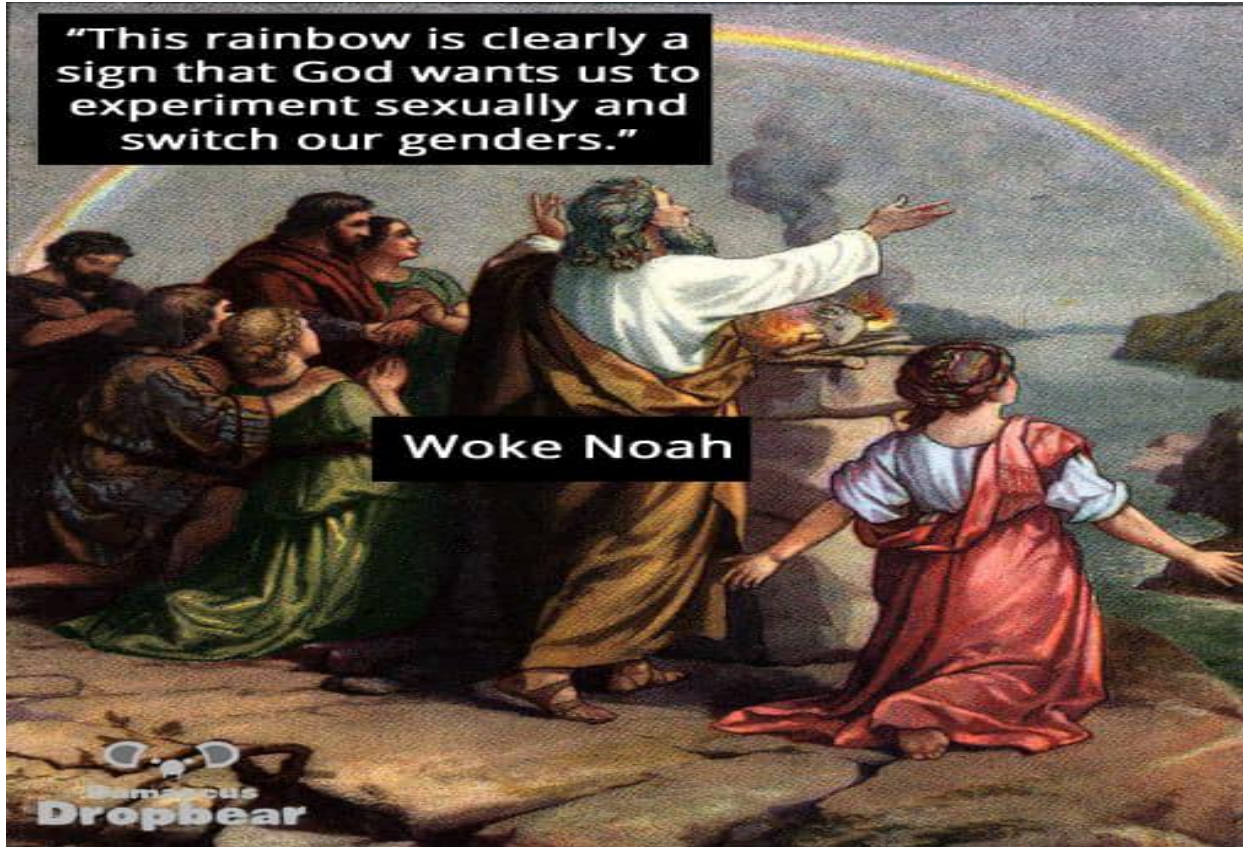
"And before people disingenuously complain 'woke' is denigrating to older people, it's actually pundits like Carville using terms like 'woke' to insult voters under 45 that's denigrating," she tweeted.

"Merriam-Webster added the word woke to its 2017 dictionary, defining it as, "aware of & actively attentive to important facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice)." The Oxford dictionary adopted it the same year, defining it as "originally: well-informed, up-to-date. Now chiefly: alert to racial or social discrimination and injustice."

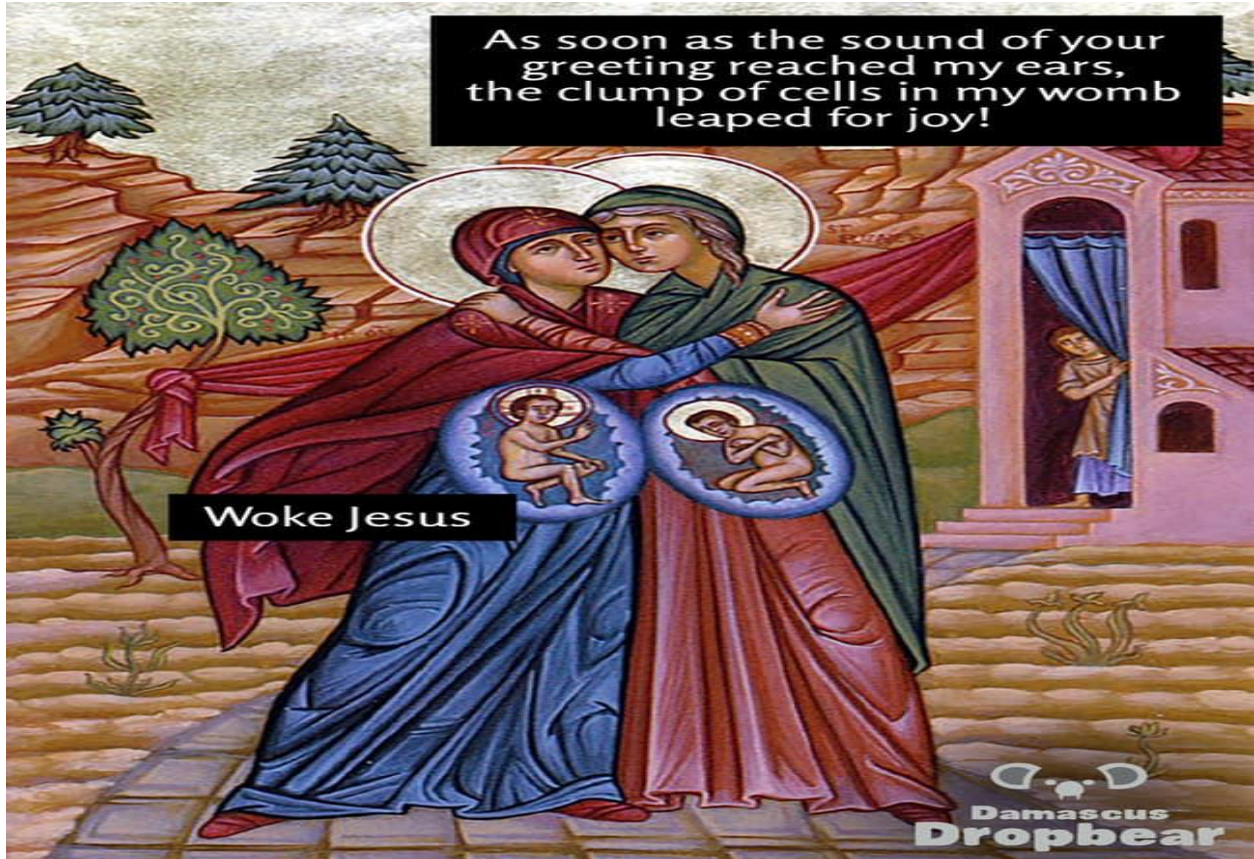
Many Americans regard wokeness as connected to cancel culture, censorship, and Critical Race Theory.

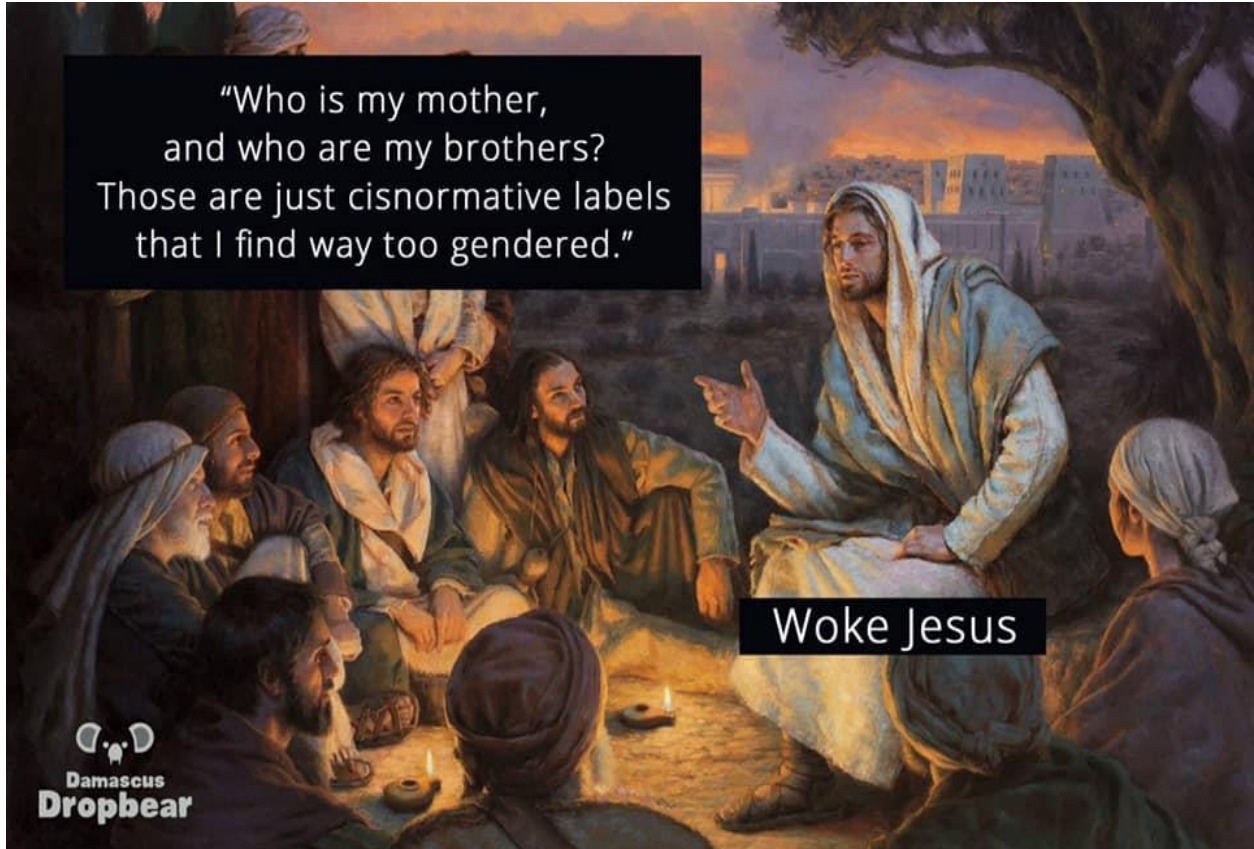
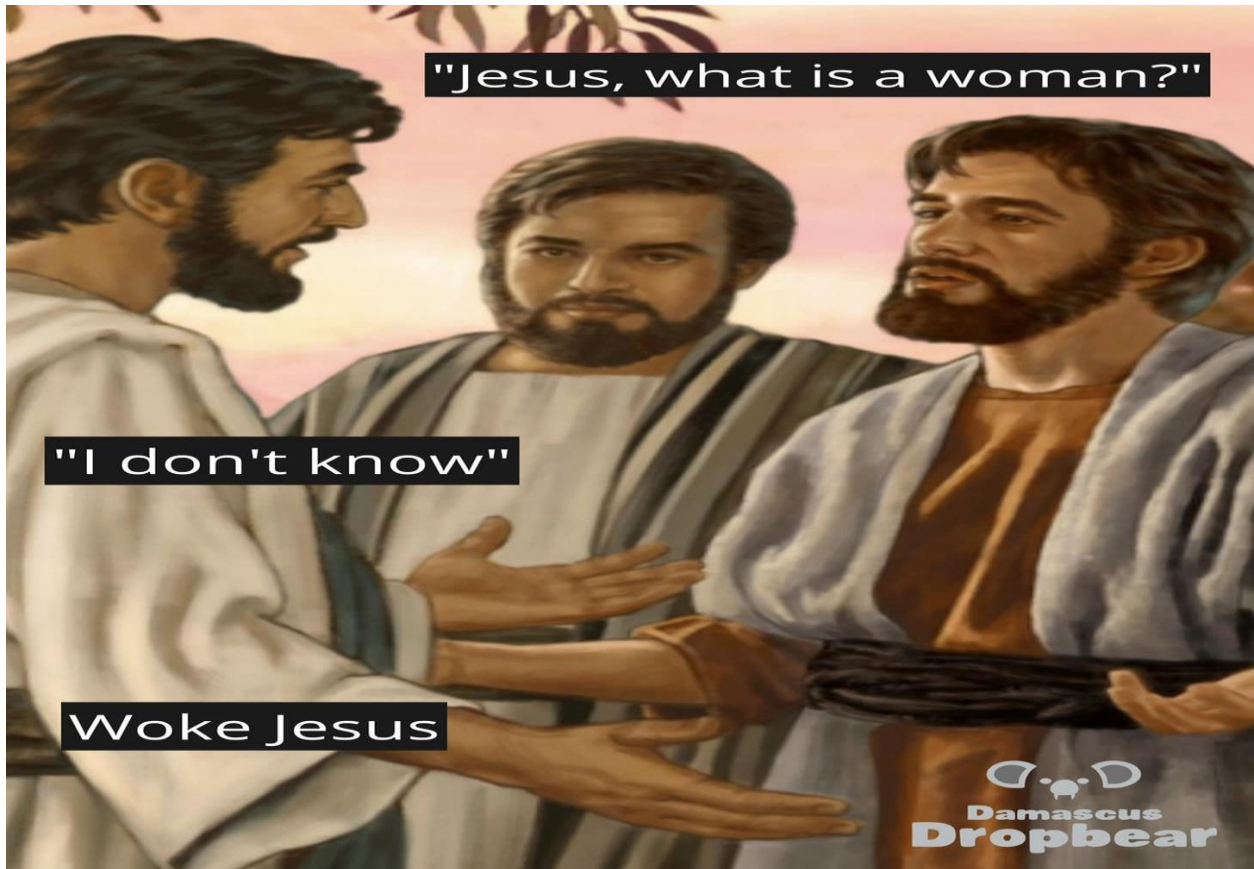
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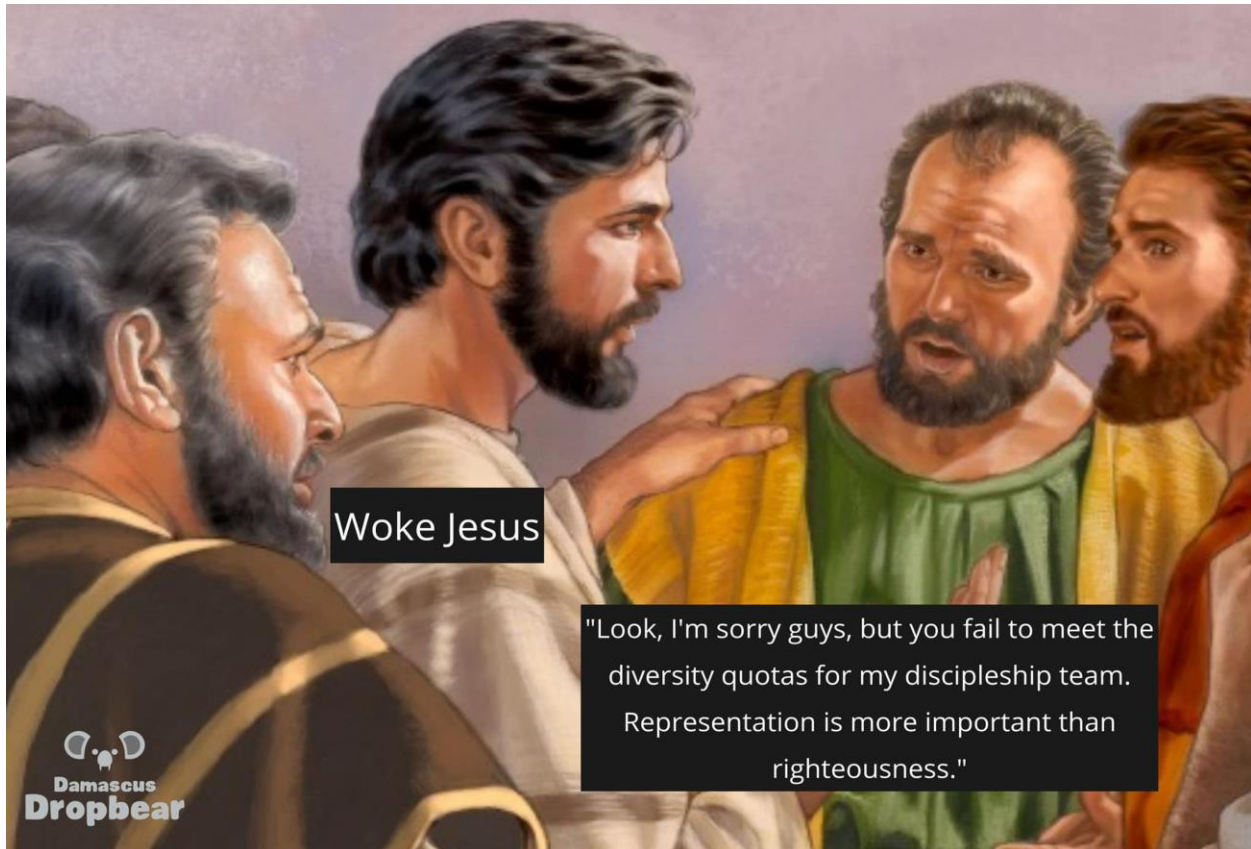
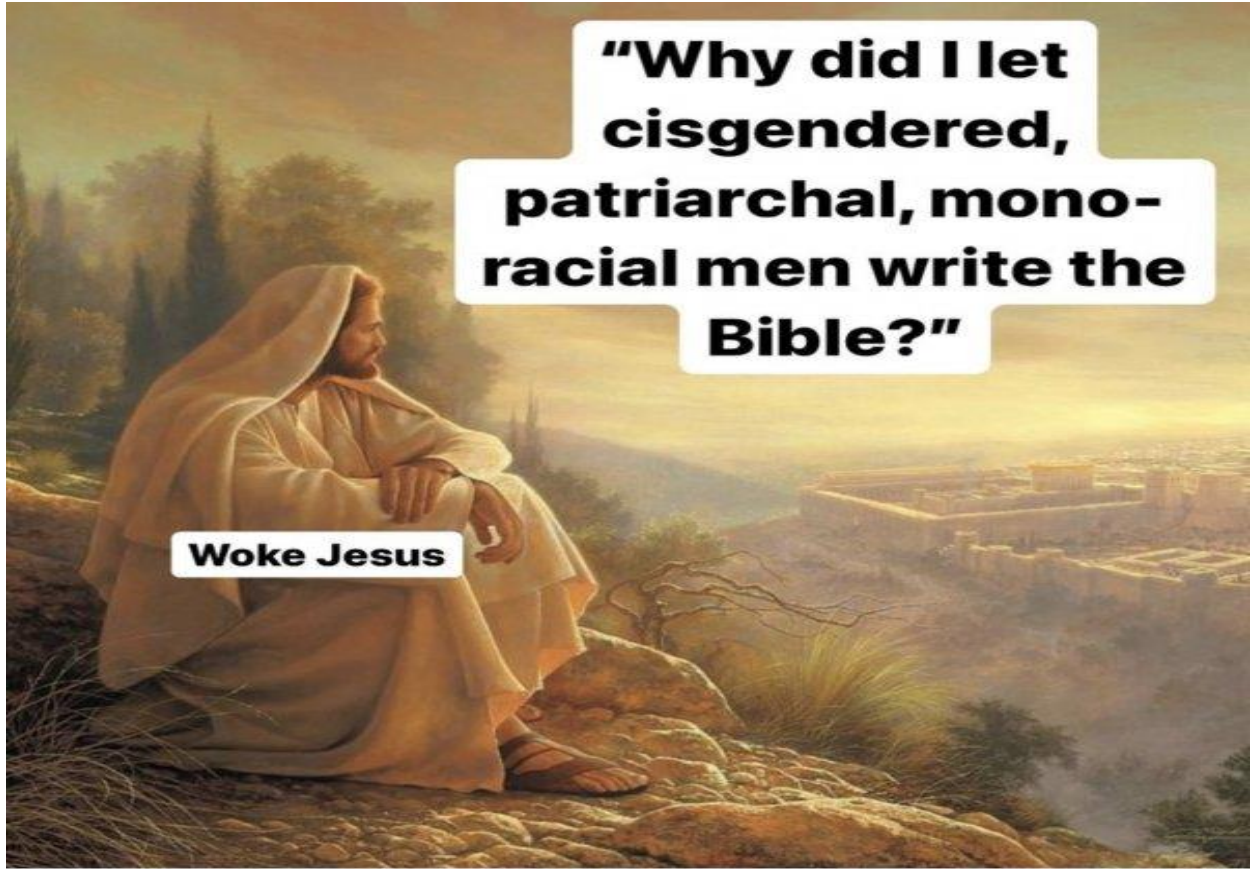


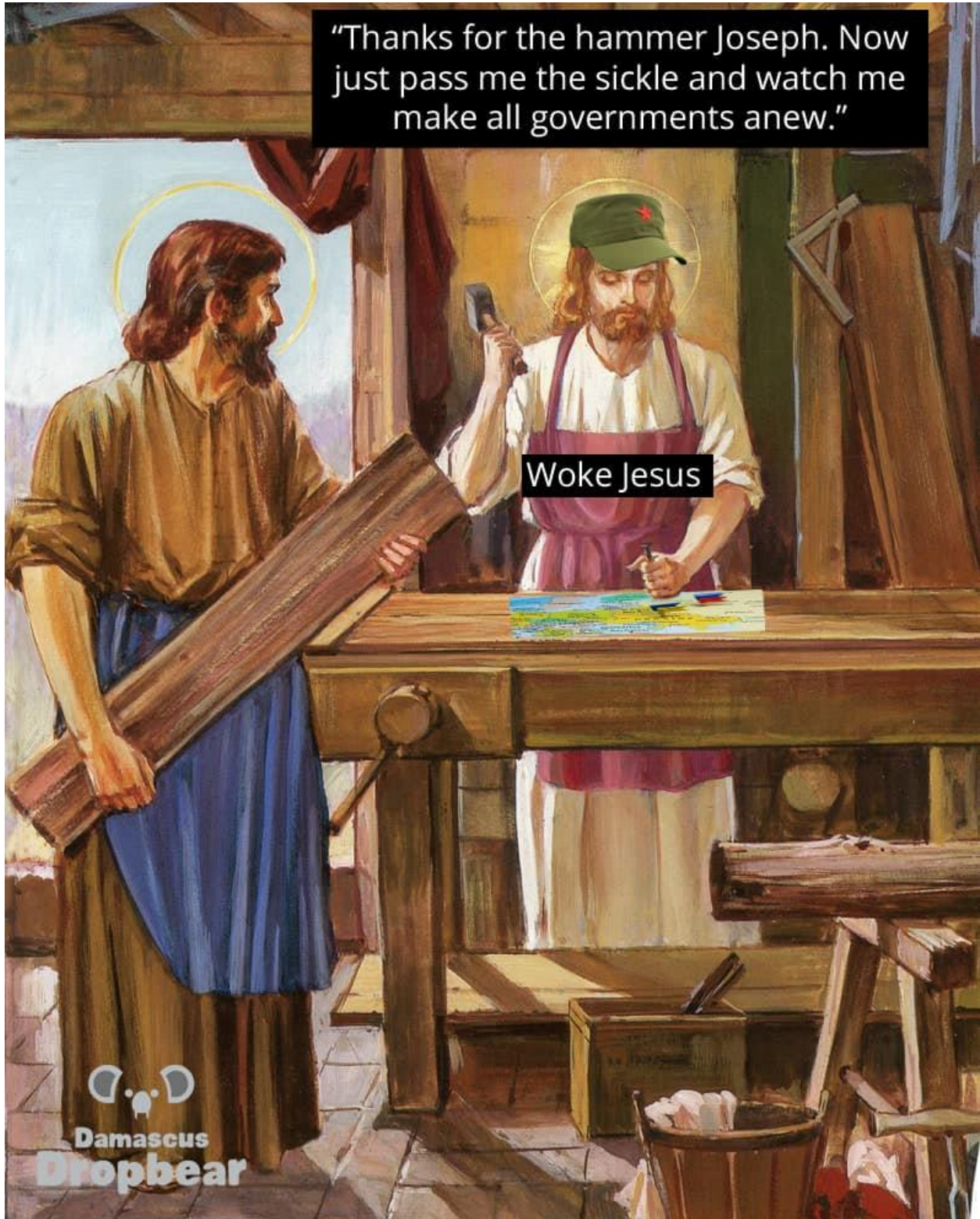






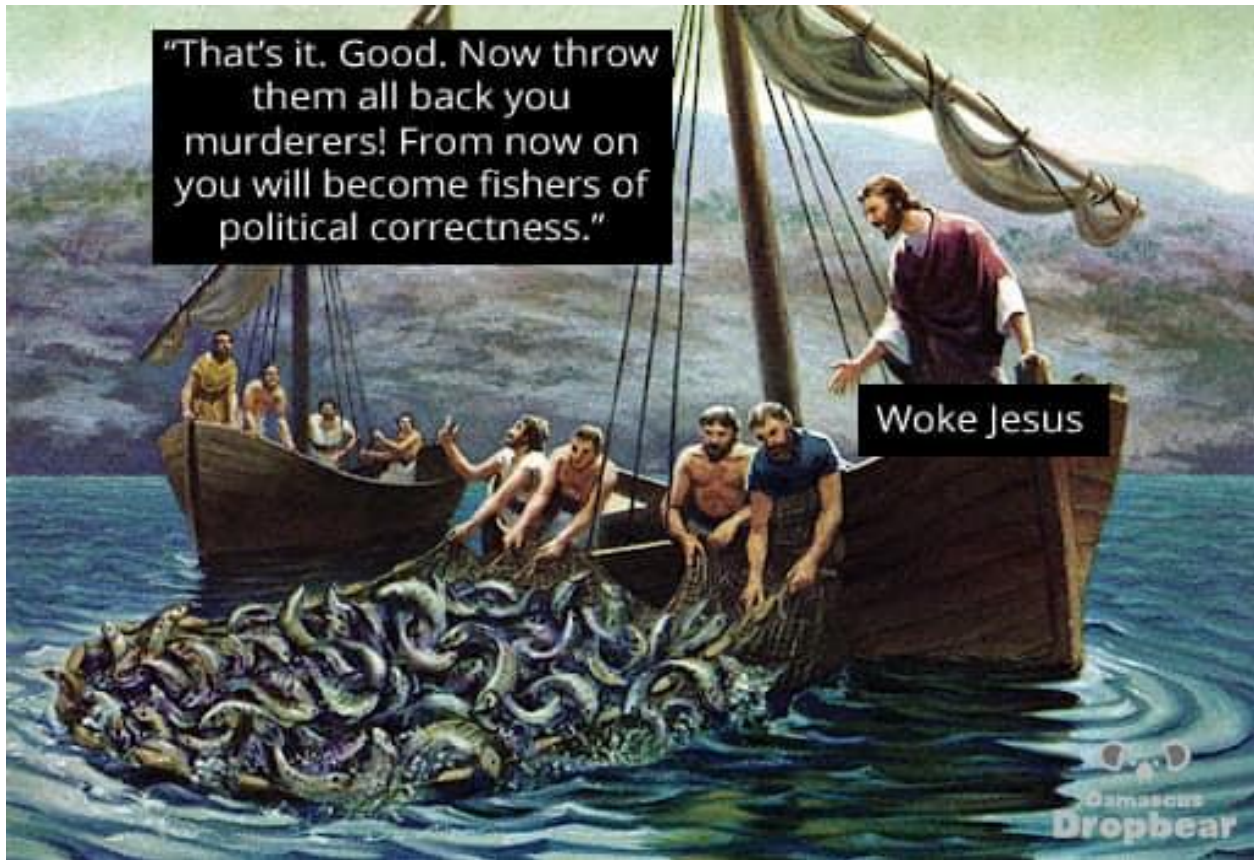


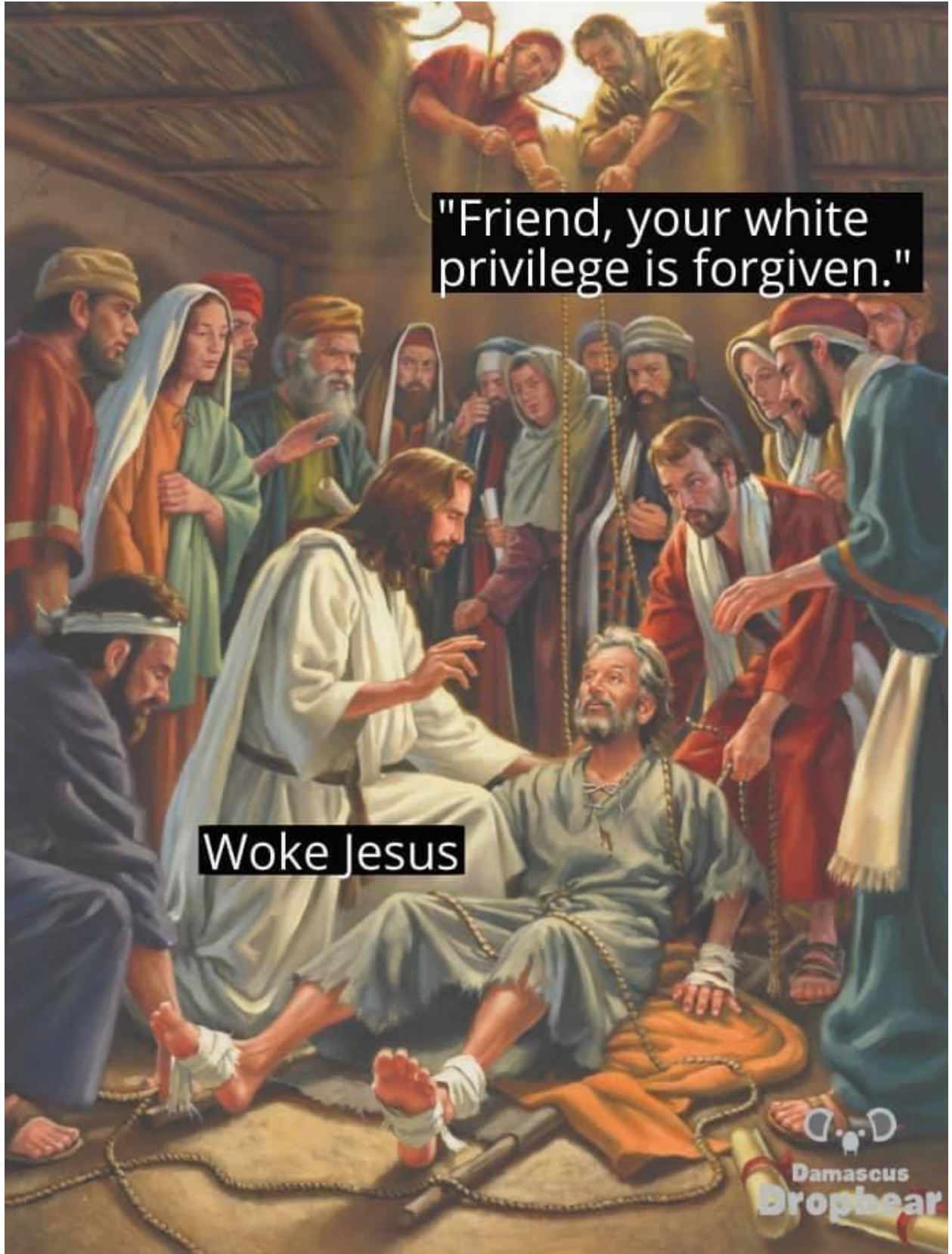




"Thanks for the hammer Joseph. Now just pass me the sickle and watch me make all governments anew."

Woke Jesus



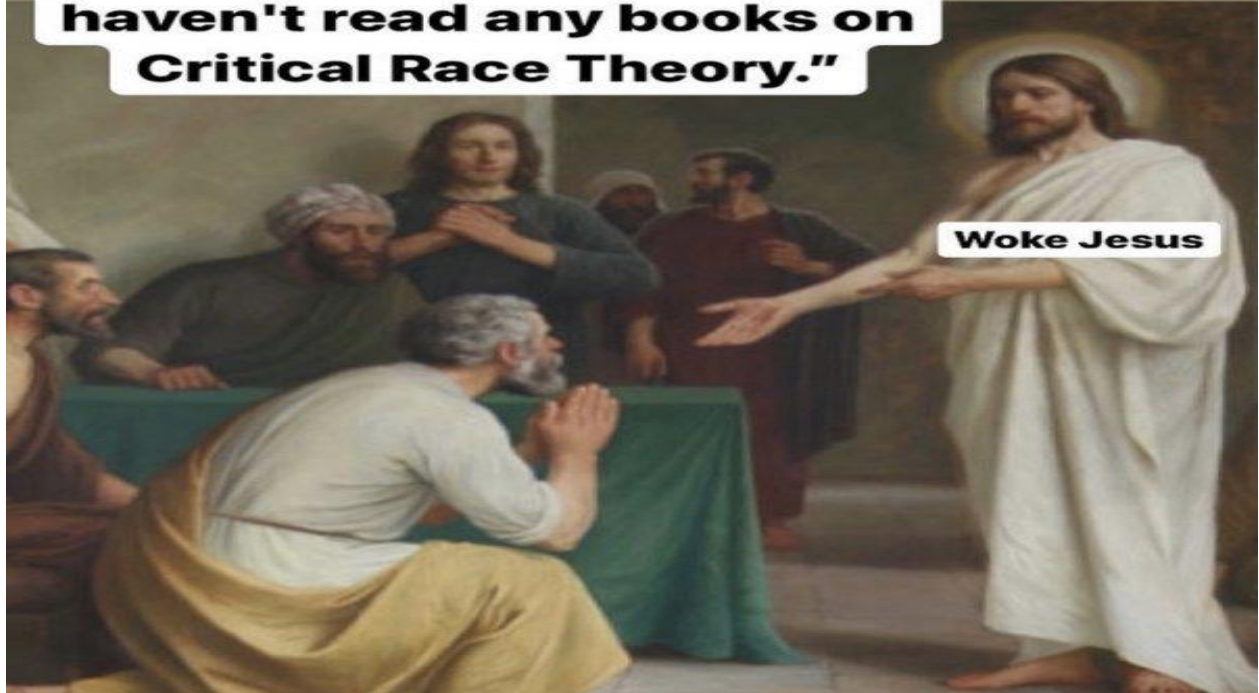


"Friend, your white privilege is forgiven."

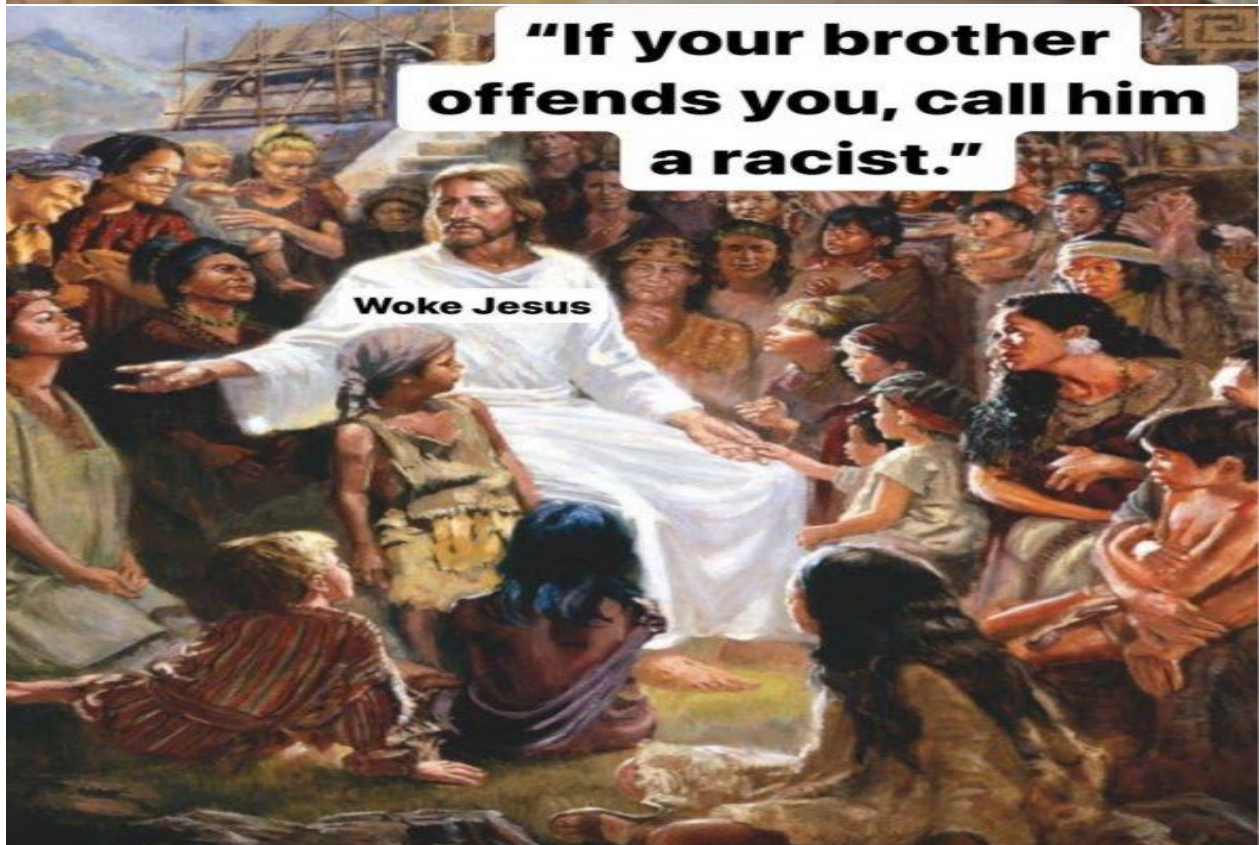
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**"My beloved disciples,
you will never be able to
lead my Church if you
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Critical Race Theory."**



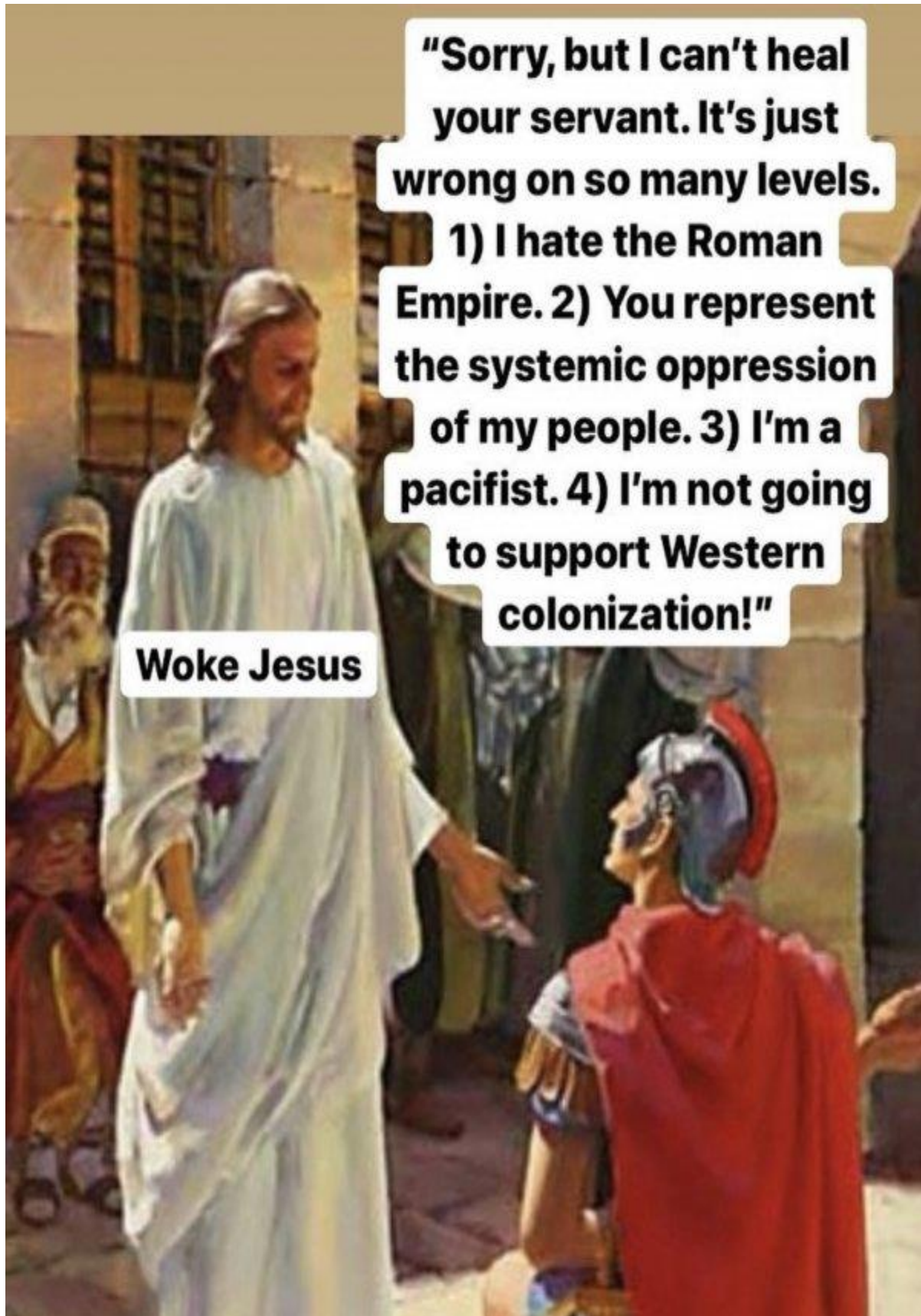
**"If your brother
offends you, call him
a racist."**



"Truly I tell you, it is easier for a retro bicycle to pass through the centre of a vinyl record than for the non-vegan to enter the kingdom of God."

Woke Jesus

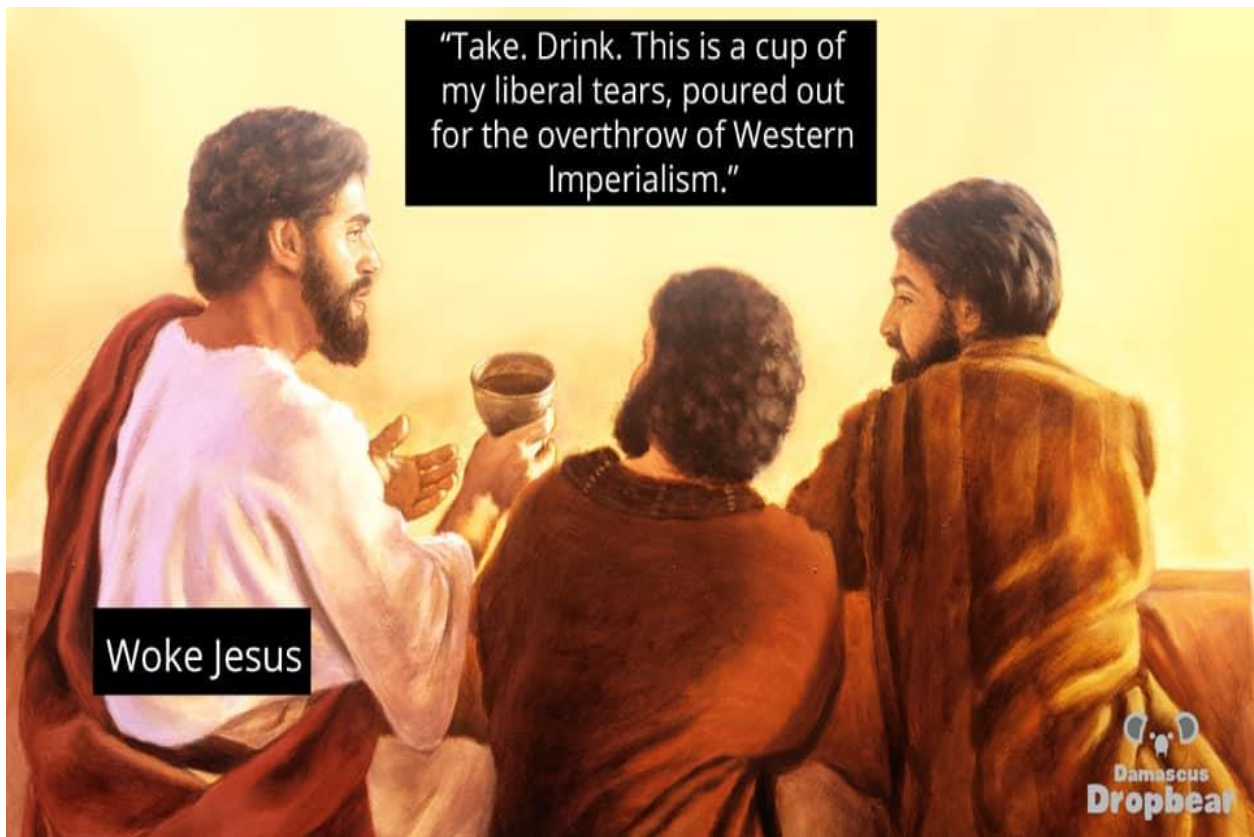


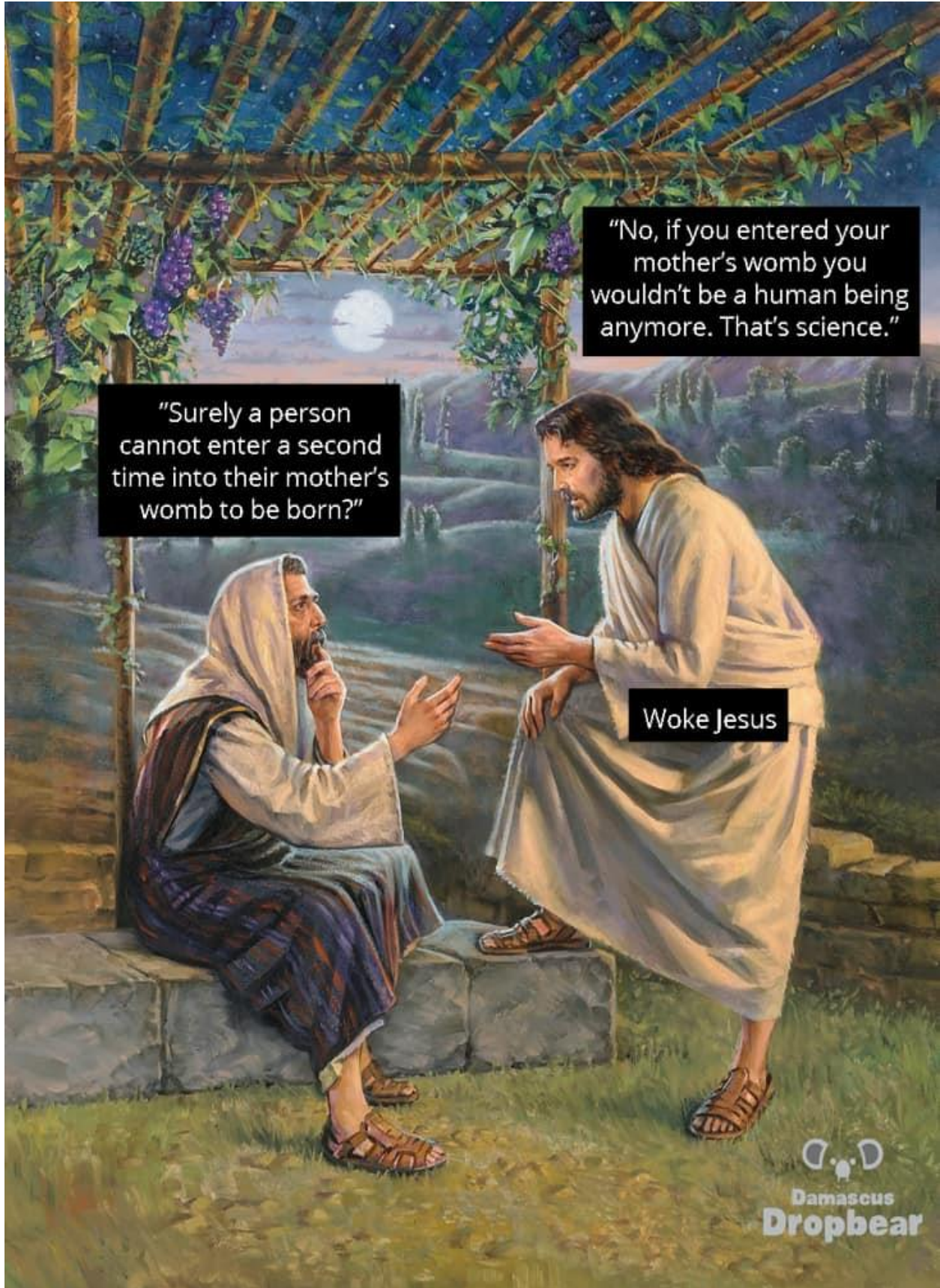


"Sorry, but I can't heal your servant. It's just wrong on so many levels.

1) I hate the Roman Empire. 2) You represent the systemic oppression of my people. 3) I'm a pacifist. 4) I'm not going to support Western colonization!"

Woke Jesus

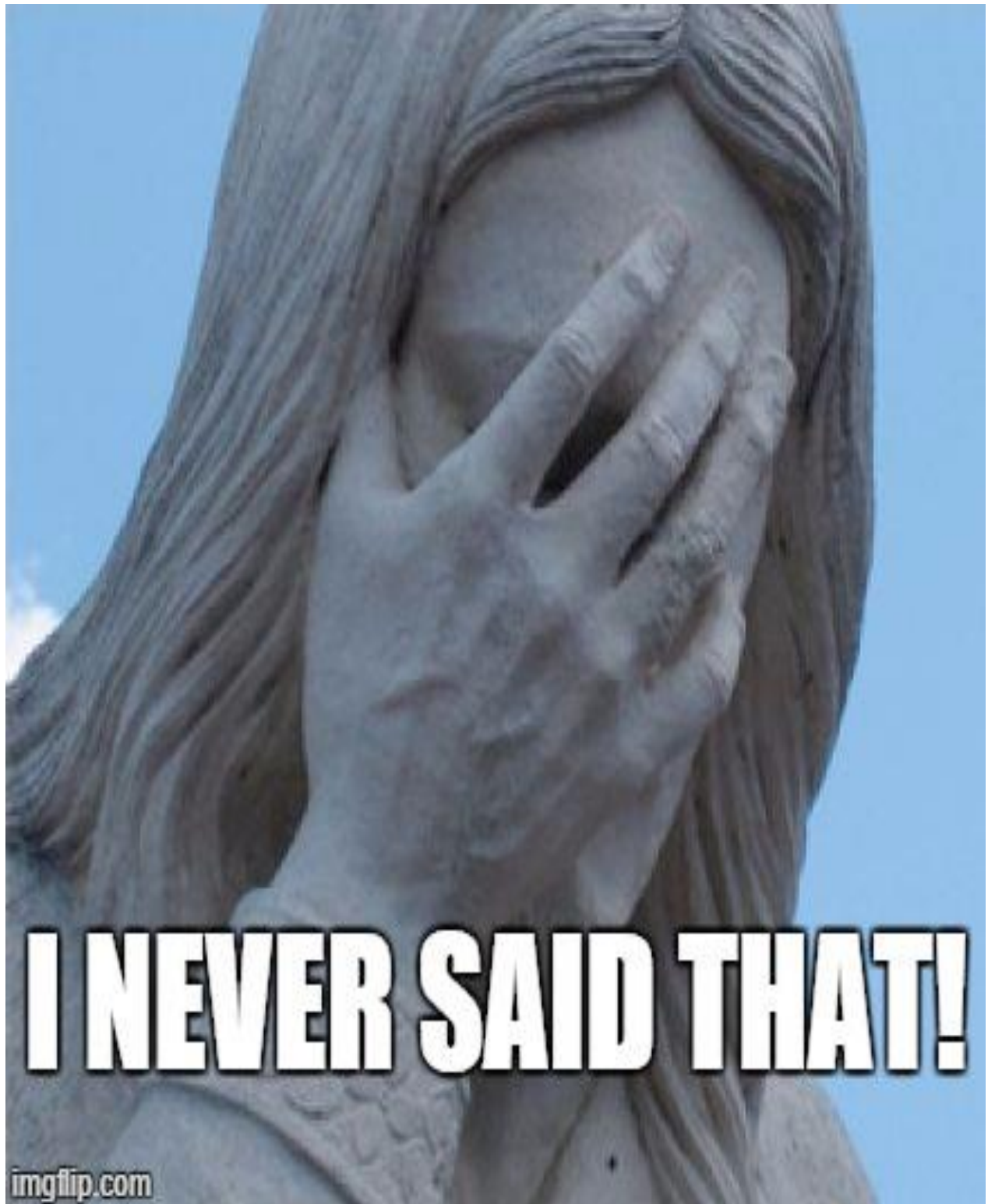




"Surely a person cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born?"

"No, if you entered your mother's womb you wouldn't be a human being anymore. That's science."

Woke Jesus





THE JESUS SEMINAR UTILIZES
LAERTIUS' CRITERIA REJECTING
AUTHENTICITY OF PLATO'S WORK

The Jesus Seminar

“...if you read them horizontally and comparatively, focusing on this or that unit and comparing it across two, three, or four version, it is disagreement rather than agreement that strikes you most forcibly. And those divergences stem not from the random vagaries of memory and recall but from the coherent and consistent theologies of the individual texts.”

John Dominic Crossan, *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*

³ "The Jesus Wars" - Jesus Seminar Teaches Jesus' Body Not Resurrected But Eaten By Dogs.

Woke first emerged in the US in the 1940s from the word “awake” and was used to describe someone who is well-informed on issues of social injustice – particularly racism. In its original use, it meant being alert to the specific discrimination and systemic harm suffered by African Americans.

Thus, being “woke” implies one has “awakened” from a slumber, rather like the protagonist, Neo, after being unplugged from the Matrix in the movie of the same name.

More recently, it has been adopted as an ubiquitous watchword for a wide variety of social movements, including LGBTQ issues, feminism, immigration, climate change and marginalization.

Matthew Dowd who was the chief strategist for the re-election campaign of former President George W. Bush who's now running as a Democrat in the Texas lieutenant governor's race implied in a tweet that conservatives and Republicans would criticize Jesus as being "woke" if He were alive today. Given the definition of being woke, Jesus would denounce it since it's being used to promote racial division in the name of "social justice."

Judas was and would be woke: "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?" ([John 12:5](#)).

This was Dowd's Tweet:

As I sat in church today I was thinking that if Jesus were here today he would be accused of being woke. *How about we just say it is **human decency** to treat all with respect and dignity and that it is constitutional to say all **men and women are equal?*** This is a curious comment since the people who claim to be woke are often the least respectful and decent toward people who disagree with them.

For example, Franklin Graham underwent heart surgery. What did these "respectful" wokesters tweet?

- Are they implanting one to fill the empty hole?
 - Getting rid of the black one...
 - So, he couldn't pray for it to heal itself and had to rely on science???
- The horror!
- Bless his bigoted, racist heart.

To disagree publicly with an ideological position that is described as being “woke” will get you fired and cancelled.

Let’s get back to Jesus. **To be woke is to support abortion on demand.** The Bible does not support abortion. Jesus upheld the Hebrew Scriptures:

When the pregnant Elizabeth met with the pregnant Mary, the baby in Elizabeth’s womb responded in a conscious way ([Luke 1:41](#)). Do woke abortion advocates treat those who oppose abortion with “human decency, respect and dignity”? They do not. In addition, unborn babies—male and female—are not considered to be constitutionally equal.

Men and women are not equal in all things. Sports are a good test of the unequal nature of men and women. Forcing women’s sports to accept men who claim to be women is not equality. Equal before the law? Yes. Who says otherwise? The Bible is clear on this point.

Being woke means supporting homosexuality and same-sex marriage. Would Jesus be “woke” on these fire-breathing areas of disagreement? Absolutely not. We’re back to His opinion on the law. In [Mark 12:31](#) Jesus is quoting from [Leviticus \(19:18\)](#), the same bible book that condemns homosexuality in chapters 18 (v. 22) and 20 (v. 13). **You cannot be woke unless you accept the entire LGBTQ+ panoply of gender options.** Jesus made it clear that there are only two sexes: “Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning made them male and female” ([Matthew 19:4](#); [Genesis 1:27](#); [5:2](#)). This means that Jesus would also oppose same-sex marriage. – *Internet Search*

The high priests of wokeism have weaponized laws so as to punish teachers, professors and doctors who would not utter support for the idea of human sex change, something that is biologically, and, some say, metaphysically, impossible. Those who dare to question tenets of wokeism like “a transwoman is a woman” or who have failed to use “preferred pronouns” are treated as modern-day heretics who deserve to be social media canceled, fired from jobs & investigated by the police.

Waking Up to Wokeness by Canon J. John

The posture of the woke movement often leaves no room for discussion – either you are woke or you are not and the discussion ends there. (It is here that 'cancel culture' – an effort to shame, silence and sideline an individual or institution because of beliefs or opinions deemed socially unacceptable – intersects with wokeness, which is a whole new form of vindictive exclusion.)

The divisive tone of wokeness can actually work against the hope for all to be awakened to injustice and racism in society. This often involves patience, dialogue, and deep listening.

Another area of caution concerns *attitudes of wokeness*. 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. As the Bible says well, 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23 NIV).

This means that all human beings treat other human beings unfairly. All of us love others inadequately in our personal lives & in our political structures. Studies show that all human beings hold some conscious or unconscious bias. It is part of the fallen and broken world which goes against God's original design of perfect love for all.

We need to acknowledge that division and bias runs through every human heart. As I have often said, **'At the heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart.'**

My third area of caution is the *motives of wokeness*. At the heart of the woke movement seems to be a bitter mindset that delights in finding breaches of its moral code. **The fuel for wokeness often seems to be anger: something seen not just in violent demonstrations but 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. People are tagged as either 'woke' or 'unwoke' and are not seen as whole, complex human beings with moral and immoral biases. **This kind of generalization about a person is the very posture 'wokeness' decries.**

I offer a word of caution on *the actions of wokeness*. With some justification, wokeness has been criticized for mainly being words & not actions. **Certainly, while there's much to be said for evaluating the sins of the past with justice there is much more to be said for seeking to remedy the sins of the present with grace.**

We need to repent of the past and then work for a more just society. Followers of Jesus should be on the front line of speaking out against racism and oppression.

The message of wokeness calls on all people and the whole of society to treat every human being with love, dignity and justice (**which, paradoxically, is something they are not doing**). This reconciling message lies at the very heart of God, exemplified in the person of Jesus. In this sense we all should be awakened and we also need to acknowledge there are significant aspects missing in the woke movement. Jesus' final prayer was that his followers would all be one . . . one human race, one human family, one church. This requires speaking the truth in love and an abundance of patience and grace.

The concept of 'being woke' is an attempt to create moral boundaries but without God. It offers only a bleak and hopeless world in which a stern and a constantly shifting morality subjects all to judgement from which there can be no redemption or restoration. Far more preferable is the Christian message which, while it does point out our deepest moral failings, offers us through Jesus Christ both pardon and a changed life. Ultimately, wokeness needs both real grace and true forgiveness, and only God can give us that.

It seems to me that for all its focus on the problem of injustice, wokeness offers no solution. But supposing there *is* a solution? Supposing there was a perfect being, a man who, utterly undeserving of any judgement, willingly became the victim of injustice and was subject to mockery, torture, brutality and ultimately death so that, having taken injustice on himself, he might offer forgiveness to all who sought it?

Why the New Woke Progressives Are Gnostic

What do the Gnostics and new progressives have in common? Both believe they possess valuable secrets. As James Patterson noted:

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.”

Gnostics saw Jesus as the great revealer. It was through *gnosis*, knowledge, that humans can be saved. Most importantly, the knowledge that this world is created by a demiurge, not the true God (the universal virgin spirit).

But in that respect, the two movements aren't different from other forms of religion or politics. Other early Christians also believed themselves to be possessing metaphysical secrets. Apostle Paul, whose writings are Christian canon, emphasized the idea that he possessed a secret that was only now being revealed:

Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!

Romans, 16.25-27

We can sharpen the similarities by focusing on Gnosticism and progressivism's shared rejection of institutions, epistemology, androgyny, and interior nature.

First, there is a distrust of institutions, especially of traditional media, corporate, and government bodies. This mirrors the fundamental Gnostic distrust of the material plane, but is not as extreme. The Gnostic attitude is more fundamental. Take your favorite golden age and the Gnostic sees a corpse.

In the Gnostic view, the world is worse than fake, it is the material that holds our spirit back from salvation. There are parallels to the Marxist idea of superstructure here: the dominant ideology, the prism, through which we see the world, is almost inescapably determined by economic and class dynamics. The progressive version of this world moves beyond the purely economic, taking gender, race, and other factors into account. We inhabit an ideological world created by factors that are divorced from truth.

A second similarity is emphasis on experience. Progressives place experiential ways of knowing over the other forms of empirical science. In its worst form, **perceiving offense is sufficient for something being offensive. Pushing back against this just compounds the problem.** One's experience is to be trusted over findings from third parties.

Gender offers a third parallel, but this is a complicated story. The Gnostics may not have been early feminists. Gnostic texts paint Mary Magdalene as a close companion of Jesus. Someone to be trusted, in contrast with the angry apostle Peter.

The fourth & most significant similarity between Gnosticism and progressivism, however, is the focus on the internal and interior.

The Gnostic places significant focus on the internal & interior.

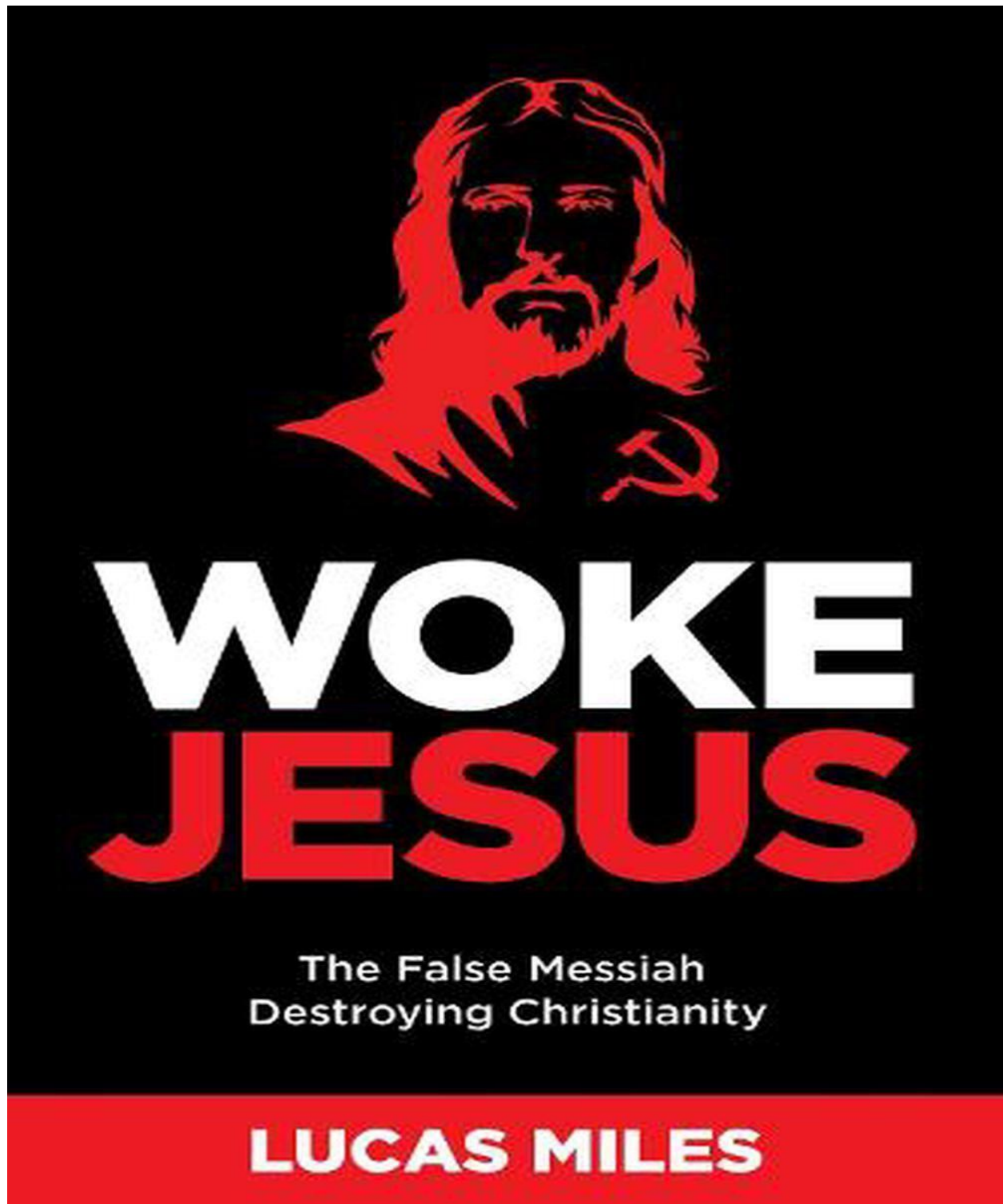
Knowledge is not a matter of action, but experience. Salvation is through our internal spirit. This Gnostic secret knowledge is world-negating. Therefore, Salvation involves transcending this world as a spirit.

How does this compare with the new woke progressivism? Progressivism seeks to shape politics. But much of it is an individual & personal matter. **In order to be good, one must recognize one's privilege.** In comparison with [traditional politics] it is more therapeutic. Far more attention is spent on feelings as is evident by the stress placed on creating and maintaining safe spaces, language, and media. The discourse is full of movement like acknowledging injustice, validating other's experience, and spreading awareness. This is the stuff of gnosis, not shaping the world.

Racial equality, for example: understood as a political and social principle, it would reach its goal by dropping out of our consciousness. It would become part of the world around us.

If racial equality is a valuable principle, it seems that we should be vividly aware of it. According to the logic of experience, the goal should be intensity, not naturalness.

In other words, justice demands a change in the spirit, not merely the material. – *Caleb Ontiveros*



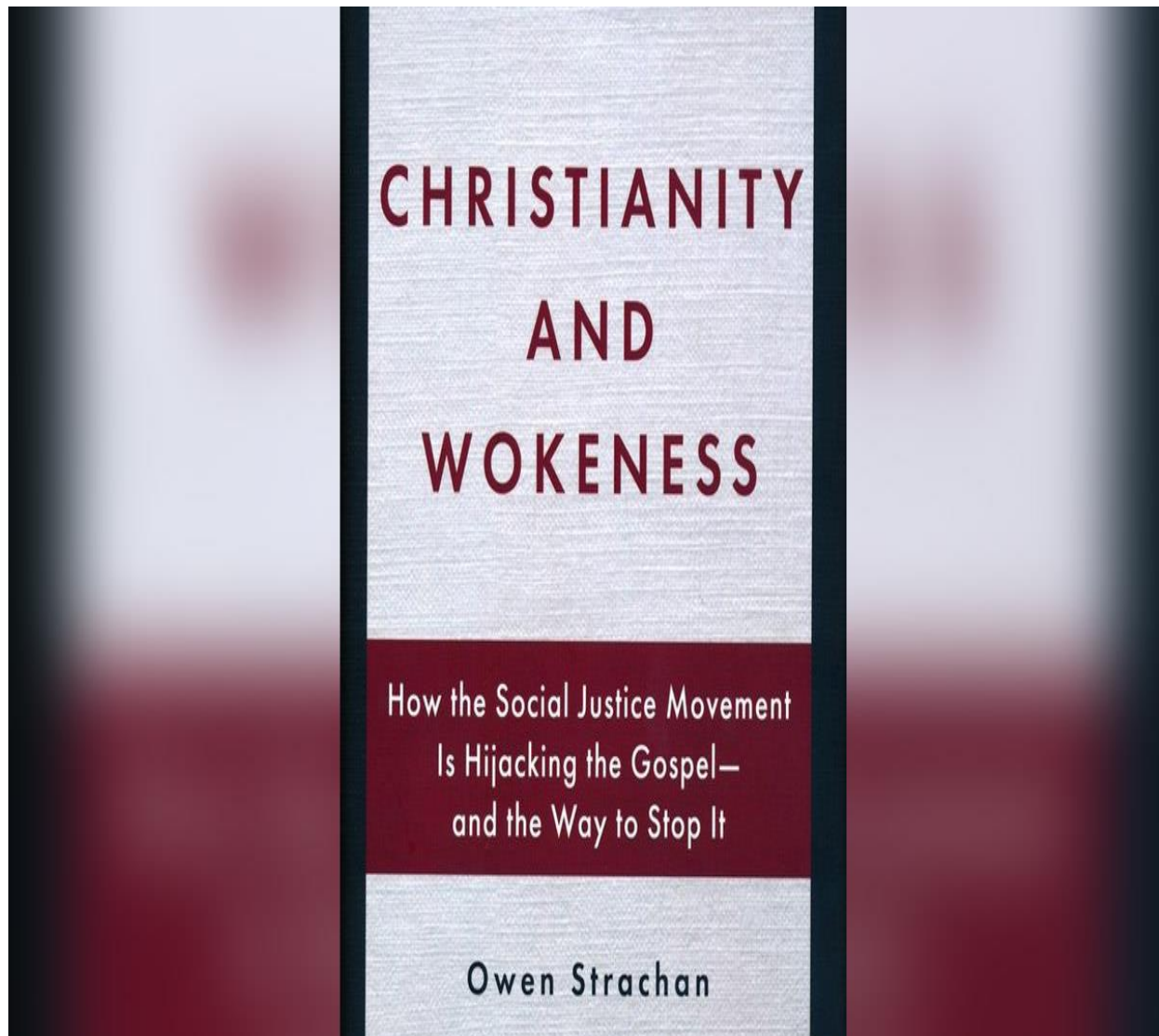
“Instead of deconstructing culture to better align with the truth, they deconstructed faith in order to better reach the culture.”

However well-intended, Wokeism actually creates the very injustices it's supposed to end, hurting the most vulnerable people while dividing church and country.

Woke Christianity: Man is trapped within an evil system, dependent upon God to show him that he is oppressed by this physical world and needs to become “Woke” in order to find salvation. On the surface, this may sound similar to a salvific message shared by Paul: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you,” but as we will see, **the Gnostic Gospel of Wokeism has little in common with the biblical message of the Christ crucified. . .**

Have we become so disconnected with truth and grace that we've forgotten that **the cross of Christ is the point of intersectionality**, in which judgment against sin was issued, and that now the church simply waits for the promise of eternal justice to be fulfilled? If we are to recover the Gospel of the cross and have any chance of winning back Woke culture, even more than a theology of justice, we will need to know the person of justice, Christ Himself, who gave His life, exchanging our [sin] for His righteousness, in perfect manifestation of grace and truth.

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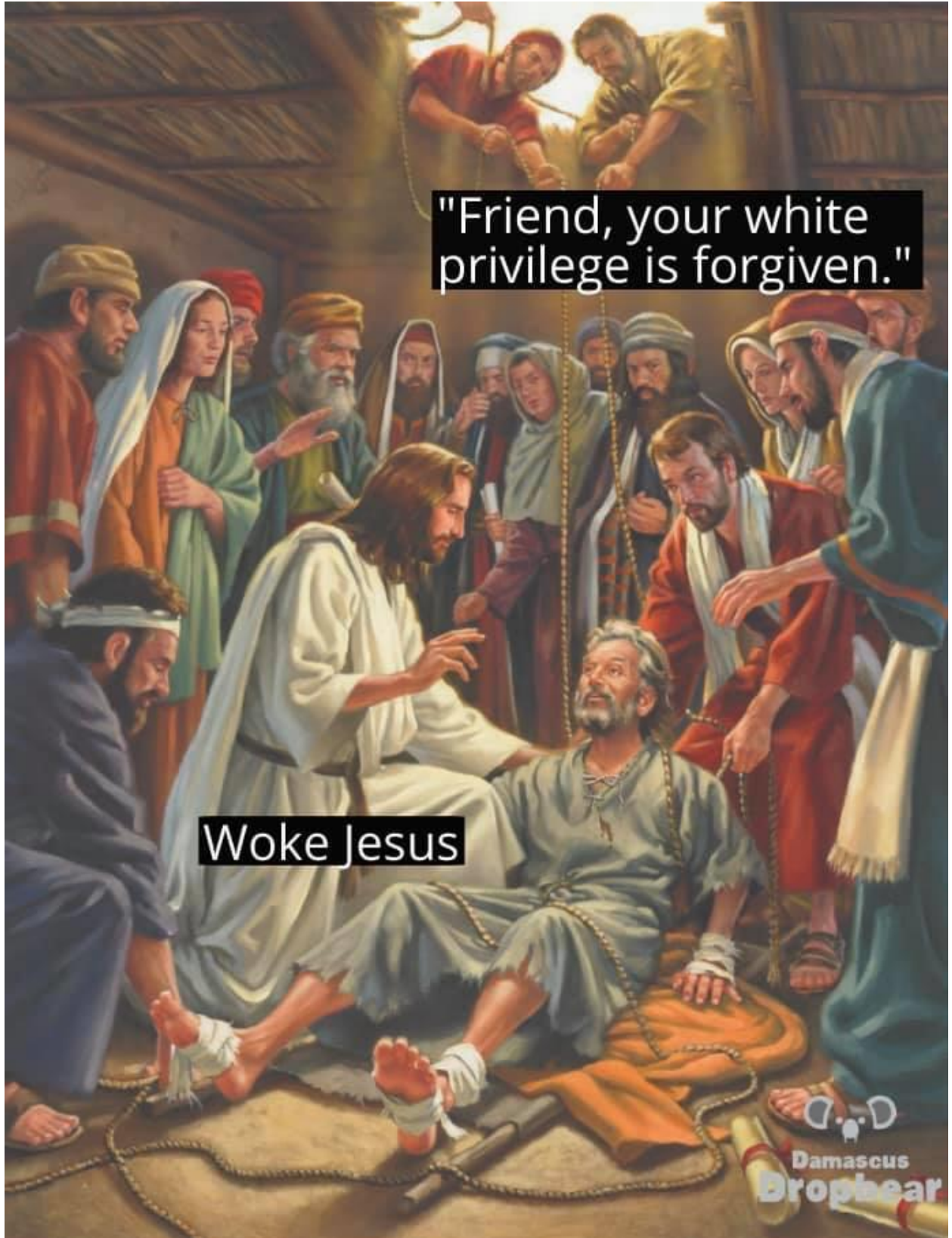
Since its beginnings in the first century, the church has faced varied resistance from the surrounding culture and challenges to the gospel. Recently, a new challenge has emerged: "wokeness," or the state of being "woke." Merriam-Webster identifies "woke" as a slang term meaning being "**aware of and actively attentive to important facts and issues** (especially issues of racial and social justice)."

On the surface, wokeness might sound like seeking justice and showing concern for the weak & oppressed-- things the Bible urges us to do (Isaiah 1:17, Micah 6:8). However, wokeness often embraces theories and/or ideologies inconsistent with or even hostile to the Bible. Many well-intentioned Christians--out of a desire to be compassionate, accepting, and loving--are succumbing to cultural pressure to conform to woke ideology, likely unaware of its unbiblical tendencies.

Owen Strachan, FRC's Senior Fellow for Biblical Worldview, has written a new book, *Christianity & Wokeness: How the Social Justice Movement's Hijacking the Gospel*.

Wokeness in the Culture and the Church

The first two chapters of *Christianity and Wokeness* examine how woke ideology is entering the culture and, more consequentially, the church. According to Strachan, "wokeness" means to be "awake" and in tune with the prevailing zeitgeist. Critical Race Theory (CRT), which sees society as an intentional system of power structures meant to oppress others based on their skin color, is currently the most well-known example of woke ideology. CRT purports that **"White Privilege" is at the root of social justice issues and it must be eradicated.**



"Friend, your white privilege is forgiven."

Woke Jesus

Damascus Dropbear

The 21st century American church has been both passively and actively incorporating woke ideology into their institutions and practices. Strachan observes that some *Christians* have started **apologizing for and repenting of their "whiteness."** Often these actions are prefaced with the proposal that we should change the gospel to fit with woke ideology so that brothers and sisters of color will be more comfortable in the church.

While authentic racial reconciliation is an important outworking of the gospel (Ephesians 2), **wokeness changes the gospel by teaching that white people are never able to fully repent for their actions because they are inherently racist by nature of being white.** But the gospel says all have sinned, and everyone can be fully redeemed through the work of Christ. With its different view of sin and redemption, wokeness undermines the gospel. This is why Strachan argues, "[W]okeness is not a prism by which we discover truths we couldn't see in a Christian worldview. **Wokeness is a different system entirely than Christianity. It is, in fact, 'a different gospel.'** But it is not just that. In the final evaluation, **wokeness is not just *not the Gospel*. Wokeness is anti-Gospel."**

Why is Wokeness an Ungodly System?

In chapters three and four, Strachan outlines his concern with the theological and cultural implications of CRT and woke ideology.

First, he encourages believers to guard their hearts and minds, noting the apostle Paul's admonition not to be taken captive by false philosophies (Colossians 2:8). Strachan argues that wokeness represents a man-centered gospel that takes others captive through legalism rather than setting them free in the grace of Christ. In other words, wokeness says that only your works can save you -- but you can never accumulate enough works to satisfy its requirements. Ultimately, this philosophy promises so much, only to abandon its followers in the end.

Strachan explains, "[in] biblical terms, 'white' skin is not our biggest problem. Sin is." He goes on to say, "If you have been convicted and demeaned for your skin color or heritage, you have been wronged." Woke ideology turns humans against one another & results in persons being judged by the color of their skin and social status rather than the content of their character or their status in the eyes of God.

The Bible and Ethnicity

Because questions of race and ethnicity are so closely tied to woke ideology and CRT, chapter five and six provide an in-depth study of what the Old and New Testament have to say about our identity as human beings. Strachan explains how Genesis teaches that all humans are equally part of one human race.

Although we may have different skin tones, languages, or ethnicities that distinguish us, we are all human beings who are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27).

Further, the doctrine of the fall--not CRT--explains the fractured relationships present in humanity. It is not the differences between our skin colors that make us misunderstand, betray, and abuse one another but the sin that infects us all. One tragic consequence of the fall is the sin of racism, which is one way that humans wrongly show partiality. God is not elitist and shows no partiality to anyone, as the apostle Paul frequently discusses in his letters (Romans 2:11, 10:12; Galatians 2:6, Ephesians. 6:9). The New Testament also demonstrates how everyone can be united and reconciled in Christ through the gospel message (Eph. 2:14-18, 2 Cor. 5:16-21). God desires that, ultimately, every tribe, tongue, and language be united in Christ to form the household of God (Ephesians 2:19; Revelation 5:9-10, 7:9). As Strachan explains, "Distinctiveness is no bad thing and is, in truth, a gift and blessing of God -- but unity will be our song in all the ages to come."

The Response to Wokeness

The last chapter of Strachan's book considers the reality of American history, specifically slavery and the civil rights movement.

He concludes with recommendations for how Christians can respond to woke ideology in a biblical way, reminding his readers: "We cannot fall silent. We cannot stand by as people around us are taken captive by any ungodly ideology."

Although Christians ought to recognize racism's sinfulness and the necessity of repentance for racist thoughts, actions and attitudes, they should also recognize that certain groups of people are not inherently racist simply because of the color of their skin. **Strachan concludes, "Wokeness is advancing far too quickly to treat this matter lightly, or to assume that these issues will simply 'go away.'" He reminds his readers, "No--they will not go away. As we have argued throughout the book, strongholds and false ideologies must be destroyed, not ignored or treated softly."**



C.A.R.M. - Cancel Culture Is Dangerous

Cancel culture is potentially dangerous because of the damage it can cause – as you’ve seen above. It can curtail free speech and the free exercise of religion. It can hinder, restrict, and penalize people and companies and ruin people’s lives. Why? Because the cancel culture warriors find someone or something guilty of violating progressive ideology dealing with LGBTQ, socialism, ‘marriage equality,’ abortion, etc. Of course, Christian ideals are not allowed, and the result is...

- 1. Denial of free speech for people with whom cancel culture warriors disagree**
- 2. Denial of respect for those with whom they disagree**
- 3. Denial of open dialogue and cross-examination**
- 4. Denial of logical discourse**
- 5. Denial that they might be wrong about their views**
- 6. Affirm punishing others for not holding the “right” view**
- 7. Affirm that the ends justify the means to silence opposition**
- 8. Affirm that they are the ones who are in the moral right**
- 9. Find people guilty of racism, intolerance, bigotry, etc. and punish them**
- 10. Dox a person – exposing their private information online in an attempt to harm them socially, financially, and sometimes even physically.**

Those in the cancel culture can’t logically or philosophically establish a means by which their view is the right one. They assume they have the ideological high ground, and all those who oppose them must be silenced. But, on what they based their moral standard? Are they in contact with some universal principle? Or, they go with whatever a society’s momentum is at the time? People are certainly entitled to their opinions, but if you are going to punish others for violating those opinions, then that’s wrong. Ultimately, we answer to God, not to those who hold to politically correct ideology. **They are guilty of progressive group-think. Essentially, they are brainwashed and are suppressing the truth in unrighteousness ([Romans 1:18](#)).**

A Matter of Facts

The New York Times' 1619 Project launched with the best of intentions, but has been undermined by some of its claims.

In August of 1619, a ship appeared on this horizon, near Point Comfort, a coastal port in the English colony of Virginia. It carried more than 20 enslaved Africans, who were sold to the colonists. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the years of slavery that followed. On the 400th anniversary of this fateful moment, it is finally time to tell our story truthfully.

Historians Roast the 1619 Project

The New York Times is in denial as scholars eviscerate its 1619 Project

The 1619 Project and the falsification of history: An analysis of the New York Times' reply to five historians

The '1619 Project' Gets Schooled

The New York Times tries to rewrite U.S. history, but its falsehoods are exposed by surprising sources.

C.A.R.M. – A Biblical Response to Critical Race Theory

The Bible says there is only one race, the human race. According to Scripture, all people are made in the image of God ([Genesis 1:26](#)). Therefore, all people are worthy of respect. For the Christian, prejudice, whether in favor or against people, is forbidden in Scripture.

“For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and they’re also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, ³ and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and you say to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?” ([James 2:2-4](#)).

Because the heart is desperately wicked and deceitful ([Jeremiah 17:9](#)) and because no one does good ([Romans 3:10-12](#)), we all have the propensity to sin. Racism is a sin. But, it is not restricted only to those who are white in skin color. It exists among all people groups. It is our nature to judge others by our own standards, leading to racism. Instead, we need to judge other people by the standard that God has revealed in Scripture and through the person of Christ. After all, everyone is equally in need of redemption and repentance.

Furthermore, though CRT has a noble aim that seeks equity among people within society (noble because it is biblical in a narrow sense), it can be and *is* being used in an oppressive and ungodly way.

It is dangerous, and we ought to pray against it. Those who promote Critical Race Theory often seek to force change upon people thru accusations of white privilege and inherent white racism, whether it is conscious or unconscious. White people are guilty because they are white. **CRT proponents sometimes employ the cancel culture's atrocious practice, doxing, and shaming to force people into compliance with their social justice standards.** In so doing, they often elevate the rights of minorities above the rights of others & show prejudicial favor toward them and against whites. **They become guilty of what they accuse others ([Romans 2:1](#)).**

When justice is advocated without God as the standard, then justice becomes the changing standard of those who pressure others and the tool of those who do not know God to force others into compliance with the New Social Norm standard. **They neglect the heart's issues and seek to replace Christ's redemptive work with Social Justice moral standards. This is humanism, and it is dangerous.**

Finally, **this imposition of standards upon others by threat of punishment from the cancel culture only exacerbates racism.** It brings about the opposite of what it requires. Not surprisingly, this problem is reflected in understanding the nature of God's law. It brings about the opposite of what it requires because it is externally required, not internally motivated.

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The Woke Revolution and the Demise of Western Civilization

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Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people. The abolition of religion as the illusory happiness of the people is the demand for their real happiness. To call on them to give up their illusions about their condition is to call on them to give up a condition that requires illusions. The criticism of religion is, therefore, in embryo, the criticism of that vale of tears of which religion is the halo.¹

—Karl Marx

Worldview. Merriam-Webster defines woke as being “aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues (especially issues of racial & social justice).”² In the denotative sense, this definition is proper and right. However, what Merriam-Webster and Neo-Marxist revolutionaries mean by being awake to issues of racial & social justice is far removed from the positive aspects of genuine great awakenings.

As Doug Groothuis makes plain in the essay titled “Critical Race Theory: An Introduction and Critique,” according to woke orthodoxy, “America is systemically racist in principle and in practice.” **Thus, justice demands that our national constitution “be replaced by an anti-racist socialist system.”**

“ . . . A system in which diversity, inclusion, and equity is “mandated from the top down, without respect to individual ability, private property rights, or the positive possibilities of a genuinely free market.” Moreover, in accordance with woke ideology, “white people, in particular heterosexual white males, are the oppressors.” And a primary target of their alleged oppression is transgenderism.

In the illusory **woke worldview, boys can transition into girls and vice versa.** As such, the gods of wokeism attempt to take what the Almighty has made and remake it. They engage in top and bottom surgeries fully cognizant of the reality that there is much that their surgical savageries cannot extend to. The dirty little secret, veiled in woke speak, is that pseudo-deities are impotent to change biological sex on a cellular level; that “the human brain is a sex-typed organ”; and that there are inalterable biological differences in how male and female brains are wired.³

In "Gender Ideology's Attack on Our Humanity," Jay Richards points to the reality that our bodies are not only organized for physical reproduction, but that humans are, by nature, both physical and meta-physical. "Not merely material and not merely spiritual. Not half material & half spiritual. Both — at one and the same time." "We are neither upright apes nor ghosts in meat suits. We are, by nature, embodied persons". By design body/soul unities.

While philosophical naturalists flatly deny the existence of the immaterial soul, cultural narratives continue to pay lip service to its reality. In evidence, highly touted Olympian superstar Bruce Jenner told ABC's Diane Sawyer that "he is, in his soul, a woman". Consequently, he felt obliged to alter his male body to conform it to what he perceived to be his female soul. As Benjamin Cabe elucidates in "The Inner and Outer Man: How Historical Christian Anthropology Addresses Transgenderism," "Bruce would change his name to Caitlyn, use she/her pronouns, begin publicly presenting as a woman (called social transition), start hormone therapy (estrogen), and eventually move on to full, cosmetic transition, which is shorthand for undergoing a series of surgeries: penectomy, orchiectomy [removal of testicles], breast augmentation, and vaginoplasty." All this to "transform" his "original male body into an approximation of a female body to match his...female soul".

In actuality, there is no such thing as a *female* soul. As Cabe elucidates, "the soul itself is sexless. The human being, as body and soul in unity, is made up of the sexed body and the sexless soul". This has been the *consensus patrum* from the early stages of Christianity onward.

“Historical Christian anthropology precludes the possibility that the internal, subjective, immaterial aspect of the human being is gendered at all — let alone capable of reflecting the opposite sex or gender of the body. **Ontologically, in terms of nature or essence, it is not possible to be a man trapped in a female body, or vice versa**”.

As you read —there are three salient facts to keep in mind. First, the woke worldview finds its roots in contrived Marxist *oppression* dichotomy. Second, in concert with all previous insurrections, *kids* are the key targets. Third, *extremism* is now the new normal.

Oppression. First, a few words about the *oppressed/oppressor* dichotomy. In the Marxist revolution, society was divided in two primary categories: the bourgeoisie oppressors and the proletariat oppressed. Bourgeois oppressors, according to Karl Heinrich Marx, surreptitiously employed religion to trap the proletarian masses in an illusory prison of happiness. With disdain, he dubbed religion “sigh of the oppressed creature.” The “illusory happiness of the people.”⁴ And then maliciously demanded that religion be abolished. Neo-Marxism is bent on taking the Marxist maxim to new unthinkable extremes. As Noelle Mering explains in “Three Dogmas of Wokeness: The Path to Authoritarianism,” to be woke is to experience liberation from both external oppressions, such as cis-gender normativity, and from “internalized repression of self, due to the taboos of an arbitrary moral law”. Belief in God is believed to be the apex of oppression and thus is “the ultimate target of the woke revolt”. Little wonder then that the pseudo gods of wokeism seek to remake society, as well as the persons that inhabit it, in the image and likeness of their own perverse proclivities.

Kids. Make no mistake. Kids are the primary target of leftist woke revolutionaries — a chilling reminder of what happened in Cambodia a scant fifty years ago. In concert with the tactics of the Khmer Rouge, kids are being taught to deny God and to disdain their heritage. In “Christian Parenting and the Peril of Public School Education,” Matthew Kennedy underscores the sad reality. **“Public school systems across the United States are adopting curricula and communicating ideas intrinsically antithetical to Christianity”.** Examples include “sexually explicit library books,” and “the racialized reframing of American history”. And that’s just the tip of a catastrophic iceberg. In the words of Richards, **“Children are being taught they can be born in the wrong body. . . . Doctors are ‘treating’ this condition with sterilizing drugs and surgeries — on minors. This so-called ‘gender affirming care’ reveals this ideology for what it is: the greatest assault on human nature — on our maleness and femaleness — that has ever been devised or imagined”.**

Adding insult to injury, these woke authorities seem bent on stoking the inferno. As Bethany Mandel and Karol Markowicz hauntingly put it in their book, *Stolen Youth*, “Adults in positions of power in schools, medical & psychiatric settings, and the media are throwing kindling on the fire. *It is like handing a knife to a girl who is cutting and telling her it’s a healthy way to express her feelings*”⁵ For all intents and purposes, the so-called experts are turning our kids into experimental rodents in a medical bonanza that guarantees they will be patients for life. “It’s like a horror movie with mad scientists experimenting on hapless victims, only those victims are our children.”⁶



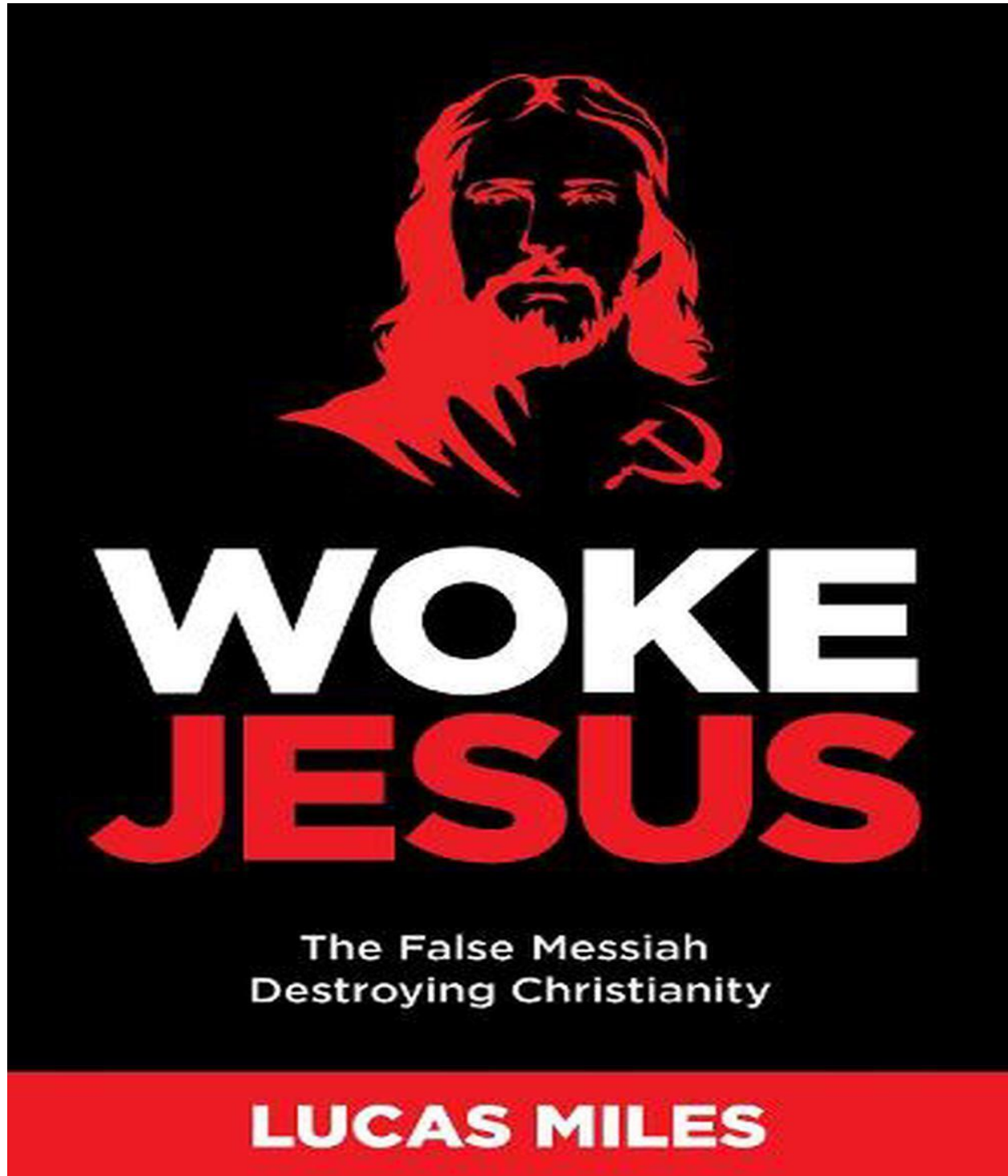
Extremism. If woke revolutionaries revel in anything, it's in their extremism. Early in the educational process children are introduced to the **Gender Unicorn — a seemingly endearing character that cleverly undermines basic biology as it guides impressionable kids thru a subjective process of sex selection.** Taking such extremist tactics to an even more alarming level, the N.E.A. National Education Association has overwhelmed constituents with demonstratively false narratives on tropes ranging from *white supremacy* and *cisheteropatriarchy*, to *Critical Race Theory & The 1619 Project*.⁷ Adding even more to the extremism, the American Library Association offers workshops like 'Creating Queer-Inclusive Elementary School Library Programming.'⁸ Meanwhile publishers have gotten in on the zealotry by peddling the pornographic. Lion Forge, for example, now markets such disturbing drivel as *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe.⁹ **And it is not just that smut is being peddled. Educational extremists are bent on banning classics ranging from Dr. Suess's *Cat in the Hat* to the Harper Lee *To Kill a Mockingbird*.**¹⁰

Adding to the extremism in education are expressions of environmental extremism. Nevertheless, Ellen Goodman of *The Boston Globe* puts those skeptical of such extremist propaganda on par with Holocaust deniers.¹³ Would that skepticism, as Richards once quipped, could rise as rapidly as "sea levels on Planet Algore."¹⁷ Would that people wake up to the reality that woke warriors have mastered that art of "mining the subjunctive." Have become adept "cultivating the seed of threat buried inside each unrealized instance." Would that we develop a healthy skepticism toward shop-worn monikers such as "scientific consensus."

As Harvard PhD Darío Fernández-Morera wisely advised, we must be ever wary of “stakeholder interests and incentives.” Interests and incentives that “affect the research of academics in the humanities no less and perhaps even more than those in the sciences. Perhaps it has to do with what psychologists call ‘motivated blindness,’ which inhibits an individual’s ability to perceive inconvenient data.

As with educational and environmental extremism, entertainment venues now revel in extremism. Outlets such as Disney, Cartoon Network, and Nickelodeon have collectively taken woke narratives to great extremes. “The Disney Junior series *Muppet Babies* for children four years old and up featured one of its characters, Gonzo, dressing up in ballgown transforming into ‘Gonzo-rella.’”²⁰ For its part, Cartoon Network is bent on providing programming unapologetically “aimed at redefining traditional gender roles for children.”²¹ Nickelodeon brazenly “featured an animated Pride parade led by American drag queen and activist Nina West.”²²

In their chapter titled *When Mickey and Scholastic Went Woke*, Mandel and Markowicz ask the operative question, “How does the most wholesome, family-friendly entertainment company [*Disney*], beloved for multiple generations, go completely off the rails?”²³ Imprisoned Writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, commenting on the Marxist revolution provides the unforgettable response. **“Men have forgotten God; that’s why all this has happened.”**²⁴ —*Hank Hanegraaff*



“Instead of deconstructing culture to better align with the truth, they deconstructed faith in order to better reach the culture.”

“The Christian solution, and really the only solution that practically addresses the existence of evil and the redemptive needs of a creation that is subjected to sin and death, is the death and resurrection of Christ. What else can right wrongs, remove shame, undo the curse of death, bind the devil, and bridge the chasm caused by sin? Wright recalled for us that “Jesus Christ and him crucified” is our only option: According to the early Christians, what was accomplished in Jesus’s death and resurrection is the foundation, model and the guarantee for God’s ultimate purpose, which is to rid the world of evil altogether and establish his new creation of justice, beauty and peace.

The guarantee, as Wright referred to it, provided by the death and resurrection of Jesus, means that the cross isn’t just the answer for our personal salvation, but for our total salvation—spirit, soul, and body. Same-sex attraction, marital problems, racism, disease, and anger issues are all practically addressed “by grace through faith” - by the cross of Christ. In fact, any attempt to solve these issues, without first filtering of the solution through the cross, is contradictory to the plans and the purposes of God. The Apostle Paul elucidated this point in Romans 12:17-21: Don’t repay anyone evil for evil. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. . .

On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

According to Romans, God alone possesses absolute jurisdiction over justice, including the carrying out of wrath against evil. The methodology of the Woke robs God of this jurisdiction and places the scales of justice and the power for vengeance into the hands of men, to carry out judgments against evil, both real & fabricated. As Christians, our part is to “overcome evil with good,” and we do this by demonstrating the reconciliatory aspects of the cross into every dark corner of society. This grants us a working theology capable of offering to everyone, regardless of their place in life, a pervasive and complete framework for justice. **A framework that reveals every person is simultaneously both oppressed and the oppressor; it removes all “us vs. them” language from our vocabulary** & exposes that “Jews and Gentiles alike are under the power of sin.”²²

It is this understanding, that “all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God,” that sits as a foundational starting block for the development of a biblical theology of justice.”

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Five States of the Soul:

- **EXEMPTION:**
- Ezekiel 18: 20; Matthew 18: 1 – 3
- **CONDEMNATION:**
- Galatians 3: 22
- **JUSTIFICATION:**
- Romans 5: 1, 2; 8: 1, 2
- **DAMNATION:**
- Matthew 23: 3; Mark 16: 16
- **GLORIFICATION:**
- Romans 8: 17, 30; II Thess. 1: 7 - 12

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Five Steps For Saving:

- **HEARING:**
- **Romans 10: 17; Matthew 7: 24 - 27**
- **BELIEVING:**
- **Hebrews 11: 6; Mark 16: 15, 16**
- **REPENTING:**
- **Acts 2: 38; 17: 30; Luke 13: 3**
- **CONFESSING:**
- **Matthew 10: 32, 33; Acts 8: 36, 37**
- **BAPTISM:**
- **Romans 6: 3 – 5; Acts 8: 36 - 38**