

THERE IS LIGHT AT
THE END OF THE
POSTMODERN
TUNNEL

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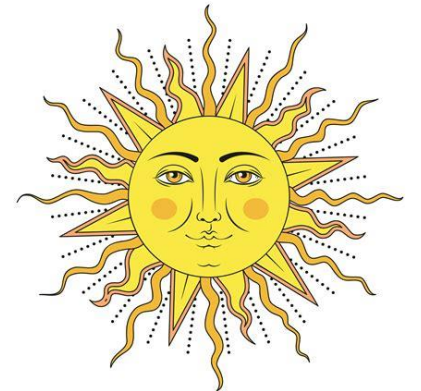
PRE-TEST: DEFINE THESE WORDS

<p>WOKE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. State of being after a good night's sleepb. Middle English form of "week"c. Being aware of current racial and social justice issues	<p>DEPLATFORMING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Getting on the train at the next stopb. Taking off your four-inch high shoesc. Blocking someone's access to a forum or website b/c you don't like what they say	<p>INTERSECTIONALITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Several cars arriving simultaneously at a cross-roadsb. Shuffling the parts of your large living room sofac. The ways in which marginalized groups overlap
<p>MAN-SPLAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. How Lucy talked to Rickyb. The psychology of human beingsc. Guys explaining something in simplistic, condescending way	<p>VIRTUE-SIGNALING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Flag codes for directing airplane trafficb. A quaint way of getting the waiter's attentionc. Flaunting good deeds & PC views for attention	<p>MICRO-AGGRESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A tiny punch in the arm.b. War between amoeba armies.c. Any action <u>perceived</u> by the Other as rude & harmful.

The Attitude of Postmodernism is Not New

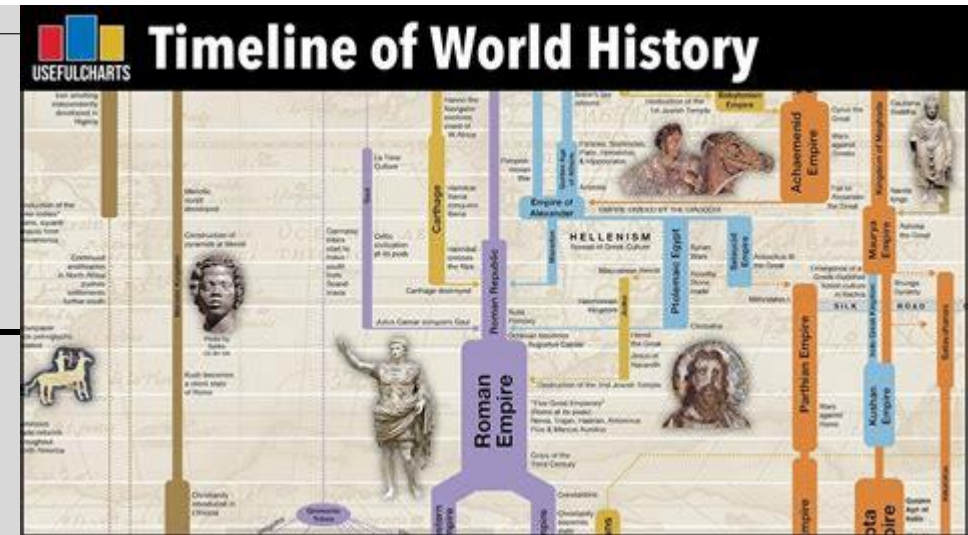
- **2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4**

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.



VERY BASIC TIMELINE

- **PRE-REFORMATION AND REFORMATION: Before 1500s—**
- --Governments ordained by GOD
- --Truth lay with GOD; future hope from God
- --Man was “not fully developed” intellectually
- **THE ENLIGHTENMENT/ AGE OF REASON/ MODERNISM: 1600s – 1800s—**
- --Great scientific & technological advancements
- --Science is “god;” holds key to truth, reason, reality, future utopia
- --Man throws off shackles of religion
- **POSTMODERNISM: late 1800s to present—**
- Science failed us, so turn to Romanticism and Existentialism
- There is no future, no hope. Reality is all a socio-linguistic construct (made up).
- Time to tear down everything we’ve ever known/been told



BASIC TENETS OF POST-MODERN THOUGHT

- 1. DENIAL OF AN OBJECTIVE NATURAL REALITY
- 2. DENIAL OF OBJECTIVE TRUTH.
- 3. DENIAL OF THE LAW OF CONTRADICTION.
- 4. DENIAL OF ONE'S ABILITY TO THINK FOR ONESELF.
- 5. DENIAL OF FOUNDATIONALISM.
- 6. DENIAL OF META-NARRATIVES.
- 7. DENIAL OF MEANING IN LANGUAGE.
- 8. DENIAL OF A HUMAN ESSENTIAL NATURE.
- 9. DENIAL OF OUTSIDE SOURCE OF ETHICS & MORALITY.
- 10. SEVERE FRAGMENTATION—not an organized movement



P.M., P.M. CHRISTIANITY, & TRUTH

NO OBJECTIVE REALITY
NO ABSOLUTES
REALITY IS CONSTRUCTED BY
LANGUAGE WHICH CAN BE
INTERPRETED IN DIFFERENT
WAYS
YOUR "TRUTH"/ MY "TRUTH"—
IT'S ALL RELATIVE

THEOLOGY IS BASED ON
MEANINGS IN HUMANS NOT
ON GOD
BELIEVE IN "FAITH" BUT NOT IN
THE FAITH
DENY VIRGIN BIRTH,
RESURRECTION, MOST
MIRACLES
BIG NAMES: JEN HATMAKER,
ROB BELL, GLENNON DOYLE,
RICHARD ROHR

OBJECTIVE REALITY—DERIVED
FROM GOD AND HIS WORD
ABSOLUTE TRUTH --FROM
GOD, FOUND IN SCRIPTURE,
FOUNDATIONAL, RELIABLE
ACCEPTS REVELATION
JEREMIAH 17:9—our own
heart's are too deceitful to be
able to establish truth

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NO SUCH THING AS "SIN"

RIGHTEOUSNESS DEPENDS ON YOUR WORLDVIEW— IT'S A SOCIO-LINGUISTIC CONSTRUCTION

"GOOD" IS WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GROUP

ETHICS/MORALS ARE THUS RELATIVE

NO JUDGEMENT

HYPERCRITICAL OF PURITY CULTURE, CONSERVATIVE POLITICS, STANCE ON GENDER.

DEMONIZE FUNDAMENTALISM. NO SUCH THING AS "SIN," JUST "IMMATURE THINKING," and "unrealized ambition."

PRO-CHOICE. TOLERANCE & ACCEPTANCE OF ALL GENDER CATEGORIES: LOVE IS LOVE. SELF IS CENTRAL; GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BE HAPPY.

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO NOT ONE." –ROM. 3:10

FALLEN HUMAN NATURE

STANDARDS OF RIGHT & WRONG ARE SET BY AN AUTHORITY OUTSIDE OF MAN. SIN IS REAL.

JESUS IS THE PERFECT HUMAN—OUR MODEL.

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**SKEPTICISM TOWARDS SCIENCE
DUE TO SCIENCE'S FAILURE TO
PROVIDE ANSWERS/SAVE THE
WORLD**

**ACCUSE EVANGELICALS OF
BEING ANTI-SCIENCE DUE TO
THEIR BELIEFS ON CREATIONISM,
GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE,
VACCINES, ETC.**

GOD CREATED ALL THINGS

GOD CREATED SCIENCE

**GOD IS REAL AND HIS WORD IS
TRUE**

**THE BIBLE WAS NOT INTENDED
TO BE A SCIENCE TEXTBOOK; IT
IS A RECORD OF GOD'S
DEALINGS WITH MANKIND**

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**DENY META-NARRATIVES –THIS
ITSELF IS A META-NARRATIVE!**

**NO ROOM FOR DEBATES B/C
ALL IS RELATIVE & SUBJECTIVE.**

**DENY THE GOSPEL META-
NARRATIVE.
SERMON ON MOUNT OUTDATED.
“CHRIST” IS JUST A SPIRIT IN ALL
OF US.
BIBLE IS MAJORLY FLAWED.
SCRIPTURE MUST BE
REINTERPRETED AND ADAPTED
TO CHANGING CULTURE.**

**THE GRAND META-NARRATIVE
OF GOD’S WORK IN HIS
CREATION.
GOD’S DEALINGS WITH
MANKIND CAN BE TRACED
THROUGH HISTORY.
THERE IS PURPOSE TO THE OVER-
ARCHING STORY.
DEBATE/QUESTIONING IS
ALLOWED.
“ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY
GOD AND BENEFICIAL FOR
TEACHING, FOR REBUKE, FOR
CORRECTION, FOR TRAINING IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS.” - 2 TIM. 3:16**

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DECONSTRUCTION: tear apart all language, challenge all suppositions. Uses language to claim language is unreliable!

Akin to Critical Theory: question everything down to the last molecule, deny, negate all rationality.

All truths, language, meta-narratives are power-plays of The Oppressor to keep The Victim subjugated.

Deconstruction of Bible stories and truth statements.

Use critical, judgmental language to accuse the evangelical church of being critical & judgmental!

Story-telling is “truth:” the truth is whatever story a Victim tells you about themselves.

Language has meaning and can be universally applied—otherwise any discussion devolves into nonsense.

Builds upon a sure foundation.

God’s truths present reality as it really is—objectivity, rationality.

Truth is not a “story” or an experience or a viewpoint.

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IN MODERNISM: THE FUTURE WAS TO BE ACHIEVED THRU SCIENCE/ TECH ADVANCEMENTS. WHEN SCIENCE FAILED AS "SAVIOUR," PEOPLE LOST HOPE. GOD HAD ALREADY BEEN ERADICATED, AND NOW SCIENCE HAD LEFT SOCIETY WITH NO FOOTING—NO FUTURE, LONELINESS, SELF-ABSORPTION, EXCESSIVE FOCUS ON WHAT OTHERS THINK OF YOU, TOLERANCE CLOAKED IN INTOLERANCE, HIGH ANXIETY, NO DIRECTION, SELF-ABUSE, DEATH.

HYPER-CRITICAL OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIANS & MOST FACETS OF CONSERVATISM.

BUT OFFER NO SOLUTIONS.

UNIVERSALISM: EVERYBODY GETS ETERNAL LIFE B/C GOD IS LOVE & WOULD NEVER CONDEMN ANYONE.

A FUTURE & A GREAT HOPE. LIFE NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

GOD PROVIDES WISDOM, GUIDANCE, ANSWERS, HOPE.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

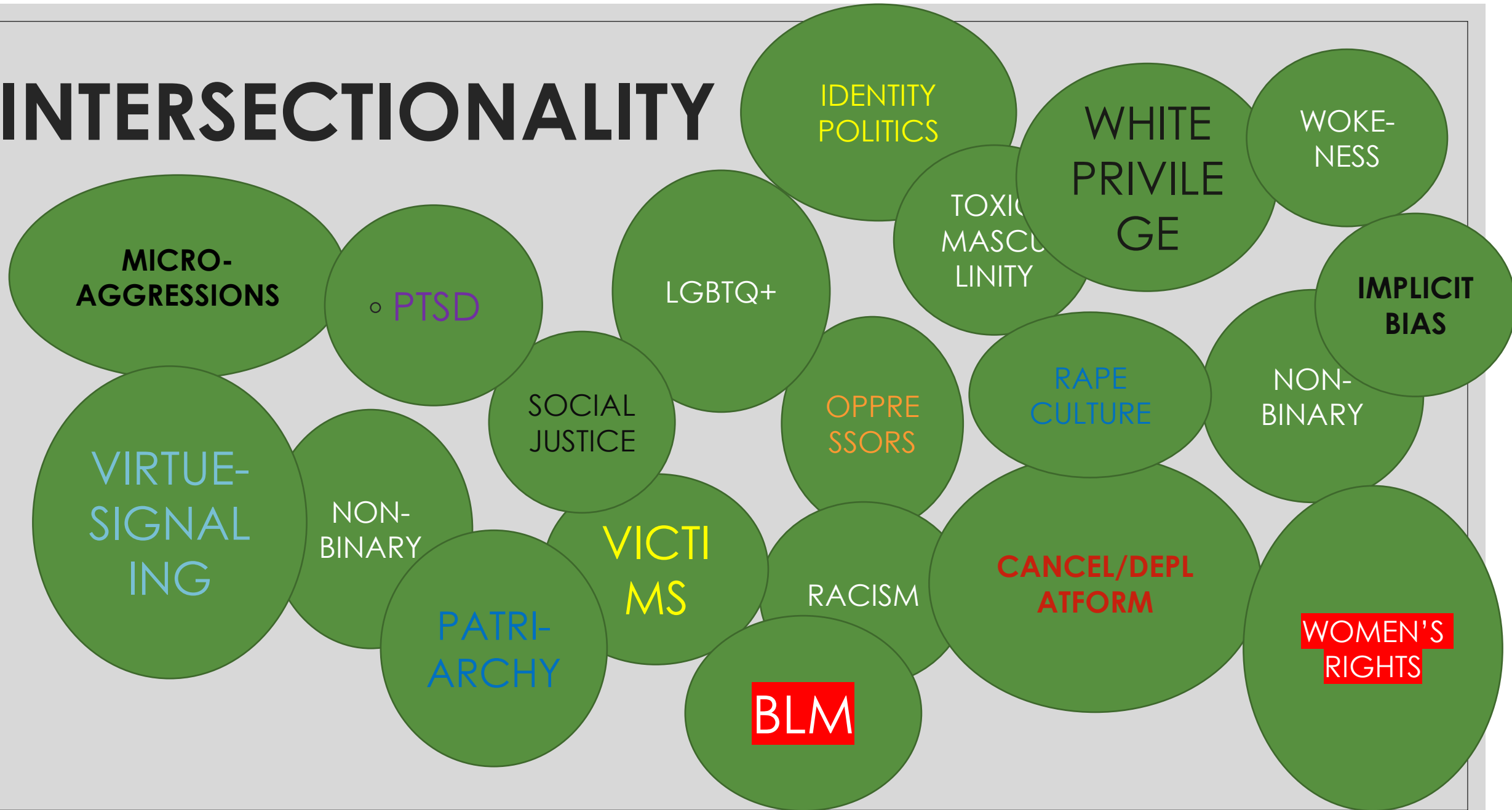
FINAL VICTORY, ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD AND HIS SON, ON EARTH, A PERFECTED WORLD, A PERFECT & JUST RULE.

THIS LIFE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE END: GOD OFFERS LIFE TO ANYONE WHO WILL BELIEVE— JN 3:16

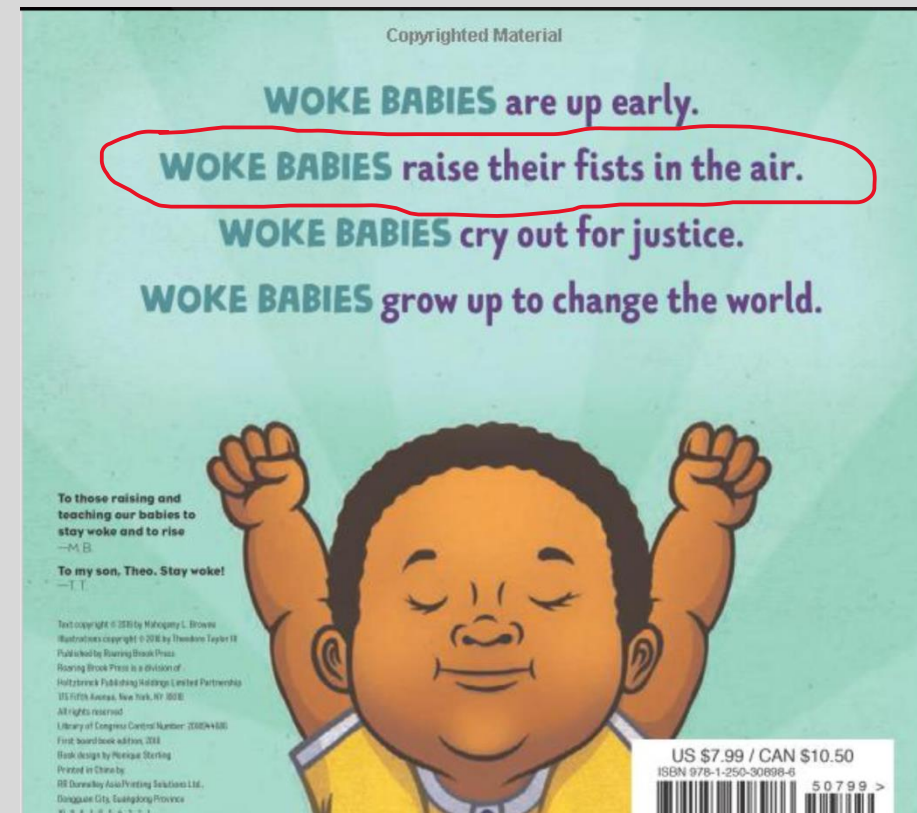
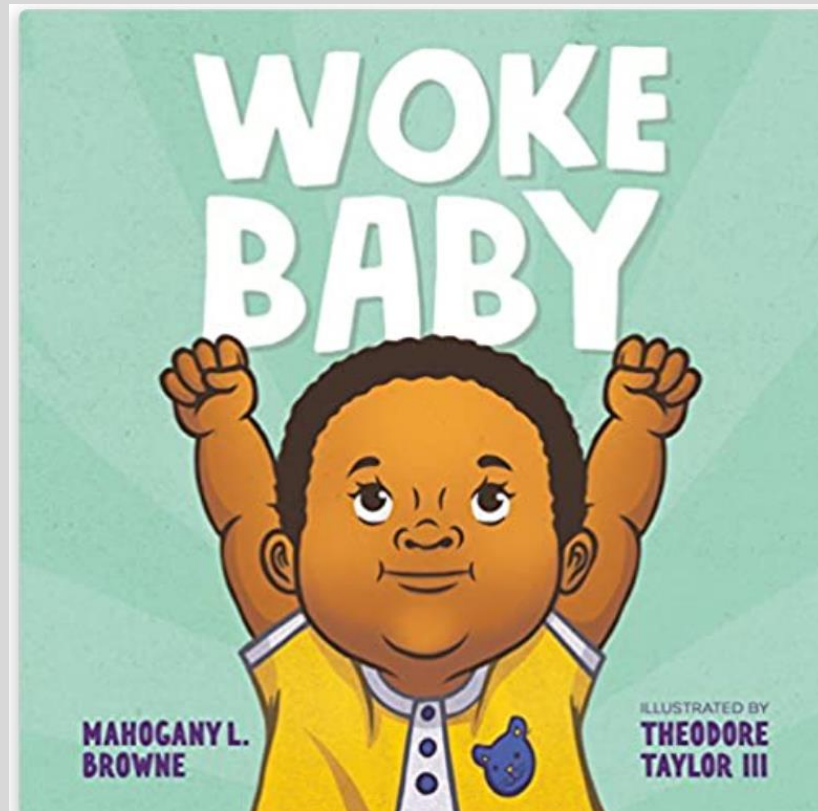
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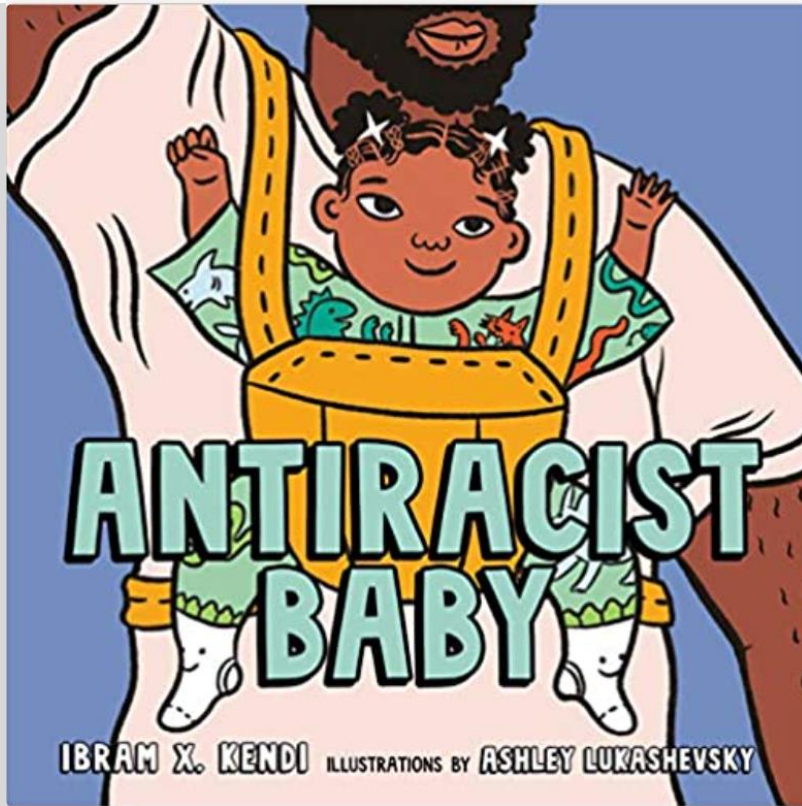


INTERSECTIONALITY



TARGETING YOUNG PARENTS & BABIES





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Babies are taught to be racist or antiracist—
there's no neutrality.

First on the [New York Times bestseller list](#) for Children's Picture Books in August 2020. In 2021, it was announced that [Netflix](#) would adapt the book into an [animated](#) series of musical shorts.



To all the young people, whose own imaginations are unbound by the imaginations of state violence and white supremacy, and who hold the power to build a world that is Antiracist. I believe in us.

-A.L.

TARGETING SCHOOLS & WORKPLACES

- **MANDATORY IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING**
- **MANDATORY BULLYING, HARASSMENT TRAINING**—all the perpetrators are white males
- **MANDATORY DIVERSITY, BELONGING, EQUITY & INCLUSION TRAINING AND HIRING PRACTICES THAT ALIGN WITH DBEI.**
- **DISPLAYING PRONOUNS**—disagreement/dead-naming is an act of violence.
- **UNISEX BATHROOMS**
- **TRANSGENDERS IN SPORTS**—why aren't the feminists protesting?



TARGETING CHURCHES

- **SOME HAVE CAVED-IN TO ACCEPT ALTERNATE LIFESTYLES, BLESS HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES, ORDAIN HOMOSEXUAL/TRANSGENDER PASTORS, AND CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH.**
- **GOD'S BEAUTIFUL SIGN TO REMIND MANKIND OF THE RESULT OF SIN HAS NOW BECOME THE FLAG TO CELEBRATE SIN.**
- **CHURCHES ARE ADAPTING TO THE CULTURE RATHER THAN PROCLAIMING TRUTH.**
- **REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE MAY RESULT IN PUBLIC CENSURE OR WORSE.**
- **STRONG PRESSURE TO BE NON-JUDGMENTAL, ACCEPTING, "LOVING"**
- **BE PREPARED TO BECOME AN "UNDERGROUND CHURCH"**



DO NOT BE DECEIVED

THOSE WHO CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD

MATTHEW chapters 5-7
GALATIANS 5:22,23
EPHESIANS 5:1-3
EPHESIANS 4:31,32
PHILIPPIANS 4:8,9
REVELATION 21:7
2 TIMOTHY 3:10-4:5
ROMANS 2:7
1 PETER 2:9

THOSE WHO CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10
GALATIANS 5:19-21
EPHESIANS 5:3-5
EPHESIANS 4:17-19
REVELATION 21:8; 9:20-21; 21:27; 22:15
LUKE 9:57-62
2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9
ROMANS 1:18-32

A CULTURE BUILT ON JUSTICE & MERCY

[excerpted from “Why Social Justice is Not Biblical Justice”]

TRANSCENDENT LAWGIVER	If no objective basis of righteousness above/outside of man, morality will be determined by man, imposed by whoever holds power at the moment, and we all know man is fallible.
RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW	Laws must apply equally to everyone. Politicians or special interest groups or “oppressed” peoples cannot change the law to favor their interests or to harm others.
HUMAN DIGNITY IS OF GOD	As God’s image-bearers, ALL human beings matter and have worth and are extraordinary. Atheism has no basis for human dignity, and w/o human dignity and equality, there is no justice. Injustice results when certain groups are dehumanized. Ideological social justice says dominant/oppressor groups have purposely created systems that marginalize the Other. Ironically, this belief is itself oppressive and dehumanizing.

A CHECK ON CORRUPTION

Why the USA has 3 branches of gov't that are supposed to keep check on one another. If your "gods" / gov't can be bribed/bought, then the culture will follow in the same footsteps. Micah 6:8—doing justice is an act of worship.

ESTAB. OF DUE PROCESS

Due process allows respectful treatment of the accused (as image-bearers of God). The right to a fair trial, etc. and innocent until proven guilty. Nowadays, guilt until proven innocent, and even then, protests against the decision.

ENTRUST FINAL JUDGMENT TO GOD

Not every injustice will be righted on this side of Jesus' return. By not forcing (screaming for) justice NOW, Christians can extend grace and mercy. God's heart desire is that ALL be saved. –2 Peter 3:9

BUILD UP THE FAMILY

[excerpted from “Live Not By Lies”]

- **FAMILIES ARE RESISTANCE CELLS THAT OFFER THEIR MEMBERS: FRUITFUL FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE, FREEDOM & THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITHIN FAMILY FELLOWSHIP. CREATE STRONG FAMILIES:**
- ***MODEL MORAL COURAGE**
- ***FILL YOUR CHILDREN’S IMAGINATIONS WITH GOOD**
- ***DON’T BE AFRAID TO BE WEIRD IN SOCIETY’S EYES**
- ***PREPARE TO MAKE GREAT SACRIFICES FOR THE GREATER GOOD**
- ***TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THAT THEY ARE PART OF A WIDER MOVEMENT WITH PURPOSE**
- ***PRACTICE HOSPITALITY & SERVE OTHERS**

POST-TEST ... TRUE OR FALSE

T / F YOU (AS A BAPTIZED BELIEVER) ARE A SINNER.

**T / F YOU CAN NOW READ A BOOK TO YOUR TODDLER CALLED
“ANTIRACIST BABY.”**

**T / F SCHOOLS ARE PUTTING LITTER BOXES IN BATHROOMS TO
ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WHO IDENTIFY AS “FURRIES” (ANIMALS).**

T / F HOLINESS IS NOT POSSIBLE.

T / F AS CHRISTIANS, WE ARE NOT TO JUDGE OTHERS.

**T / F DUE TO THE OVERTURNING OF THE ROE V. WADE DECISION, THERE
WILL BE A SHARP INCREASE IN DEATHS OF PREGNANT WOMEN.**

WE MUST:

- ***WE MUST “RISE UP” BY GETTING DOWN ON OUR KNEES**
- ***WE MUST LOVE AS GOD LOVES.**
- ***WE MUST MINISTER TO OTHERS NOT JUST “HANG OUT.”**
- ***WE MUST BE GOOD BEREANS!—KNOW THE SCRIPTURES/ TRUTH.**
- ***WE MUST LOOK ALWAYS TO GOD FOR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE.**

THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THE POSTMODERN TUNNEL.

THE KINGDOM IS COMING! SHOUT THE GOOD NEWS!