

Wokism: The New Abrahamic Religion of the 21st Century

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The Loser's Philosophy

In the 21st century, a new ideological force has risen—a force as rigid, dogmatic, and oppressive as the Abrahamic religions it claims to oppose. Wokism, which at first glance appears to be a progressive movement, is, in reality, a regressive, ideologically bankrupt philosophy of victimhood. Like communism before it, Wokism cloaks itself in the language of liberation while enacting a new form of ideological tyranny. What we are witnessing is not a random societal shift but rather the emergence of a new religion, born not from Western atheism, but from the womb of Marxism, nurtured by postmodernism, and spread through the educational institutions of the West.

The Collapse of New Atheism

The so-called New Atheism—championed by the “four horsemen” of rationality: Sam Harris, Daniel Dennett, Richard Dawkins, and Christopher Hitchens—set out to undermine the authority of organized religion, particularly Christianity and Islam. The collective works of these thinkers tore down centuries of Christian dogma and Church authority, leading to the collapse of Christian influence, especially in America. Ironically, while Christianity crumbled, Islam remained largely intact, surviving the intellectual assault. In fact, New Atheism's attack on Islam backfired, as it merely solidified the Islamic identity in many Western societies.

This intellectual vacuum left behind by the fall of Christianity could not last. Nature abhors a vacuum, and in the absence of a guiding moral framework, something had to fill the empty ideological space left behind. What filled it was

the insidious rise of Wokism—a new secular creed based on victimhood, moral superiority, and identity politics, driven by feelings rather than facts. But how did we get here?

The collapse of Christianity in America is not the only factor that contributed to the rise of Wokism. The 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center were a pivotal moment in reshaping the Western psyche. The American and Western reaction to the tragedy revealed a deep hypocrisy: while they were appalled that someone could attack them in such a manner, the West had long engaged in similar acts of violence and intervention in the Middle East.

In the wake of 9/11, the New Atheism movement set its sights on Islam, seeing it as the embodiment of religious extremism. But in their fervor to dismantle monotheistic religion, something unexpected happened: Islam emerged relatively unscathed, while Christianity took the brunt of the attack. Western society, particularly in America, became disillusioned with Christianity, which had long held a moral authority over its institutions. The intellectual dismantling of monotheistic faith left a vacuum, and as history shows, vacuums are always filled.

The Post-9/11 Ideological Vacuum

The destruction of Christianity's influence in America, particularly following the aggressive critiques from New Atheists post-9/11, left a spiritual and moral void. With Christianity discredited and Islam resilient, the intellectual and cultural framework of the West was suddenly without its guiding principles. Enter Wokism—a pseudo-religion built not on ancient scripture but on postmodern ideals, guilt, and victimhood. Where Christianity once offered redemption and a sense of purpose, Wokism now offers resentment and identity politics.

The French Connection: Marxism and Postmodernism

Wokism, while commonly associated with Western liberalism, is actually deeply rooted in the failed Marxist and postmodernist experiments of the 20th century, particularly in France. French intellectuals like Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, and Jean Baudrillard pioneered postmodern critiques of objective reality, morality, and truth. These intellectual frameworks failed

spectacularly in France but found fertile ground in American universities, particularly in the arts and humanities departments.

Marxism focused on class struggle, but Wokism broadened the battlefield to include race, gender, and sexual identity, creating a new hierarchy of victimhood. This oppression Olympics mentality turned social discourse into a competition over who can claim the most victim status. Thus, Wokism transformed victimhood into a virtue and suffering into a form of social capital.

The Intellectual Crisis of the Modern Age

This brings us to the current crisis facing young adults and teenagers in the West. A few generations ago, families were religious, giving life meaning and structure. Even if not every child adhered strictly to their parents' faith, there was still a moral and ideological backbone that persisted. But as these generations passed, the influence of religion waned, and today's youth are left without any clear sense of purpose. They are ideologically diluted and morally confused, searching for meaning in a world that no longer provides it.

Wokism, with its seductive message of social justice and righteous victimhood, preys on this lack of meaning. It offers them a cause to believe in, a group to belong to, and, crucially, an identity to wear as a badge of honor. But this identity is built on failure, resentment, and oppression, not success, achievement, or moral character. It is a toxic ideology, one that drags people deeper into victimhood rather than inspiring them to rise above adversity.

Wokism's Influence on Education

One of the most dangerous aspects of Wokism is its stranglehold on higher education, particularly in the humanities. American universities—once respected for their academic rigor—have become breeding grounds for ideological nonsense. Many foreign students, including those from countries like India, flock to these universities, often at great personal and financial cost, only to find themselves indoctrinated into this hollow ideology. What was once

a pursuit of educational qualification, intellect, and moral character has now turned into a system that churns out ideologically meaningless nutjobs.

Parents spend lakhs of rupees on education, hoping their children will return home with valuable degrees and bright futures. Instead, they come back transformed, not into educated adults, but into Woke ideologues who preach victimhood and oppression. The long-term consequences on family dynamics, society, and the economy are already being felt, as more young people find themselves unemployable lost in a world that requires merit, not identity politics.

The Dark Origins: Wokism and Pedophilia

There is a darker side to the origins of Wokism, one that is rarely discussed but is crucial to understanding its true nature. Many of the early French postmodernist such as Michel Foucault, were accused of pedophilia. Foucault himself fled France to avoid these charges. He and his fellow intellectuals, rather than face justice, retreated to America, where their ideas took root in the intellectual elite.

What does this tell us about Wokism? It suggests that this ideology, which claims to be about justice and liberation, was born from moral depravity. The postmodernist rejection of objective truth and moral standards created a fertile ground for intellectual corruption. Like L. Ron Hubbard, inventing a religion, these French thinkers created an entire belief system to justify their own failings and degeneracies.

Wokism: The Philosophy of Failure

At its core, Wokism is the philosophy of failure. It is designed to appeal to those who cannot handle the pressures of life—those who, when faced with adversity, would rather succumb to victimhood than rise above their challenges. This explains why Wokism thrives among spoiled, undisciplined children who have never known hardship, as well as among those who have faced failure and are looking for an excuse.

Rather than teaching young people the value of hard work, perseverance, and moral character, Wokism preaches the opposite. It tells them that the world is out to get them, that they are oppressed, and that they deserve compensation for their suffering. This toxic mindset is no different from an addiction—it offers immediate gratification, but at the cost of long-term ruin.

A New Religion, But Worse

As traditional religions like Christianity have waned, they are being replaced by this new religion of Wokism. But this religion is far worse. Traditional faiths, for all their faults, at least offered meaning, community, and a framework for moral growth. Wokism, by contrast, offers only resentment, victimhood, and moral decay. It is a philosophy of nihilism, cloaked in the language of progress.

Wokism is not merely a social movement; it is a religion of the oppressed. It thrives on failure, on grievance, and on the delusion that victimhood is virtue. As its influence spreads across the Western world and beyond, we must recognize it for what it is: a threat to moral character, intellectual rigor, and social cohesion. We are witnessing the rise of a new dark age, where truth is subjective, success is demonized, and failure is sanctified.