

# WOKE ANTIDOTE:

10 Practical Suggestions to Lead in  
Today's Post-Truth Culture

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# Did colonialism in Canada promote human welfare?

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The Story of Nigel Biggar

PUBLIC LECTURE

**CANCELLED | COLONIALISM REVISITED:  
DID THE BRITISH EMPIRE PROMOTE  
HUMAN WELFARE?**

Thursday, Mar 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Pacific Time)



The Houston Centre's planned lecture by Nigel Biggar has been cancelled.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## The Story of Nigel Biggar

### STATEMENT BY THE REGENT COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 24, 2025



The Board of Governors of Regent College regrets the handling of the Nigel Biggar lecture and its eventual cancellation. Like many institutions, Regent is trying to find its way forward in a complex landscape of sometimes painful and contested issues.

We affirm with gratitude President Greenman's pastoral concern related to this subject matter.

We affirm the role of healthy, vigorous and sometimes controversial conversation, especially in academic settings. Not everyone will be happy with every speaker or event hosted at places like Regent College.

Regent is committed to hosting difficult and important conversations in the future and undertaking a process to improve how we do that.

We are confident that Regent, and parts of our community like the Houston Centre, contribute to these healthy discussions. Regent is and can be that place.

## 2. WOKE CONTEXT

- Stay alert to injustice
- Critical consciousness
  - Power, oppression, injustice, and victimhood
- Experiential & individual truth
- Narratives and ideology

## 3. WOKE SAMPLE NARRATIVE

“Religion / church in Canada is more damaging to society than beneficial.”

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- Many Canadians believe certain religions, including evangelical Christianity, are more damaging to society than beneficial (2022 Angus Reid Survey)
- While once there was a “social benefit” of being considered religious, there is now a “social cost” to it.



# 3. WOKE SAMPLE NARRATIVE

- In mainstream media, perceptions of evangelicals or Christians or religious people generally, are usually presented as negative.
- People get a lot of their ideas about religious people generally and forming those opinions, not based on firsthand experience or knowledge, but based on what they're presented in the media

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- The value of religion to Canadian society is at more than \$67 billion annually. By way of comparison, this would make religion the country's ninth-largest enterprise, just ahead of Bank of Montreal (Disfold 2020).
- In terms of national economies, it would make Canadian religion the world's seventy-second-largest economy, putting it ahead of more than 110 countries (World Bank 2019).

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Four ways that Canadian registered charities that advance religion provide public benefit:

1. Religion develops and activates prosocial attitudes and behaviours, resulting in high levels of generosity and volunteerism.
2. Religion results in better personal outcomes that reduce demand on the state's resources for rehabilitation and health care and improves quality of life and individual contribution to society.

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3. Religion has tangible community benefits in terms of social capital, infrastructure, and neighbourhood viability, and a 12x return on investment related to tax concessions.
4. Religion creates tangible benefits for the public at large based on a core of people who are other-centred, civically engaged, and willing to work together sacrificially for the common good

# 4. WOKE ANTIDOTE: 10 PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO LEAD

- “Antidote” - A noun based on the ancient Greek word “antidoton,” which means “given as a remedy;” an antidote counteracts or relieves the negative effects of something.
- Suggestions are all intended to help you understand and lead in this present woke context

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3 Recognize that others may be motivated by ideology, not the pursuit of truth



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- 10 Change the point of engagement

# 5. CONCLUSION

John Vervaeke - “The Meaning Crisis”

- “We are in the midst of a mental health crisis. There are increases in anxiety disorders, depression, despair, and suicide rates are going up in North America, parts of Europe, and other parts of the world.
- It’s more and more pervasive throughout our lives. Today, there is an increase of people feeling very disconnected from themselves, from each other, from the world, and from a viable and foreseeable future.”



# 5. CONCLUSION

## Why Does Religion Endure?

*“People want to know why the universe exists, not that it exists for no reason, and they don’t want their lives to be pointless. Only religion provides credible and satisfactory answers to the great existential questions.”*

**Stark, Rodney. The Triumph of Faith[:] Why The World is More Religious Than Ever (2015).**

# 5. CONCLUSION

- Meaning crisis
- Ask, “What’s My Point?”



## WHAT'S MY POINT?



*Solving My Life Points Puzzle*

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