

Keeping Watch-Ep025-Wokism - Transcript



Well, greetings of Brethren and welcome to episode number 25 of the keeping, what podcast and my brothers are not with me today. I, but I'm not on my own today. We'll have a **special guest** and that this is **Pastor Michael Deering**.

I'll just give you his background before we bring him into the frame and he was baptized in 1987 in the worldwide Church of God in Chicago and then he left that organization when he began to see clearly that it was going off the rails. But he has remained a part of the Covenant Community and he was ordained an elder at the Feast of Tabernacles in 2019 with the laying on of Hands by ministers in the CGI in the CEM and in the United Church of God and he was ordained into the body of Christ as an elder. He's also a missionary pastor and he does a lot of work in India with Sabbath keeping brethren. And when I met him several years ago, there was an exhibit that he was doing in Lexington Kentucky. I believe it was and I was quite impressed with the work that he's doing with our Sabbath keeping brethren in India. So with the two, I'd like to welcome to keeping watch Pastor Michael Deering welcome brother. Michael a privilege and honor. It is to be here on the podcast Elwood with you today. It's my, it's my privilege, and honor, and just want to thank you so much for taking the time. I also want to thank you for the email. Don't know how I got on your email list but I remember getting my first email from you and it was really long and I thought okay well I'll get to that so I put it aside and you know how life is for the Michael. It took me maybe 2 weeks before I finally got to read your email and I was actually astonished. I was astonished at the substance that was in the email and just how well it was so I'm really excited to have you on the the episode today and the topic today is is what is woken us. And I believe you were just beginning to to put an article together on this atopic when I had approached you to join and you thought well it you'll share with me your rough notes which I'm not really rough. But did you want to say anything before we get into the topic? I didn't introduce yourself or you going to introduce the topic.

Sure, I'd want me to say at the outset, how incredibly appreciative I am of you, and pastor Murray and taking Jan to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to prepare the body, and the Covenant Community, pretty times of tribulation and Calamity that we're entering with podcast like this one and all of your messages, they're **discussing current events** and what we see happening all around us right now you know the Western mindset is one that's easy to **discard and ignore any negativity** because we've all been infected to one degree or another with the **Prosperity Gospel**. Your comment in today's message is one that I wholeheartedly agree with and I share and that's **discussing current events and politics is absolutely necessary in order to preserve a people** as those who survive Calamity and disaster or those who **allow** their minds to

consider Calamity and disaster. Why we do fire drills, you know, those who know where the fire exits are and where the fresh air is the difference between survival and death. And this holds true. Also with being able to survive the evil of Mankind's efforts to enslave and engineer catastrophe. And as you said today, this is real. And **we need to see and recognize current events and how they are going to impact all of us**. If, for nothing more than **to help us endure**. We're about to go through **with our faith intact**.

So I know you appreciate that so much and you just articulated from me in a very succinct way. What I've been trying to understand and grasp around the Book of Revelation and the prophecies. **Why does Christ spend so much time sharing with us Worst-case scenarios?** And I think it's just what you just explained brother. Michael at this is about the fire drills and knowing where the exits are, where the oxygen is. That's just fantastic.

Yeah, and Matthew 24, **why did he explain all of these?** And they're horrible things that he describes, you know, that we can be hated and persecuted of all Nations for His name and if they going to do it to you and **I think that's so that we are not caught off guard** so that we're not we don't don't survive, calamities. Are those people that Panic

And we can't think straight anymore ... the amygdala takes over your just not thinking straight, right?

Exactly what you will know beforehand. That I told you these things were going to happen. So we don't, we're not bewildered so that we can continue with the work that we still have to accomplish. Even the middle of a rough times, which I have had no experience with. We've been blessed with prosperity in our Generations, have never had to deal with it kind of hardships that other nations like a brother than India have to live with every single day.

And then I guess if I could just going to put more volume I guess you're more familiar than the rest of us because you have been in India. You see things firsthand that I'll tell you a lot, I haven't seen. Maybe I've traveled a little bit and gone outside of the tourist area in I've seen some poverty but I have a actually lived with with Brethren or, or people that are having to live in those dire circumstances. But you have,

Yes, I live in the slums in Andhra Pradesh, India and Sri Lanka in Rajapalayam with our brother and our brother, A persecuted, it is something else entirely to actually witnessed it. And to watch the people that you learning to love endure, it day in, and day out. And then experienced a little bit of it yourself. And we're not used to that. What we are. **We're not ready**. It's a different as a thing today. A brother that it's a ***different type of Christianity***, Christianity. We've been practicing. It is Christianity. But this is a shift now and it is a political shift that we have to know and do or and then I think you're absolutely right, you know, your grasp, your writing. I just remember the first article I read from you. I just thought like what a grass and now it's I wanted to just have you maybe introduce the topic. **What is woke?** I wanted to just maybe read a little bit here in there. Like I started highlighting your article and I believe you said, this is how to rough draft essay. Let me just highlight the things I'd like to ask you about and I'm like, I'm highlighting the whole article read the first paragraph and then have you just

too elaborate. And then I'll come back and just read different parts of this article and seems to be so helpful to the Brethren. So if you don't mind, I'll just open this this paragraph and then to turn it over to you and then I'll just interact with you as we go along. So that you asked the question,

What is wokeness? What does it mean to be woke? And then you open with this paragraph...

It is an important question to ask because nearly all of modern society in the west is now motivated by or controlled by **Applause, acceptance and accommodation** of the Zeitgeist (*spirit or mood of the times*) called wokeness. At the same time, one can be **antagonized, abused and assaulted** if found not in Conformity with the box.

You did the Poetry in this article, the alliteration and opening paragraph is you. And if you could elaborate, what is wokeness? Why is it important for the Brethren to understand it?

Yes. Well, thank you very much yet. It's something that it's becoming president pervasive all around all around us. If if you know, it's a lot cooler if you know what to look for, you know, you look good in the context of almost all the **podcast** that you've done and in many of your recent messages and pastor Murray, there's a Common Thread that's kind of woven through all of that, the messages in the podcast, the **Common Thread** that you'll notice it's ready to do it all is **it's essentially wokeness** because when you look at collectivism when you look at the **social justice** movement to the **black lives matter** movement **antifa** and all of these social political movements all around us. They're all tied to what is essentially read it later on. **It's a religion**. This has doctrines that are political doctrines that are arriving at the place of fanaticism... they have a ***religious*** fervour. I'm in which is why my opening statement is, you know, everybody pause this, this this doctor and say the **climate changed**.

Our focus is to be a social justice Warrior to push for climate change **against climate "Injustice"**.

Yes. And that's where it gets its religious connotations and people want to join the movement and it becomes a fervor - the raised Fist. And the thing about as a religious concept is if you're not raising your fist high enough, if you're not shouting accolades loud enough, then ***the mob will turn on you*** and you can come **outside** and you can become **persecuted** to say this in in the essay and start searching for a little bit.

But says, when one, when one looks deep into its use and promotion to attempt to get to the **actual definition**, one finds that **wokeness is Simply a secular religion**, then you go on to say it's "revealed truth" and opponents.

The wokeness are sinners.

Questioning wokeness is heresy and unbelievers must be converted, are punished and destroyed convert or die.

And I think maybe there are some brethren that may be a bit naive because **particular tenets** of the doctrine **appeals to them**. So they want to sign on. We like how quickly this wokeness can turn against them. You want to come in tonight cuz you do say **wokeness is the mob**. Is stoked by a select few are weather in the ruling class or the influencers of a class. They can Stoke and kind of **spook the herd and guide them and move them** in the direction that they want them to go and everything. All that is in front of it can be all trampled or underneath and that's what they do with it.

I don't know if you remember during the the riots that we had here in United States. I think you had some Canada during the whole of the 2020... A woman sitting on the sidewalk she was there for dinner and they were demanding that she raised her fist and support. Yes, I remember it. Well, I'm not involved. I don't know why you're, and they demanded the mob demanded. She was in her Outlook, *she just didn't want to sign on with the mob* and **then that's not good enough**.

You know, you **must profess with your mouth** that wokeness is the way or you're a **heretic, and a Target** that whatever you sign up for today. **They may demand more from you tomorrow** and **maybe you can't live up to that** suddenly **you're rejected** out exactly. They're there are others give you one example, the top of my head There is a **homosexual advocacy** group that **came out against this whole transgender grooming of children**. Remember off the top of my head ... (Gays against Grooming... *has been assaulted and attacked as if they were right wing*?!?!... y'all Ronald Reagan, Donald Trump, right? When **previously** being homosexuals, they would think that *they're part of the hierarchy*, and, they're at the right level of the caste system. But suddenly, **because they're against grooming of children, they're rejected**. Yes, Target there is a battle for Supremacy.

You use the word **caste system** in India. I got to experience. What a caste system is like, is top-down hierarchy, which is of Satan, the devil. That's not, how Christians are were to be. But that's not the way the God of this world operates and so I won't miss is a **caste system of higher reason**, they're always jockeying for position one over another one particular group you know a couple years ago was the homosexual gay marriage problems but then the transgender movement came in the homosexual. Gay marriage crowd, won't support their push all transgenderism, then they can be debased and brought down and push down to the bottom levels. And that's what we're seeing that with wokeness.

Is this part we've seen with the term **intersectionality?** So you're trying to move up the caste system with us as many intersections as you can and is it part of **Mass Formation Psychosis** that we talked about the mob.

Yes, it all of it, intersectionality allows them to have allies that come into the fold, a triangle, if you will or hierarchy. As long as they ascribe to ALL the other doctrines and penance and recognize the other authorities within, they Welcome, you as an ally. But if you

get, if you disagree with one tenant or one group, that's fine, that's being allotted to the higher level of the hierarchy, you can be disfellowshipped from the entirety of the cast. And then, you mentioned, **Mass Formation psychosis**, all of this plays together, more adherents, more devotees are Converts to the world religion.

Is there is something spiritual about a mob... Isn't there? There's a, there's a spiritual force in a mob that if you find yourself in it, it becomes very difficult to be the one person that's not going to raise your fist, or the one person that's not going to kneel down. What do you think about that?

Of course... one of the aspects is **FEAR** ...so you have to walk on eggshells and not say anything to upset the old crowd because then you can be cancelled. In a way it's very similar to Sharia Islam. You can't be in some parts of the world and say **anything** negative about a Muslim. And India is this way.

Is that the persecution you were talking about earlier with some of our brethren in India?

Because they worship a God who made the creation, which is not permitted in the Hindu religion. They worship 300 million Major government-sanctioned deities?

Wow ... So I just want you to comment on this aspect of religion with maybe it's not the same or maybe there's something I'm missing because it seems more like just Devotion to the state and the state is just having a power-play. And today this is what you have to Bow Down and Worship. And tomorrow. It's this where is if we take a religion like Islam, there's a text that's others. It's documented. And we're going to chop off your head because you violated this part of the text, we're going to chop off your hands because you violated this part of the text, or we're going to use this particular person because they're outside of our Inner Circle. So there's that there's a static text that the religion is built around. Where this wokeism? It doesn't have any text.

Actually the DO have a text ... but it's constantly changing but they do have a foundational text. You might remember there was a 2001 book written by Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic called **Critical Race Theory**. Okay. **That is the foundational text & the birth of Wokism**. And basically the book lays out the dogma of woke religion as the central religious tenets of what they called. A need for a cultural, and ethnic religious Division, and the ruling class saw the viability of using them politically to engineer social change, eg by William Ayers and other people that push ... Barack Obama as a president & those In the political sphere, to instigate social change, social justice, and social justice is what they represent themselves (and they don't call it a religion). It now has many aspects -- climate change wasn't a big part of it initially, but now it is. Gay Marriage was a big part of it, and now it's kind of on the way out. Now it's all about transgenderism, and pedophilia as well

and, you know, so when it comes to these belief systems, they can ALL be incorporated in order to help facilitate a top-down hierarchy control, which the ruling class will use their advantage

Right on. So and that's the other thing I think about ... religion has its own language that those who are in the in-group, they know how to speak it.

I want a quote from your essay and then I want to ask you a question regarding brethren. So it says collectivism, breeds tyranny ... woke is the application of collectivism to impose Total authoritarianism. There are no individual rights to regard ... only the rights of those groups in the caste hierarchy. Freedom itself has been deemed slavery in a form of Oppression upon the parishioners of wokeness. You actually say *freedom from* rather than *freedom of* is the application

I want to ask you this question. Okay, I'm a black man and I see Injustice, I see racial Injustice. Recently in the news of these five police officers who brutally beat this black man - and has echoes of George Floyd. So I see this racial Injustice and I feel like it's right to say, Enough! All of a sudden, Now, we admit that black people can do wrong, these five officers were black... I thought black people could do no wrong ... but now we are knowing they did wrong, but we're not really acknowledge that they're black... But how do I say this to a black brother in Christ? When I see the story of Injustice and and I want to stand up for the rights of black people and I don't want to see my people suffer like this. Why do I prevent myself from being seduced by this March towards tyranny?

That's a very good question and one we could probably spend hours discussing... One of the things I recognized about wokeness & what collectivism does is ...

it puts us into groups

It limits our ability to act or stand up for injustice within a specific group for a specific group. Rather than a Christian biblical worldview, which would be to stand up for justice. You know, we know that the Father that we worship is no respecter of persons. I don't, I can't think of a better description to say that ...there is no favor with God, based on your color skin, or your ethnic background or anything like that, because we're all in the image of Yahweh. We are all in the image of God. So standing up for Injustice is a principle we should do, without fear as a Christian. It'll put a Target on our back especially if it's a protected class, but you mention the assault that took place in in Memphis with the five police officers beating up the black man. All our media talked about is white supremacy?!? That we witnessed officers that were beating up a black man to death. It is white supremacy?!?

I just want to say as a recipient of that information I think there's this moment where you kind of realize this doesn't make sense but then everybody around you seems to be digesting it so you sort of defer to the mob ...

Yeah, yeah. So there's your talkin about standing up for what's right, and how **people are being pigeonholed into boxes or groups in order to act.** And so that's the **Insidious thing** in the aspect about wokeness, which is, by the way, is not new. You can go back for example, to the terror during **1790s France** and find the **same kind of mob, Insanity.** (The French Revolution)yes, they were changing the days of the week and if you if you referenced, the wrong day cuz they changed the days! ... you could be beheaded! They would & did actually do this! So that kind of insanity ...we don't know... (because we don't study history anymore!)

And I'm just looking at the next paragraph here and you've kind of answered my question. So I'm a black Christian, I believe in righteousness. Justice, equality for all, and this language is rhetoric, it is appealing to me ... But you say in your point that you just shared...

woke is vindictive.

Woke is **intolerant** .

Woke is the **evangelism of class, race, &sex warfare.**

There are no **Innocents**. There are no **neutrals**. **NOTHING** is **non-political**.

EVERYTHING is either an **instrument of Oppression**, or an **instrument of Struggle**.

I think that's actually the clue. Isn't it. Guess what? I'm listening to this rhetoric. Is there **any forgiveness** involved or is it **vindictive and intolerant?**

This is why I like to classify wokeness as a religion! Sin is limited to oppression, not to behavior. Sin exists **only** among the **oppressors** or in a constructed society of oppressive systems to benefit the oppressor. And therefore **Redemption** is limited to what group that one belongs to, and for the oppressor, it's its original sin. There is no Redemption possible, unless you give yourself over to a **lifetime of penance**. The Redemption in the eyes of the mob is to be groveling continually before the groups that you are claimed to have oppressed by your mere existence.

Can just talk a little bit about what “Dalit” is? “Dalit” people are the lowest of low. To be Untouchable (which is the lowest cast) considered non-human. It is legal to abuse them, it's illegal to cheat them, it's legal to kill them, and help you all are abused, or raw, persecute Christians in India. It works in India. And this is just another variation of what I saw an Indian with wokeness. It is, it's another form of putting us all into a caste system

As I'm listening to you, the thought that crossed my mind is **we're removing the Christian moral code from society**. Right & wrong is now **controlled by the woke Elites** it's malleable and **we can turn on each other over night**. We saw with the whole in a **vaccination status**. **We created the class of Untouchables** and it just it just occurred to me ... we don't know what the future holds because there's no there's no structure. There is no standard **there are no standards anymore**, it's just

whatever the woke Elite decide is sin today or sin tomorrow... Then we have this **Mass Formation Psychosis** that kicks in and then suddenly we have a new class of Untouchables, which I'm happy to persecute until the next day I wake up and suddenly, I find myself in the class of Untouchables!

It is intentional because that kind of confusion allows the ruling class and those that are manipulating this wokeness to then ensconce themselves into **permanent power** to where they become Untouchable in terms of anybody affect their oppression, all over us "little people". We are outside and then there's no remedy for it. Then we'll be a civil means and it's the same time. They're also stoking for an uncivil unrest. I know every collectivist Revolution that has ever taken place, whether it's Russia in 1917, whether it was a Khmer Rouge in 75 Cambodia, whether it was Venezuela, you have to have Bloodshed on the street. You have to pilot this kind of caste system that's wokeness - This religious fervor. Help collect the groups that you want to support the ruling class into going up here. You use them to get rid of or punish the groups that you want to eradicate. And then, of course, eventually the state end up turning on what they call "useful idiots". They helped further their power, but once they're not useful anymore at the state just gets rid of them. We just fanaticism, you know everything is focused through the prism of Wokeness.

What are the leaders of Disney saying? Okay, we have to imbue the entertainment with Woke principles ... climate change, transgenderism, and fans don't like it, and it's a losing business model because nobody's watching our material anymore because we're turned off. But it is NOT going to stop because **it's NOT about money. It's about power**. It's about shaping the mind it's about control and that's more attractive to the ruling class. Money, they're able to print out of thin air. You know, with CBDC's & everything else that's coming down the pipe.

Well, that explains a lot as we're up. I want to just quote, a paragraph in your essay towards the end. Get your comments on this and yeah, and I think you find a lost here for our brethren -- we cannot be naive. God wants us to be mature Christians. We should be children with God, but we should be mature in terms of our Christian Outlook. You say, this in the essay...

In this shadow of **wokeness**, you either must **submit or prepare to fight** because they will indeed to try to destroy you. And I've actually experienced up, brother. There's no compromise. No middle ground. If you submit, however, their Boot will forever be upon your neck, just as Orwell himself analogized the future. Can you comment on that very cogent paragraph?

With Wokeness you're either "with us" or you're "against us". You know, you saw a vision of that. I'm sure you saw the speech from Joe Biden back in August and he basically outlined everybody that voted for Donald Trump is now a domestic violent extremist. That's almost half the population. So you're either with us or against us and that's War rhetoric and of course, the woke fanaticism signs right up to that -- you either with us with a transgender movement or you're against us, and there's no middle ground. As a Christian, that's going to put

us in the middle of a major battle because I know we're going to Tiptoe on eggshells and hope that the alligator eats us last! We're going to have to stand Resolute, will get to stand up for the truth. And we're going to have to fight.

When we do stand for truth and God stands with us, these people are cowards, are not used to conflict. You're not used to people standing up to them, unless, of course, they have military force, but as soon as we wrap up, I wanted to just quoted scripture and I just get your thoughts on, on any any advice, you can give to the Brethren because whatever it is. They, they have a way of appealing to us as the way Satan appeal to Eve. This is going to make her wise, and this is a fruit to be much desired. So, it's always appealing to our self-interest, but as you were talking, I thought of the Apostle Paul that under wokeism, he would never be allowed to be to have access to Salvation. You made a mistake in the past and forever, we hold that against him and here in Acts 10 and verse 34 Luke writes...

Then Peter opened his mouth instead of a truth. I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation either fears him and works of righteousness, is accepted with him.

So it's what you were saying earlier, that Christianity, or the followers of Christ we have this concept of forgiveness. With Wokism there is no concept of forgiveness. Any final word, comment advice for our friends.

Yeah, you mentioned the word that Paul use in terms of **Truth**. This is the thing about Wokism that's very Insidious and dangerous & we need to be mindful of... That **Truth itself must be debased in order to further the cause of wokeness**. As Christians and followers in the way, it in the word that is we accept as the word of God, it is **imperative for us to stand up for the Truth whenever a lie is being promoted**. Because how do we witness for our Father in Heaven? Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?... If we're going to **go along with the lie** so that we can keep our jobs?

So that just blew my mind! **So now I understand** ...
... when they say that this hairy, bald, old man is a woman!?! ... and I have to accept that ... Truth is being debased!

Truth is debased, and **ALL Truth must go through the prism of Wokeness** and there's nothing allowed outside of this WHATEVER... And **Truth is arbitrary**... Hence, **Truth will change on a daily basis**.

Ultimately, 2+2 does NOT equal 4 ... WHY? it's because I say so!

We need to stand up for the truth. You know it, when we see a man in a dress, we need to recognize, *it's a man in a dress* and **say SO, because** we're glorifying Our Father in Heaven, who is true, when we speak the Truth. We should be afraid of men, right? You know what? We worship the Most High, the Creator Himself! We have an advantage - us in the Sabbatarian Church of God Community... You know, many of us have had issues of keeping The Seventh-Day Sabbath and **we don't care much** (of what other, you know, Christians might think of our religious observances, the holy days, or the laws of God. And we're willing to suffer for it! And **we don't care** about being liked by, you know, mainstream Christianity. **We're going to stand up** what God has open our minds to understand. I think relying on that, and using that, when were confronted, with boldness, was with climate change, or transgenderism or whatever, "-ism" du jour. Stand always for we have the solid word of Truth. We don't need to deviate from it. We need to be bold. We need to be brave. We need to trust Our Father, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and not shrink, from those who would try to kill us and make us afraid. We have no reason to be ... What does Christ say that if we deny him before men?

Very, very good. And again, I really appreciate you brother. I appreciate your Insight your courage and I don't know how I got on your list, but I'm grateful. If brethren want to receive your email, maybe we can just put up your email address. They can just email you.

Email me...And let me know that you want to receive my essays or my thoughts. As I write them down, I'm not on a regular schedule, a kind of depends on what I see that is of interest to those of us that are followers of Jesus Christ, that may impact us & think you need to be mindful of, and I'll write an essay about it. As brother Adrian says, I can get long in my writing, have long fingers in a long time. But it all makes sense. It's not long-winded. It's actually quite substantial. Thank you very much. Father gets all the glory and I'm glad to be his instrument, as you & pastor Murray and Deacon Jan are with the podcast and that's an invaluable tool to using to help keep the brothers informed. And I'm so grateful. It's nice to know that we're not alone out here in this building right on.

Well, we appreciate you brother appreciate your time not just on this podcast but again, taking time to clarify. So, thank you so much. Please reach out to our brother Michael if you wants to receive his newsletter and we hope that we'll have you on our podcast again in the future. Thanks so much for joining us today on this episode of **Keeping Watch**. Thank you.