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Woke Soldiers?

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Ladies and gentlemen, who is the nation's largest employer? You think it's Amazon, Walmart, Google, some other big tech giant? No, it's actually the United States military. 2.9 million strong. Why am I bringing this up? Because some say that the military is being politicized right now, that it's actually going woke. Now you may be asking yourself a question: Frank, why would you care about the military on a show like this? Well, let me point out three things.

Number one, our freedoms, enumerated in the Constitution, are secured by the military, and to a certain extent, the police, including our freedom to preach and live the gospel. In fact, when you join the military, and I did number of years ago, you take an oath to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Without a strong military or a police force protecting our freedoms, we will lose them, including the freedom to preach and live the gospel, including the freedom to even do a podcast like this. You know, you can't access or do podcasts like this in places like North Korea, or China, or Iran. Why? Because politically, they've ruled it out. If for no other reason we have to be concerned about politics, is because politics affects, actually, our ability to preach and live the gospel. So, that's reason number one.

Reason number two is our nation will only persist with a strong defense. Evil will overcome good if good is not defended because people are bent toward evil. We've spoken about it many times on this program. Individuals are bent toward evil. We're depraved. It's easy to be bad, it's hard to be good, and unless you defend freedom it will evaporate, it will be overcome with totalitarianism. Benjamin Franklin famously said, when he was asked after they had just developed the United States Constitution, he was asked by a woman: What kind of government have you given us, Mr. Franklin? And he said, a republic, if you can keep it. If you don't protect freedom it will be overcome with totalitarianism.

And the third reason I'm talking about an issue like this is because I was actually in the military. I was in the United States Navy for eight years, from 1984 to 1992, and I also have family right now in the military. So, I think this is important, not only personally, but nationally, and also for the sake of the gospel. Now, why do I bring this up? Well, I've been reading some articles recently. One of them, well actually, several of them from different websites. This one, Ted Cruz is concerned about a woke bias in the military. This comes from Fox News a couple of weeks ago. And here is the section of the article. It says, "multiple prominent Republicans on the House and Senate Armed Services Committee slam cancel culture and woke ideology that they

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claim may be contributing to biases against service members who identify as conservative. The criticism by Republicans comes after a commander in the US Space Force "...you probably heard about this guy. His name is Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Lohmeier. He was relieved of his official duties last week, so this goes back about three weeks ago now..." after he spoke out against Marxism and critical race theory in the military. As a result, lawmakers are warning about the dangers of an increasingly polarized, or I should say, politicized environment within the armed services. House Armed Services Committee member representative Lisa McLean from Michigan decried cancel culture as 'getting out of hand' and said that she was supporting legislation to ensure that American troops aren't being indoctrinated into woke culture, which is more intolerant of conservative beliefs and values."

Okay, that's a section of the article here. Now this guy, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Lohmeier, from the Air Force, actually wrote a book. Here's the title of the book, *Irresistible Revolution: Marxism's Goal of Conquest & the Unmaking of the American Military*. Now, I don't know this guy. I don't know if what he's essentially saying is true, although in my research, from just the surface research I've done, there is something going on in the military that is leaning toward wokeism, and I'll get to it here in a minute. I haven't read this guy's book. He may have been relieved of his command, because he actually didn't get permission to write this book. And if you're in the military, and you're going to write something like this, you have to get permission up the chain of command. I'll get to more of that later.

But here's what a reviewer of the book says. As I say, I haven't had a chance to read the book. But here's what he says. This is a review on Amazon. This guy actually comes from the UK, apparently, this reviewer. Here's what he says about this book, *Irresistible Revolution*. He says, "A must read for anyone aware of the ongoing cultural war and disinformation campaign orchestrated by the Marxist ideology of the radical far-left and their global influencers. Ignore the 1 Star ratings for obvious reasons, they have not read the book."

By the way, friends, don't put ratings on anyone's book if you haven't read it. I mean, I don't care if you agree with the author, disagree with the author, agree with the worldview, disagree with the worldview. Whoever put a book up there put a lot of time and effort into writing the book. They may be wrong, but do not put reviews up there if you haven't actually read the book. That's just unfair. In any event, this guy goes on, "Matthew Lohmeier explains the cultural divisiveness heralded by sections of society whose anarchic attempts are to eradicate historical facts and accuracies for their aim of the destruction of western civil society and the foundations of equality for all."

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He says, "Reading this book will enlighten you to the conditional programming that some education systems, media propaganda and political groups are mass projecting and indoctrinating the youth and lesser educated in society, through dilution, manipulation or blatant lies and how damaging this will be to future generations." And then he quotes from the opening chapter. I found this interesting. Here's what the opening chapter of this book *Irresistible Revolution* says, just a section of it. He says, "'The Ministry of Truth,'...this is in the Soviet Union..."deliberately representative of Stalin's Communist propaganda mill, employed a simple and effective strategy: 'Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past.' It was this kind of manipulative control in the former Soviet Union that led to the dissident joke: "... Listen to this dissident joke. "In the Soviet Union the future is known; it's the past that is always changing.' Thus, all that is needed to assert control is an unending series of victories over people's memory."

Hence, the 1619 Project you've probably heard about. Yeah, that's the project, this curriculum that is being pushed on American schools, to try and say that the founding of America was based on slavery. It wasn't based in 1776, in the Declaration of Independence that said, all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. No, these ideologues are trying to rewrite history. They're trying to change the past and say, no, it really started in 1619, when the first slaves came over from Africa. That's really how the country began. And so, I found it interesting, this Soviet dissident joke, who controls the past controls the future, who controls the present controls the past. Here's the dissident joke: In the Soviet Union the future is known as the past that's always changing. Why are we tearing down all sorts of statues and memorials? Because we're trying to change the past? Whatever you think about that, the history must be known. Good or bad history must be known. We have to know the bad things we did in history to correct ourselves. But to try and whitewash history or try and skew it one way or the other, in order to control the future, is something that ought not be done. I've got a lot more on this, including: Why is the politicization of the military happening? We'll get to that right after the break. You're listening to *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*. Back in two.

Frank Turek with you on *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*. The program aired on the American Family Radio Network. Just visited Tupelo, Mississippi with my friend, Tim Wildmon, and the other great people down at AFA. Great seeing them. They're the ones that put this broadcast out to 182 stations now. Thank you for doing that. And as you know, this is in podcast as well. If you're listening on the radio, and you want to listen to it in podcast, just go to iTunes, look for the *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* podcast and sign up to get the subscription. It's just once a week show. Takes about 50 minutes to listen to. We cover issues

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Alright, we're talking about the wokeness that, appears anyway, to be encroaching itself into the military. And there's several articles about this that you can read about. I'll get to a couple more here in just a minute. There's a book been written by an Airforce officer, who may have overstepped his bounds by writing the book because, as I'll get to in a minute, you give up a certain number of your rights when you're in the military and you have to get permission to write books like this. I don't know if he did. If he did and they still demoted him that's going to be a problem. And I'll get to that here in a few minutes. But let me point this out. Let me deal with the question: Why is all this happening in the military?

Well, as you know, we've obviously had a change of administration. President Trump wanted to keep woke culture out of the government and Biden appears to want to put it back in. And Rod Dreher, over there at The American Conservative, the gentleman that wrote the book, Live Not by Lies, has an article a couple of days ago, and the article is titled, Political Purge of the Armed Forces. And here's what Dreher writes. And by the way, Rod's been on this program. You can go back a few months back and listen to the Live Not by Lies podcast on this. Here's what Rod says. Rod says, "Well, well, well. The Pentagon official tasked with leading efforts to crack down on extremist views among military servicemembers once asserted that backers of former President Donald Trump were also supporters of racism, misogyny and extremism."

And by the way, Rod Dreher was not a big Trump supporter but the man who is leading the efforts in the military to, basically, ferret out extremism, is someone who is very critical of President Trump and the official in charge of this is a guy by the name of Bishop Garrison. Now, I don't think he's a religious guy. I think his first name is Bishop. And here's what Dreher says. "The official, Bishop Garrison, is a senior adviser to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and head of the Pentagon's Countering Extremism Working Group. Garrison expressed his view in a series of tweets on July 27, 2019."

So, this is long before the election. This is long before wokeism really erupted after the George Floyd situation. And here is what this Garrison guys said in a tweet. "Silence from our

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congressional leaders is complicity. He "...meaning Trump..." is only going to get worse from here, & his party and its leadership are watching it happen while doing nothing to stop it. Support for him, a racist, is support for ALL his beliefs." He goes on. "“He’s dragging a lot of bad actors (misogynist, extremists, other racists) out into the light, normalizing their actions,” he added. “If you support the President, you support that. There is no room for nuance with this. There is no more 'but I’m not like that’ talk.”"

In other words, he's saying look, if you're a supporter of the president, President Trump, this guy Bishop Garrison is going to paint you with a very broad brush and say everything that he thinks Trump is guilty of, you're guilty of too, whether or not he's right about Trump being guilty about that. Now here is what Dreher says about this. "It is important to note that Garrison tweeted this in 2019, not recently. Nevertheless, it is clear that he believes anyone who supported President Trump — who was at the time Commander In Chief — is a racist. The man who believed that is now the Grand Inquisitor tasked with purging the US armed forces of wrong thinkers."

Dreher goes on to say, "This is deeply shocking. Garrison must be removed. It is impossible to have confidence in this man to do anything other than lead a purge of Trump supporters. If this is where the woke US military is headed, our country is in deep trouble. There will be millions who will not serve in a politicized military. They shouldn't. I say that as someone who was for the most part not a Trump supporter. This is not something happening in isolation, I believe. There is going to be a broader purging of wrong thinkers, even in private life." And Dreher goes on and he says that this story was broken by a very long article in Revolver News. If you go to Revolver News you'll probably find it. It's about this man, Bishop Garrison, who is the head of the Countering Extremism Working Group within the Pentagon.

And how do you define extremism? Well, this Revolver News story goes into it. It seems like extremism is mostly what is known as right leaning groups. Conservative groups are the extremist groups. They do identify Antifa and ISIS. But other than that, these are all right wing extremist groups, and they need to be ferreted out of the military. And in fact, if you look at some of the descriptions of this, these might be groups that oppose abortion, this is in the Defense Department memo. Any group that might oppose abortion or oppose LGBTQ political goals, might be considered extremists, according to this memo. Well, if that's the case, ladies and gentlemen, that means that leftism is being promoted in the military and conservatism isn't. Conservatism is being filtered out.

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Now, this man, Bishop Garrison, is also a big supporter of the 1619 Project. Oh, surprise there. The 1619 Project, as I mentioned at the top of the program, is trying to rewrite American history. Let's go back to the Soviet dissident joke in the Soviet Union: the future is known, it's the past that's always changing. Hmm. By the way, now that I think about it, I think that's often the case when it even comes to people who are studying the historical Jesus. The past is always changing, according to them. They're always trying to come up with some new theory about Jesus and it's never the theory that Jesus was who He really said he was. You know, Jesus was some sort of zealot. Jesus was just a man. Jesus never claimed to be God. Jesus was just a religious figure, but he never really was unique in any regard other than that. Jesus was just an itinerant preacher. They come up with everything but the true historical Jesus. The past is always changing to them.

Now in a related story, the Post Millennial (thepostmillennial.com) had an article a week or so ago that says this. This is the headline, US Navy goes woke, announces 'Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion' plans actions. "On Monday"...so, this is probably two Monday's ago..."the Acting Secretary of the United States Navy Thomas Harker released a memo that outlined new actions the military branch will be taking on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. The memo states that Chief Diversity Officer of the Navy"...STOP. Chief Diversity Officer of the Navy? What? Crazy. Anyway. Look, diversity is not our strength friends. Unity is. Yes, you need diverse talents, but you don't need diverse skin colors or diverse sexual preferences to have a strong military because diverse skin colors or diverse sexual preferences don't add to the fighting capacity of the United States military. They don't help you support and defend the Constitution of the United States. But yet, well, I digress. We'll come back to it. I talked about this a little bit last week so you can get into that podcast if you want to go back and listen to it. Anyway.

"The memo states that Chief Diversity Officer of the Navy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (ASN (M&RA)), Catherine Kessmeier, will lead a Department of Navy team to see that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives are included in 'our policies, program, and operations across the enterprise.'" And here's what she said. Oh, this is Harker, actually, who said this, the Acting Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV). "Equal opportunity is the bedrock of our democracy and diversity is one of our greatest strengths." STOP! It's not one of our greatest strengths, not if you're talking about the diversity of skin color and sexual preference. It has nothing to do with defending the United States Constitution.

He goes on to say, "both are critical to the readiness of our Navy and Marine Corps team". With all due respect, it's not. It's not. What does skin color have to do with defending the United States Constitution? What does sexual preference have to do with defending it? Other than, it

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could get you into trouble, and I'll get to that here a little bit later. He says, it ultimately will help us on our mission success. "Aligned with these guiding principles, it is the policy of the Department of the Navy (DON) to continue making transformative and meaningful steps that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion." Sorry, equity is not a goal of the United States military. Everybody arriving at the same places, that's what equity is. No. You have a rank structure. Not everybody is the General, not everybody is the Admiral, not everybody gets equity. Not everybody gets to make orders. Most people follow them.

Anyway, he goes on to say, "...promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in our policies, programs, and operations across the enterprise. This review will examine both Navy and Marine Corps policies and build on existing efforts within both services." Now I tweeted out about this. I said this, and here's all you can say in a tweet: "Ability, attitude and skill training, lead to military readiness and success, not skin color and sexual preference. God help us because SECNAV obviously isn't." And we'll talk a lot more about this right after the break. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with Frank Turek on the American Family Radio Network. We're back in just two minutes. Don't go anywhere.

Welcome back to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with Frank Turek. Website is CrossExamined.org. Let me unpack what I said in the previous segment, about the fact that we need diversity of skills, not diversity of skin color or sexual preference in order to defend the United States Constitution through the United States military. Yes, we need diverse skills. But we don't necessarily need diverse skin colors or sexual preferences. I mean, think about this. You know, United Airlines...we talked about this a number of podcasts ago...came out and said, half of our pilots are going to basically be from the woke category. Half of our pilots are going to be minorities. Now, when you get on an airplane, are you concerned about a guy's skin color or sexual preference or whatever? No. You want to know if the guy can fly the plane safely.

I mean, anytime you put anything other than skill as a qualifier for a particular job, you are going to degrade the quality that you get. I mean, you're not heartened when you go, well yeah, sure, this pilot, he met our minimum standards, but he's got the added bonus of being a man and liking to have sex with other men. You don't go, wow, my lucky day. This guy also likes to have sex with other men. That's an advantage. No, it's not. Okay? Or you're going in for brain surgery. Do you want the best surgeon out there or do you want the hospital that has the woke surgeon? Yeah, he meets minimum standards, but you know, he also has a particular skin color. You go, wow, I'm so happy this guy has a different skin color than mine because now my brain surgery is gonna go better. No. Or heart surgery. Suppose you're going skydiving. Yeah, this guy met our minimum standards to guide you to the ground from 30,000 feet or 10,000 feet or

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whatever it is. The minimum standards. He might not be the best guy out there, but you know, his sexual preference is a little bit unusual. That's such a bonus, isn't it? You're gonna go, come on man. Give me the best qualified.

Alright, let me go back to this article, the Fox News article about Ted Cruz complaining about the fact that the military ought not go woke. Here is what representative McClain, again, she's from Michigan said. "Freedom of speech is one of the founding principles of our country and right now our military service members careers are in jeopardy if they dare to be conservative", she told Fox News on Thursday. "This cancel culture is getting out of control and it's sweeping into every aspect of American life."

All right, let me shift gears here for just a minute. Yes, you have freedom of speech in the military, but you have less freedom of speech in the military than you do as a private citizen. And here's why. To a certain extent, you give up freedom of speech to serve. You can't, for example, criticize the Commander in Chief publicly while in the military, no matter if you agree with them or disagree with them. You can't do that. And this comes from Uniform Code of Military Justice Article 88. Now, when I was in the Navy, I was the legal officer, so I had to deal with these kinds of UCMJ Articles. And here is what Article 88 says. "Any commissioned officer who uses contemptuous words against the President, Vice President, Congress, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of a military department, Secretary of Transportation, or governor, or legislator of any state, territory, commonwealth, or possession in which he is on duty or present shall be punished as a court martial may direct."

Now this is just to ensure that you have people who are going to adhere to the chain of command. And if you're publicly coming out against someone in your chain of command, as a commissioned officer in the United States military, if you're coming out against that's going to be a problem. So, you do give up some of your right to speak your mind. And this guy, this Lieutenant Colonel Lohmeier may have crossed the line, okay. I don't know the details if he asked for permission to write the book or not. If he did ask for permission, and he got a blessing from the chain of command, then fine. I haven't read the book. I don't know if he, in the book, disparages anybody up his chain of command. Probably not. But if he did, he's out of bounds. He can't do that.

Now you give up some of your rights. And this is why it's called service. It's called service for a reason. You give up some of your rights to serve, you don't have a right to serve. By the way, that's why talk about certain identity groups having a right to serve starts with a false assumption. The truth is no one has a right to serve in the United States military. In our history

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we've debated women, gays, and now transgenders as having a right to serve in the military. No one has the right to serve in the military. No man, no woman, no gay, no straight, no transgender, whatever. No one has the right. The needs of the United States, the defense of the country take precedence over anyone's desire to serve. Now, we like it when people have a desire to serve, but you are not being unduly discriminated against if you're an identity group and the military says, for the sake of the country this group can't serve. You're not being discriminated against unfairly, especially if there's an argument behind that. You have to have certain skills and qualifications, and if it is deemed you don't have those skills or qualifications sorry, but you can't join the military.

Just like you don't have a right to enjoy a particular civilian job. The company decides if you have the qualifications. I don't have a right to play for the New York Giants. Okay? I'm almost 60 years old. I'd get killed out there. I don't have a right to say, well you know, most of the NFL, you know, the majority of the NFL is black, you need more white guys in there. You don't have any 60 year old white guys out there. What's wrong with that? I have a right. No, you don't. You don't have a right to serve. Imagine if we had quotas, by the way, in sports. We'd go, this is ridiculous. Sports is a meritocracy. And we demand it be a meritocracy. We don't say, hey, you better get more whites on your team, you better get more blacks on your team, you better get more Asians on your team. We don't say that because we know it's a meritocracy.

So, why are we taking something far more serious that has far more implications, in fact, life and death implications, the military, the police, why are we saying that these organizations have to be woke, that they have to have a quota almost? Because that's where this is heading. Or airlines. Life and death there and we're going to say that we've got to have a quota. They don't want to use that term but that's exactly what it is. It is a quota of diverse attributes that have nothing to do with advancing your ability to do the job. Those we have to have, then you're going to degrade quality.

In fact, there may be valid reasons for refusing admission into the military, for people with certain sexual behaviors or physical limitations. There's the issue of close quarters, there's destroying unit cohesion by introducing sexual relationships into those close quarters. For years, that was part of the reason gays were kept out of the military. Not all. It really started with the fact that we had a Judeo-Christian worldview and in our country, now, homosexuality is not a crime. But that doesn't mean that necessarily, it's a good thing in a close unit military outfit. It could lead to problems. It's something that might get people killed and destroy the mission, because the mission of the military is to protect the country from physical threat, it's

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life and death. Qualifications have to be very high in any behavior, sexual or non-sexual. It could jeopardize that mission and get people killed. It's not worth the risk.

In fact, when it comes to women in combat, there was a guy who was in Boeing, the Boeing Corporation, who 30 years ago wrote a blog, or maybe it wasn't a blog, didn't have blogs back then, or some kind of piece where he didn't believe that women should be in combat. And he, for writing something 30 years ago about that, he got relieved, he got canceled for working at Boeing. Now, let me tell you, I do not think women should be in combat. And it's not because I don't think some woman couldn't perform in combat. There are other reasons that go into it.

And here are some of the reasons. Unit cohesion problems. I know, and you know as well if you're honest, when you put men and women together in a high stress environment, a life and death environment, men will tend to favor the women. They will tend to try and protect the women, maybe at the expense of the of the mission, at the detriment of the mission. There's a natural inclination for men to protect women. There's also a natural inclination for romance to develop and that can create problems with unit cohesion. Men can also tend to show off in front of women. Look, I'm just being honest here. Okay, I'm not saying it's right. I'm just being honest. And the other problem with women in combat is, suppose prisoners of war are taken. Now you have the horrible prospect of rape. This is not something we don't need women in combat. I think women can serve elsewhere in the military, but women in combat, I do not think is a good idea.

Now, you might not agree with that argument, but it's not an argument based on undue discrimination, it's an argument based on reasons. It's not irrational or bigoted to make such an argument. It's not discrimination. That's wrong discrimination. There's a right discrimination and wrong discrimination. But it's not wrong discrimination to make a case that women should not be in combat. I think you can make similar arguments against gays and transgenders in the military. You may disagree with the arguments but it's not bigoted discrimination. It's not bigoted at all because it's actually based on a knowledge of the facts. Because if we're going to believe anything in the military, it can't be that we get to create our own reality, because that's where the culture is going. We get to create our own reality, this wokeism. This idea that the individual gets to create his or her own reality isn't reality. We need to adjust our beliefs and behavior to fit reality. We don't adjust reality to fit our beliefs and behavior. We could have the biggest woke diverse force in the history of the world and that doesn't mean we're going to be able to fight off an enemy. We have to have people qualified with skill and we have to have unit cohesion and the ability to carry out the mission. Sexual preference, sexual behavior doesn't add to that. It may detract from that.

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Now let's go back to Lieutenant Colonel Lohmeier here for a second. He has been relieved of his position in the US Space Force now. He transferred over to the Space Force. Now my question is this: If the Biden administration is not actually advancing Marxism or wokeism in the military, then why are they relieving Lieutenant Colonel Lohmeier his command for getting political? For if they are not promoting Marxism, that is the Biden administration, then Lohmeier's criticisms aren't really political at all. It seems to me that some in the military, and Biden's Secretary of Defense is a political appointee, that some in his military are protesting a bit too much. Their actions are a tacit admission that what Lohmeier saying is true and correct. Otherwise, why would they be saying that he needs to be relieved of his command? He can have political opinions. Right? He can't have political opinions now? And if they're relieving him of his command, maybe his political opinion is too close to home that the military is getting too political. Much more on this, including the fact that everyone discriminates. We'll get to it right after the break. You're listening to Frank Turek. We're back in two minutes.

Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, I'll be in Sarasota, Florida at Grace Community Church speaking at their Saturday night service and three on Sunday morning. My friend, Chip Bennett, great pastor down there. Looking forward to going down there again. Was down there a couple of years ago. We're going to talk about, What is God Like? If you're anywhere near Sarasota would love to see you.

Also want to mention CIA, CrossExamined Instructor Academy. August 12th through the 14th in California at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills with the great Jack Hibbs. That's his church there. He pastors that church and we'll be out there. We can only take 60 people. The application deadline is June 15. If you want to be a part of CIA you have to apply now. And CIA, the CrossExamined Instructor Academy, that's where we teach you how to present the truth of Christianity and how to answer questions in a hostile situation. So, I hope you can join me, Greg Koukl, J. Warner Wallace, Natasha Crane, Jorge Gil, Alisa Childers, Richard Howe, Sean McDowell, I'm probably leaving somebody out. We've got other instructors, but we're all going to be out there. We're all going to hang out together. Three full days, August 12th to the 14th at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills. So, go to [CrossExamined.org](https://www.crossexamined.org). and sign up there.

And Jorge, I'm talking to the producer now. Jorge, any room in the Spanish course right now? Do we have any more room or not? We're about to close tomorrow. Well, yeah, if you're if you're listening to this, check it out. If you want the Spanish I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist course you better sign up immediately because it's about to close. Of course, you can always sign up for the for the self-paced one. The great Jorge Gil, he's the one that leads the Español I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist guide.

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Before the break, I was talking about two different kinds of discrimination. You know, there's good discrimination and bad discrimination. In fact, if you didn't discriminate, you'd be dead already. You've got to discriminate between the good and the evil. Discrimination is just to recognize and act on differences. That's what you do you recognize and act on differences. Now what's morally good discrimination? Morally good discrimination is to treat people differently based on their morally relevant behavior. You're going to treat a murderer differently than you do a saint, right? You should treat them differently. You should discriminate against the murderer because of his morally bad behavior. Okay? That's proper discrimination.

Morally bad discrimination is to treat people differently based on the irrelevant factors rather than to their behavior. For example, when you treat somebody differently based on their race, really their ethnicity, you are engaged in morally bad discrimination. This is why Martin Luther King famously said, I have a dream that one day, my four children are going to be judged on the content of their character, not on the color of their skin. Ironically, critical race theorists today are getting rid of King. They're flipping King on his head, and they're treating people differently based on their race, rather than their character. That, obviously, not only goes against Dr. King, it goes against the Bible and common sense. You shouldn't be treating people differently based on their race. And yet wokeism does that.

And now they're introducing it into the military. With this Bishop Garrison person who's heading up the, as Rod Dreher called it, the Inquisition, the Grand Inquisitor in the military. Yes, they're going through extremism training in the military. And who are the extremists? Depends on who you ask. A lot of times, it's right wing groups, rather than the people that are on the left. In fact, according to Captain Lohmeier, I'm reading from an article now, he said this on a podcast. This is the guy that got that got relieved of his command for writing the book. Here's what he says. "What you see happening in the US military at the moment, is that if you're a conservative, then you're lumped into a group of people who are labeled extremist if you're willing to voice your views. And if you're aligned with the left, then it's okay to be an activist online because no one is going to hold you accountable."

Is that the case? That's what Lohmeier says. It appears that the man who is heading this inquisition in the military is not a is not a neutral party. He appears to be going after conservatives and lumping all conservatives with the far right wing conservatives who may be extremists. He's saying anybody that maybe even voted Republican, or voted for Trump, or voted in a conservative way now needs to be either identified in the military or maybe even kicked out of the military. So, this is the problem. By the way, when they use words like racism and white supremacy, it seems to me they're loaded words. They mean deliberate

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discrimination on the part of individuals, in my view. Anyway, when I hear of just racism, I think of some individual or I think of white supremacy. I think of someone like, you know, a Ku Klux Klan member deliberately discriminating against individuals.

Now, those loaded words, particularly that the term white supremacy, when the CRT people, the critical race theorists are out there saying anybody who's white is a supporter of white supremacy, or anybody who is a conservative is a supporter of white supremacy. That's just inflammatory language. That doesn't mean what it really means. White supremacy, these are people that are activists, who are KKK members, who are members of these kinds of groups. They're not all white people, and yet, that's what some people are trying to say. And you know why a lot of times they're trying to say that is they're trying to say it because there are differences in outcomes between, say whites, blacks and Asians. And they're trying to say...in fact, what's his name, Kendi, one of the top critical race theorists, he teaches up at Boston, he says, all disparities between racial groups, between whites and blacks, whites and Asians, whites, blacks and Asians, whatever, all disparities are based on racism. That is absolute nonsense. All disparities are not based on racism.

As Thomas Sowell famously says, when you get say, two brothers brought up in the same household, under the same roof, and they wind up in different places, different outcomes in life...one's rich, the others poor...when they wind up in those different outcomes, then it's not racism. It's not one cause that caused them to come to those different outcomes. Obviously it can't be racism and if they're of the same race there's something else going on. It could be personal motivation, could be some sort of break one had that the other didn't, could have been intelligence, motivation, breaks, as I say, it could have been a whole number of factors as to why people wind up in one place rather than another. And we had a whole podcast on this a couple of months ago about racism is not the one cause. But to say that white supremacy is believed by all whites is really a slur. It's really an insult. Because when we think of white supremacy, we don't think of different outcomes we think of people who are overtly racist.

In fact, let me ask you guys this question: Is child abuse the cause of all underperforming children? I mean, to use Thomas Sowell's example, if kids from the same house turn out differently...and they usually do, right. You don't wind up in the same place in life, even though you're in the same family. If kids from the same house turn out differently, and they usually do, should we automatically say that the parents must have abused the underperformers? That's the only reason, it was child abuse. That's why this kid is poor, and his brother is rich. No, but that's what these critical race theorists are essentially saying when it comes to race. They're saying all the differences are due to abuse. All the differences in the identity groups are due to

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abuse. It's due to racism. Nonsense. No. Some of it might be due to racism, as we've said before, and we need to ferret that out and try and solve it. But to claim that it's all due to racism and that anybody who's white is a racist is obviously wrong. But yet, that is what they're doing. Blaming underperforming group outcomes on racism or white supremacy is like blaming all underperforming child behavior on child abuse. It does not follow. And it's frankly insulting, and it's immoral discrimination itself to call everybody white, or everybody black, or everybody Asian racist. That's ridiculous. That's exactly what racism is.

Now I've got these other questions here that I only got two minutes to get to. Let me see if I can deal with one of them quickly. Let's see. All right, Chris writes in. He was one of our students in the Why I Still Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist course. He said, "I had a question that's been really bugging me lately. If God isn't arbitrary, like Allah in the Quran, how is it that he can call brothers and sisters marrying one another and bringing offspring okay, like Adam and Eve and his descendants, for a while and then say it's not? The same thing for the old covenant and such. In other words, for a while, it seems that he allows something and then calls it bad after a timeframe. Why is that if God isn't arbitrary?"

The short answer is, Chris, because circumstances change. Yes, commands change from God. Why? Because circumstances change. But the value behind the command stays the same. I'll give you an example. We do this as parents. When our children are young, we tell our kids to stay out of the street. Why? Because we want to protect them. We love them. But once they get older, we say, get out in the street and get a job. Why? For the same reason. We love them, we want to protect them, we want them to have a good life. And we say you, it's now time for you to be responsible and go out and get a good job.

The same thing is true with God. Early on, where there were no genetic deformities, there was no problem with brothers and sisters marrying one another. Now there is, so the command changes, because the circumstances have changed but the value behind the circumstance doesn't change. God is still a God of love and so he gives those commands out of love for a reason. But when the circumstances change, just like when the circumstances change from a parent's perspective, we change the command in order to love. So, God is not arbitrary, he's actually consistent, because he's a God of love and he issues the most loving command at the proper time in the proper circumstance. That's the reason.

I'll get to some more of these questions, by the way, next time. If you have questions, email them to Hello@CrossExamined.org. Great being with you today, ladies and gentlemen. I hope

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to see you here next week. Lord willing, I'll be back and so will you. Also check out our livestream every Thursday night at 7:30pm on our YouTube channel. See you next time.

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